



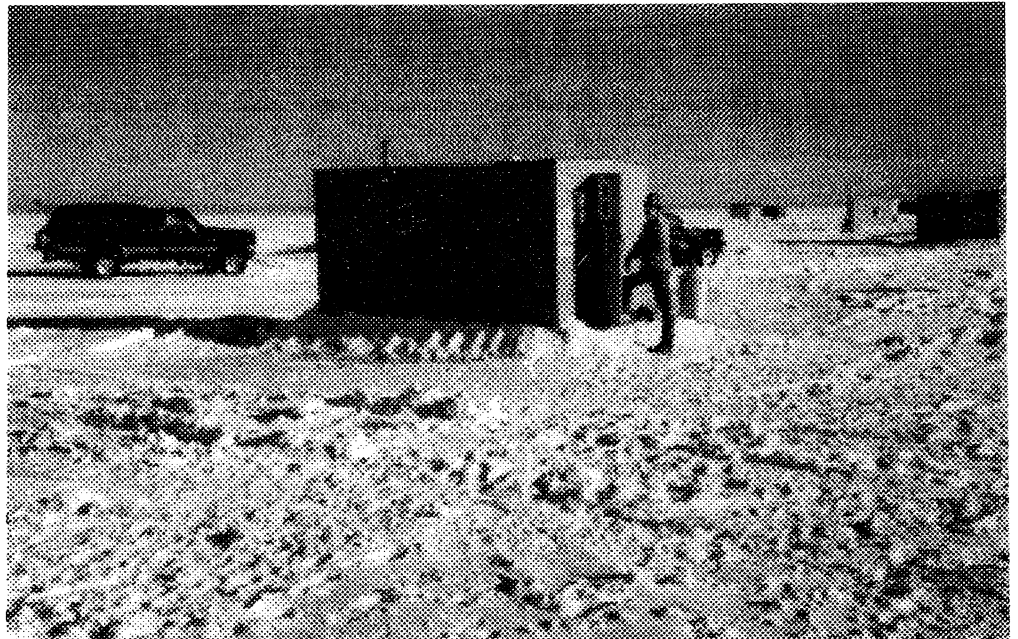
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Clear Lake Update Fish are being caught

The ice has thickened and it is fairly safe to get out on the lake. The fish have been biting on area lakes, Clear Lake included. There has not been a lot of fishing pressure at the lake, but there are fish being caught. At times some pretty nice ones. The water is pretty clear again, so the best action has been after dark. You may want to get out there this winter and try your luck. If you have not heard, the lake is going to be killed off again, this may be your last chance to catch a nice walleye or possibly a northern for a while. We had thought that after the winter kill we had last winter, we would not have to worry about rough fish in the lake again for a while. Test netting last fall proved that we were wrong. If everything goes according to plan, the lake will be treated late summer



or early fall. Then it will be a couple of years before we have good fishing again. Since the lake is due to be treated later this year, we will not be starting the aeration system this winter. There is always a chance that we will get another winter kill.

By the time you read this we hope to have the big house on Clear Lake. It is kind of late to be putting it out, but we will be needing it for the Ice Fishing Contest, which will be next Sunday, February 8th. The brown house has been moved to Sleepy Eye Lake, it has been on the lake since the first of the year. The fish houses can be used by any member, if you need a key, contact Mike Deinken. Please remember to clean up and take your garbage with you after you have used one of the houses.

Club Calendar

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| January 29th | Meeting at Club House 7:30 p.m.
Stoney Award, Guest Speaker |
| February 1st | Sleepy Eye Fishing Contest |
| February 8th | Ice Fishing Contest at Clear Lake |
| February 26th | Meeting - Fish night |

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FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

I would like to urge each and every member to attend the January meeting. We have many things to discuss, some of which include: The fishing contest, buffalo feed tickets, ice fishing trip, fish houses, Clear Lake water quality update, Minnesota River report, Eagle Lake re-creation report, New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen City Wetland sign, visit from Eric Olson, Canada fishing guide, Mike Deinken club secretary/treasurer and his attendance at the state "fishing roundtable" and much more. We will also be awarding the "Stoney" so make this a good turn out for this year's winners, the late Dave Cook, and John Carruthers.

Our get well wishes go out to NUASF member Henry Nupson. Henry took a fall at his new house and had some tense moments but came through okay, but then had to go through emergency surgery after the fact and is doing better.

I had a chance to chat briefly with 2nd district congressman, David Minge, about the status of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program for the Minnesota River basin. He has said it is on the desk of Ag Secretary Glickman and expects it to be signed soon. I have learned that patience is clearly a virtue when dealing with the bureaucracy.

At this meeting we will have hot off the presses, our new NUASF brochure. This will be a great tool for club members to use for club promotion, awareness building, fund raising and new membership.

See you at the next meeting.

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JANUARY MEETING

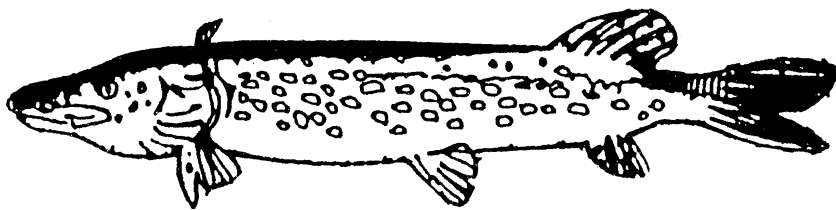
This month's meeting is a little bit special. We will be awarding the Stoney to two members who were very special to this club. They won't be there to accept the award since they both passed away in this last year. Members of their families will be there to accept. We would like to have a big turn out for this meeting to show our appreciation for how much these two guys meant to our club.

Keeping your catch

How to freeze your fish

You've gone to all the trouble of catching it, now how you gonna keep it? You're going to freeze it, right? The biggest problem in freezing fish is preventing freezer burn. That's when all of the moisture has been drawn out of the flesh and you are left with dried-out fillets. It is more likely to occur in frost-free freezers because they are designed to pull moisture from the air inside the freezer. The best way, and perhaps the only way, to guard against freezer burn is to freeze your fish in a block of ice. When your fish is completely encased in ice, no air can get at it. Freezing fish in this manner insures maximum storage life for your fish. You can keep fish frozen in ice for up to two years without much flavor loss. The only disadvantage of container freezing is that it takes up more freezer space than wrapped packages. If freezer space is at a premium, double wrap your fish for the freezer which will maintain quality and flavor for up to six months.

To freeze your fish, place fillets or steaks in a waterproof container, a clean milk carton or zip lock bags work best. Add a few drops of lemon juice. Fill the container with water to within one inch of the top, to allow for expansion. You can safely run water over the container to break the block of ice, but then the fish should thaw overnight at room temperature.



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