



# Hook, Line, and Sinker

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## Over 100 Kids in Fishing Contest

On July 21st we held our 2nd annual Kids Fishing Contest on the Minnesota River. Much to our surprise we had over 100 kids, both boys and girls, participated. There were over 70 fish registered and a 5 lb. fish was not big enough to be in the top eight which received prizes. The kids had a great time and a lot of parents stuck around and helped the kids. There were a couple of minor incidents, one boy cut his leg and another ended up with a lead head jig stuck in his forehead. The boy with the jig in his head had to go to the emergency room to have it removed. He did return to fish again. After the fishing was done the kids had hot dogs and pop. We would like to thank the businesses who donated prizes for the drawing and to Jesse Kral of Kral's Appliance for his cash donation that made this contest possible. Also thanks to the guys who helped that evening and especially to Ken Sutherland for organizing the contest.

## Clear Lake Update

We received some rather discouraging news at the last meeting. It would seem that several of the landowners around Clear Lake are holding the fishermen of this area hostage while they are trying to get some of their pet grievances taken care of. It would seem that we have been trying to please these people for almost two years and all we get from them are more conditions before they will agree to treating the lake. How long do we have to wait? I, for one, am tired of waiting. Maybe it is time to take this public and let the people know who is really holding up this project. Several options are being explored at this time. There will be more information at the next meeting. We would like to see as many of you there as possible to express your opinions.



## Club Calendar

August 26th ----- Meeting at Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.  
September 3 & 4th - Food Stand, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
September 30th ----- To be announced

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Don't miss the next meeting, Tom Dixon with the MNDNR out of St. Paul who is an expert on habitat and lifestyles of the not so famous "so called" rough fish populations of Minnesota will be here with a presentation. He has extensive knowledge on fish such as buffalo which is a favorite of mine. So come prepared for questions and bring an open mind; you will be surprised. Also bring a friend to the meeting, we are only as strong as our membership and we always need fresh minds to help with the challenges our club takes on.

The next meeting of the Minnesota River Public Input Committee will be at the Club house on Wednesday, August 18th. it should prove to be a worth while meeting to attend for all NUASF members. It begins at 7 p.m. and topics will include drainage, both Ag and Urban, as well as progress on signage for tributaries here in the Minnesota River watershed. Stream classification review and a scheduled hearing for it will also be discussed. This is a golden opportunity to have your voice heard by people that make law and rules governing our surface water.

Well, it appears we are at an impass with Clear Lake. Land owners cannot come to an agreement that will allow us to use rotenone on the critical areas of the connecting surface waters that will eliminate the bullhead and carp populations. Subsequently we are faced with the prospect of alternatives. We have made a comittment to the long term fish population management of the lake, which includes aeration. Under the present set of circumstances we will not be able to insure long term reclamation of the fish population because of the real possibility of early invasion of black bullhead and carp. The money is there to do it. Despite idiotic rumors about not meeting deadlines and other hearsay, the facts are facts. We have the money to use the rotenone, but if we use it without treating those critical areas, we will be pouring our money down the drain, This is extremely distasteful to taxpayers who are footing the bill, remember they don't all fish. And frankly I would do everything in my power to point it out to the public if we were to move ahead without the

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