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Ice fishing contest huge success

Who would have believed it? On a lake that has already suffered a partial winter kill, we had over 200 people for an ice fishing contest. The weather was fantastic and the people came. They were fishing, pulling their kids around on sleds, and playing football. We also had a most unusual visitor at the lake that day. A self-propelled fish house made it's way to Clear Lake from Sleepy Eye. It probably drew most attention of anything that happened on the lake that day.

We sold over 500 tickets for the contest and drawing. Our food stand almost sold out. There were fish caught, though they were all bullheads. Jim Hulke and Orv Rannow did an excellent job collecting prizes and selling tickets for the contest. Orv also sold 118 tickets for



the contest. For his effort he will receive a club jacket. We would like to thank all the members who were at the lake and helped us make this our best contest ever. We will have a complete update at the next meeting.

Membership Update

We are already almost two months into the new year, and our membership drive is in full swing. So far we have signed seven new members. The membership drive runs until our December meeting, with the winner receiving a club jacket for his efforts. We currently have 114 members, which is an all-time high. We seem to lose a few members every year for one reason or another. For this reason we need to bring in a certain number of new members each year. Let's see if we can reach 120 this year. Invite a friend to our next meeting.

Club Calendar

February 26th	Meeting - Club House, 7:30 p.m. Fish Dish Night. Bring a friend
March 14th	Buffalo Feed - American Legion Clubrooms
March 26th	To be announced

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FROM THE PRESIDENT. . .

It was particularly gratifying to see the turn out at our last meeting. The "Stoney" was presented to two individuals very deserving of the award. I know we will continue the great tradition of the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen, remembering their on-going spirit of selfless giving.

The success of our Winter fishing contest is a testament to the past work and accomplishments of NUASF. The out pouring of generosity from the greater community proves that this is an organization worthy of its tasks. Orv Rannow and Jim Hulke did an incredible job of accumulating prizes and selling tickets as well. As usual, Jerry Carlson gets the burden of food management, and as usual he did his job magnificently. Our thanks to the New Ulm Building Center for their donation of a building for the day, that really works great. Ron Ludewig donated a fish house for registration and it is now a permanent NUASF fish house for future use by the club, thanks Ron. I also need to recognize NUASF member Orv Rannow separate from all the work he did for his donation of a rifle and to Kim Olson for his donation of a print. Jim Hulke arranged for the saving bonds at no cost to the club. Our thanks to KNUJ and NUASF member Brian Filzen for his help with radio time. Not only were there broadcasts, but many plugs at strategic times as well as providing 20 minutes of free air time to discuss the contest and the club. Our thanks also go out to all of the sponsors of the event, J.B. Lures of Winthrop, R&R Bait & Tackle, KNUJ Radio 860 AM, Cabela's Mustad, Printwear Graphics, Retzlaff's, McDonald's, Audio Village, Marv's Sport Center, and Wallachei Schnapserei. If I have left anyone out, I apologize, but let me say again, this was a community effort and there were many members whom I didn't mention that sold tickets, helped with registration, helped set up and so on, you are greatly appreciated. Last and certainly not least, is the guy who pulls all the loose ends together and makes the NUASF machine run smooth and efficient and that's Mike Deinken, thank you!

Well, the February meeting is going to be a dandy, we have a lot to discuss and I would encourage you to attend. We will have results of a meeting with DNR and area groups to map out a strategy for Clear Lake. We will also have a treat provided by Ron Bouldan, Minnesota River explorer, who has a slide show on the Minnesota River Basin and who will be representing CCMR at various presentations throughout the year. We will be discussing the proposal to lengthen the fishing season by two weeks at the end of February. Don't forget that this is also "fish night" which has developed into a tradition for the club, so if you have a fish dish to pass, or smoked, pickled or whatever, bring it. I will have my Cajun fish soup on sale for 50 cents a cup or a dollar a bowl.

Don't forget to get a few flyers to pass out at the next meeting to prospective members, it's a great tool to introduce us to whomever you are talking.

See you at the next meeting!

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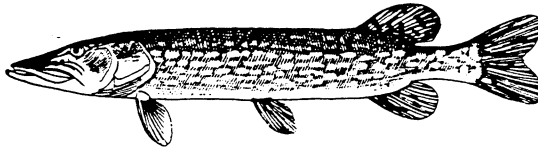
On March 14th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the American Legion will be putting on a Roast Buffalo Feed. We have been selected to sell tickets for this event. This will be an annual fundraiser for us. We were given 100 tickets to sell, there are twenty-five tickets left to be sold. You not only get a great meal, you are also raising money for the club. Anyone interested should contact Mike Deinken at 359-9650.

Fish Dish Night

Our February meeting has become the annual Fish Dish Night. This will be the third year it will be held. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite fish dish to be shared for lunch after the meeting. We have tasted many different recipes the first two years. You could be the one to bring the fish dish that no one has tasted before. We hope to see many of you at our next meeting.

Clear Lake Update

The lake received no fishing pressure until our fishing contest on February 8th. Probably for good reason, the only fish caught were bullheads. The latest oxygen report showed it to be under 1 ppm. Maybe we will get lucky and get a total kill on the lake before this winter is over. If not, plans are in the works for another restoration.. The lake will most likely have to be killed again. This time adjoining waters will also have to be treated to get better control of rough fish populations. If everything can be organized and funding put in place, the lake could be treated yet this coming fall. For now most of the work will be going on behind the scenes. Just because you don't hear or see anything, doesn't mean that we are not working on it. There are a few snags that we will have to maneuver around before a definite plan can be finalized. We have a host of different organizations working on this project already and we hope to see the fruits of our labors in the very near future,



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