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## Minnesota River Clean-up

This year's clean-up, which was originally scheduled for September 26th and postponed, is now set for Saturday, October 24th. We will be meeting at Riverside park at 9:00 a.m. We will spend the morning picking up garbage throughout the morning and finishing with lunch about noon. This will be a good year for getting a lot of trash picked up with the river being as low as it is. Let's have a big turnout and do a really good job with this year's clean-up.



## Clear Lake Update

There is not much to report on Clear Lake. Plans are ongoing for the upcoming restocking program, although they may have hit a snag. I

have only heard rumors, so I won't comment. We plan to have a representative from the DNR at our next meeting to bring us up to speed.

## Membership Drive

This year's membership drive seems to have almost come to a complete stop. We have had no new members since the August meeting. We are still at 104 members, but we should be higher than that. Whoever signs up the most new members during the year-long membership drive will receive a club jacket for their efforts.

Bring a friend or neighbor to the next meeting or to the river clean-up and show them what we are all *about*.

### Club Calendar

October 24th	River Clean-up - 9:00 a.m. at Riverside Park
October 29th	Meeting - Club House at 7:30 p.m.
November 3rd	Election Day - Don't forget to vote
November Meeting	To be decided

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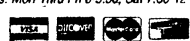
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# FROM THE PRESIDENT...

The 3M RRAT's have set a date for the annual riverbank cleanup which is Saturday, October 24th. It will start at Riverside park at 9:00 a.m. Let's have a good turnout. If you have a member of the youth anglers in your household remind them of the cleanup.

The CCMR Board of Directors has set a date for a "State of the River" banquet; January 16th, which is a Saturday. Mark your calendars and make sure to attend, there will be several speakers of note, all giving commentary on the state of the Minnesota River 1999. Among the speakers will be CCMR president, Randy Krzmarzick, Minnesota Pollution Control Commissioner, Peder Larson, and Tim Searchinger, senior attorney for the Environmental Defense Fund. A fish dinner is being planned along with entertainment and prizes for attendees. More details will be available in the November issue of the "Hook, Line and Sinker".

Our next meeting will include some discouraging info regarding Clear Lake progress towards fish population reclamation. As well as progress towards re-creation of Eagle Lake at Winthrop. Our Winter fishing outing will be discussed further with final plans and the discussion of the details of our Winter Fishing Contest.

After last year's Buffalo Feed fund-raiser at the Legion Club, I was approached to secure some volunteers to help. They needed 3 or 4 people to help and we managed to respond so if you are someone who could do it, please come forward at the next meeting and sign up as a possible helper. I will try to have as many details as possible by that time, but it would be good to have a list to call at the last minute. Last year we only received a few days' notice. Keep in mind that last year's feed raised almost 2 thousand dollars for us, so it is extremely important that we continue to work with this event.

Lastly, I'm usually not one to politicize stuff, but I would strongly urge you all to consider voting for the "Right to Fish and Hunt" amendment to the Minnesota constitution. It hurts nothing and secures **legally** the future of our chosen leisure time and way of life here in the land of countless rivers, streams and ten thousand lakes. Remember a non-vote is counted as a "no". I would also add that voters should remember those incumbents that worked and voted for important legislation that provides **long term** benefits our natural resources. Things that come to mind are the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program for the Minnesota River basin, aggressive legal actions towards blatant polluters and common sense approaches that do not compromise our rights to a clean environment and especially the quality of our surface water.

Remember it is not only your "right" to vote, it is your responsibility.

See you at the next meeting, and bring a friend.



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# Fishing for the Future Yes

As folks who enjoy fishing and hunting, and outdoor recreation, 1998 is our year of opportunity. For the over 1.9 million Minnesotans who love hunting and fishing the general election to be held on November 3, 1998, will be the most important in history. It is important to us and important to the nation.

Why is that so? Two constitutional amendments will be before voters on November 3rd. These amendments offer the most comprehensive package of financial and legal protection for fish, wildlife, and habitat, hunting, angling, and trapping ever proposed in any election in the United States of America. Many other states are awaiting our success to do the same thing.

The first constitutional amendment insures that funds continue to flow into the Environmental Trust Fund from the Minnesota State Lottery. The Environmental Trust Fund contributes millions of dollars to habitat purchase and improvement, clean water programs, and other projects that benefit fish, wildlife, and the natural environment.

The second constitutional amendment will protect our heritage of hunting, fishing, and trapping at the highest level of law - The Minnesota State Constitution. The amendment reads -

*"Hunting and fishing and the taking of game and fish are a valued part of our heritage that shall forever be preserved for the people and shall be managed by law and regulation for the public good".*

Only four other states have such protection. This is our most important chance to protect fishing and hunting in Minnesota in over a generation. When you vote on November 3rd, make sure you turn the ballot over, the constitutional amendments are on the back; please vote yes on amendments 1 and 2. Make sure you mark your ballot, because if you don't, it will be considered a no vote.

Our grandchildren will thank us in the future for our efforts to protect our traditions today.

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