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Fish houses on Sleepy Eye, Clear lakes

Two of the fish houses are on the lake. The brown house is on Sleepy Eye Lake and available for use by all members. This house has a wood stove, so we ask that you bring your own wood. If you have extra wood, you can leave it in the house.

Our newest house which is a light tan color, is on Clear Lake by Gibbon. This house has a propane stove, you will need to bring a tank and wrench. We expect you to keep the houses clean and take any garbage home with you when you leave. The houses are locked and you will need a key. All houses are keyed the same and you can get a key by contacting Mike Deinken. By the time you read this, the house could also be on Lake Hanska. This house also has a propane stove.

Special thanks go to Merlin and Lynn for getting the Sleepy Eye house out, and to Ron Ludewig for getting the house on Clear Lake by Gibbon.



STONEY AWARD

Don't forget that we will be awarding the Stoney at our February meeting. You have until that meeting to nominate someone for the award.

Club Calendar

January 28th - Meeting 7:30 at Club House. Guest speaker: Eric Olson

February 7th - Sleepy Eye Sportsmen Fishing Contest, Sleepy Eye Lake 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

February 20th - Ice Fishing Contest, Sleepy Eye Lake 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

February 25th - Meeting at Club House

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Well it looks like Winter finally got here and there is some ice. But keep in mind ice is never safe. On a recent trip to Cut Foot Sioux to do some perch jerkin', NUASF club member Glen Rassmussen and myself ran into some odd conditions for ice, not to mention news that an unfortunate incident had taken place. It seems that some guys were driving out on the big lake "Winnie" and all kinds of people had been using a road and an area where there was 18 inches of ice everywhere. But for some odd reason in one spot it was only 6 inches deep and the size and weight of their vehicle triggered the break through. Two of the three drowned. The possible explanation was tulibee spawning and keeping the water there moving or that because of the warm late fall and early winter it had just created unpredictable conditions. Glen and I experienced similar conditions on Cut Foot. On the west end of the lake it was all of 18 to 20 inches deep, but when we went to a spot where we had gone year after year to catch MANY fish, we ran into only about 10 to 12 inches. Even with all of the cold weather, the water may for what ever reason had been a few degrees warmer there or closer to current or what ever. All I know is it's a reality check when you see it first hand. So be damn careful this year no matter where you are going. The club doesn't want to go to any funerals, it takes away time from fishin'.

Buffalo Feed tickets still available

At the last meeting we received this year's Buffalo Feed tickets. About half of them have been distributed. We still have fifty tickets left to sell. The feed is Saturday, March 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



We could use a couple of people to help with set up and serving. Tickets can be obtained by calling Mike Deinken or come to our next meeting. This is a great fundraiser for us, let's get all of the tickets sold this year.



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Membership Drive ends in tie

The 1998 Membership Drive is over. There was a total of 25 new members signed this past year. In somewhat of a surprise, Mike Deinken managed to overtake Scott Sparlin and the Drive ended in a tie with both sign-

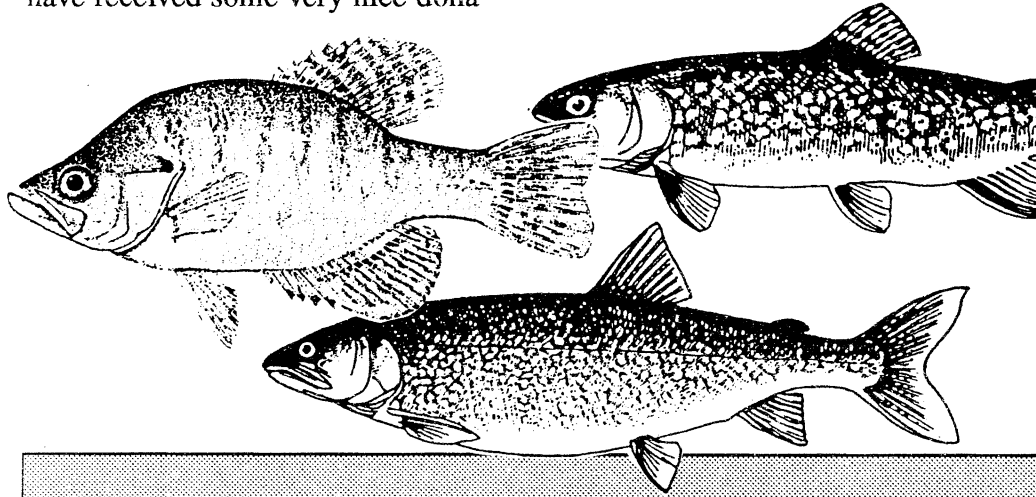
ing seven new members each. The 1999 membership drive is already underway with two new members signed. The winner of the yearly membership drive receives a club jacket for his efforts.

ICE FISHING CONTEST

This year's Ice Fishing Contest will be held on February 20th at Sleepy Eye Lake. Several different options had been discussed when we were trying to set up the contest. In order to avoid any type of conflict, it was decided to push the contest back and hold it at Sleepy Eye Lake. we have received some very nice dona-

tions so far, and we expect to receive more before the contest.

The contest will run from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. We will need help with set up, ticket sales and food sales that day. Tickets and posters will be available at the January meeting.



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