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CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

Clear Lake looks in good shape

Thus far, the lake looks to be in good shape. There hasn't been enough rain to fill the slough, so there has been no chance of any rough fish getting up from Domeier Lake. The DNR plans to do a spawn survey shortly and we should

have the results at our next meeting. The way it sounds, the fishing pier will not be put back into the lake next year as it is too badly damaged to be repaired economically. Several different options have been discussed, and in the near future

something will be decided. We also need to add some weights to one of the aeration lines. This shouldn't take more than an hour or so. Other wise, we look to be in great shape for the coming winter.

Club grounds improvements made

We have made several improvements at the Club grounds this summer. We have done some more landscaping, planted some trees, and added another window to the Club House. We still have several things to get done before winter. There are several dead trees that need to be taken down as they would possibly fall on one of our buildings in a windstorm. We also have some painting to do. The new storage shed and the boat shed need a coat of paint. The ramp to the boat shed also needs to be built up a bit. The Club House could also use a good cleaning. I believe we could get most of this done in one afternoon if there was enough help. A couple of the trees will need to be pulled as they are cut to avoid damage to any buildings. We will set a date at the August meeting.

Club Fishing Contest September 9th

On September 9th we will be having our 1st Annual Club Fishing Contest on the Minnesota River at Dick Petermann's property. The contest will start at 12 noon and end at a time to be determined at the August meeting. There will be a grill set up, so plan on bringing something to make for yourself. There will be an entry fee, with a cash prize and trophy going to the biggest fish. You will be able to camp overnight if you so desire. If you are interested and would like more information, come to the next meeting or contact Mike Deinken.



Food Stand has best ever business

The stand got off to a terrific start this summer. We were open both weekends of Heritagefest at Texaco Super Stop. The first weekend was by far the best we have ever had. The guys were cooking brats and dogs like here was not tomorrow. When the smoke had cleared, they had taken in just over \$1200. We have never sold that amount in the two weekends. The second weekend, for some reason, was a bit slower. The mornings and up until about 1:30 p.m. were very good. After that, it just died. It was still an excellent weekend with just over \$900 in sales. For the two weekends we sold over 200 pounds of brats and almost 50 pounds of hot dogs. After the bills have been paid, there is approximately \$1300 in profit. The Food Stand will be open two, possibly three more times this year. The next date will be Sunday, September 10th, for the Gun Club's Super Shoot. This will be just one day, so it should be an easy one. After that it will be the first weekend of Oktoberfest. The dates are October 6,7,8. If the weather looks good we may do the second weekend as well. Dave Wenk will coordinate for Oktoberfest and we do need people to work. A special thanks to all the members who worked, some of them both weekends. Also thanks to the guys who coordinated.

Club Calendar

August 1st - Meeting at Club House, 7:30 p.m.
September 9th - Club Fishing Contest at Dick Petermann's
September 10th - Food Stand at Super Shoot
October 6-8th - Food Stand at Texaco Super Stop

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FROM THE PRESIDENT. . .

A big time thank you to the volunteers of the food booth. After the first weekend of running the booth we have set a new record for sales for a weekend. We did over a \$1200.00 gross so that will translate into a real nice boost to the club.

Our thanks to the Studtmann's and everyone who volunteered for the Camp Courage Kids fishing day. The kids had a blast catching a lot of fish at the pond. The weather was great and the bugs were not too bad either. We had a club member for every camper and there were 21 campers, so it was a lot bigger than last year.

There have been some reports of people fishing from the pier at Clear Lake. There have also been boats out on the lake as well. If you see someone fishing at the lake please report it to the DNR at 359-6000. Just ask for the tip line. People keep calling me to report it, I tell them "report it yourself, you have a phone". I do however follow up after a few days from getting a call. Amazingly many don't call. I don't get it.

The Minnesota River is up quite a bit and real good for boat travel. I would suggest to anyone looking for a good evening of fishing that the sand bars off the tributaries are real good right now because of the water depths. The walleye are usually in front of the sand bars and the cats are at the pools downstream from the bar. A 13 lb.+ walleye was recently weighed in from the river. It was caught on a jig and a twister.

There are several things on the agenda for the next meeting, so make an effort to get there, we need your input. Bring a friend, see you there.

STATE OF MINNESOTA IN SUPREME COURT

Ruth Stensrud, et a
Petitioners,
vs.
Lyon County Ditch #7
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1 RULE 129 REQUEST FOR LEAVE TO FILE
ANICUS CURIAE BRIEF
APPELLATE COURT CASE NO. C1-99-1316
DATE OF FILING OF COURT OF
APPEALS DECISION: APRIL 25, 2000

TO: The Minnesota Supreme Court

The Minnesota Division for Environment Advocacy; the Izaak Walton League of America, Minnesota Division; the Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River; the Minnesota Council of Trout Unlimited; and the New Ulm Area Sports Fishermen hereby request permission to file an amicus curiae brief in the above-referenced matter.

Our interest in this matter is public in nature. The court of appeals decision affects the public's interest in ensuring that new and expanding drainage projects not cause detrimental impacts downstream water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. Our particular interest is to ensure that state drainage laws enacted to protect the environment and natural resources are properly interpreted and applied. To this end, the amici support the position of the petitioner, Yellow Medicine/Lyon County Judicial Ditch No. 10 Drainage Authority, and seek reversal of the decision below.

The court of appeals has ruled that an upstream drainage system may increase its drainage flow from newly drained land without permission from the downstream system to which it outlets. The downstream system and the landowners it presently serves object to this result because newly increased upstream drainage will interfere with their existing downstream drainage (e.g. increased upland flow will clog the downstream system causing poor drainage and flooding on land that currently has good drainage).

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Rivers Remain Polluted, States Say

by Scott Faber, Staff Writer NATIONAL NEWS

Two-fifths of the nation's rivers, lakes and estuaries remain too polluted to support fishing and swimming, according to state officials.

About 32 percent of U.S. waters were assessed for a national inventory of water quality, released by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Leading pollutants in impaired waters include siltation, bacteria, nutrients and metals. Runoff from agricultural lands and urban areas are the primary sources of these pollutants.

Although the U.S. has made significant progress in cleaning up polluted waters over the past 30 years, much remains to be done to restore and protect the Nation's waters, EPA officials said.

Water quality data showed that more than 291,000 miles of assessed rivers and streams do not meet water quality standards. In their 1998 reports, states assessed 840,000 miles of rivers and 17.4 million acres of lakes, including 150,000 more river miles and 6000,000 more lake acres than in their previous reports in 1996.

Rivers continue to be polluted through the Midwest - primarily due to polluted runoff from farms. More than half of Illinois' rivers and streams, for example, remain too polluted to support swimming.

"The impacts of pollution are felt close to home and as far away as the Gulf of Mexico," said Jeff Stein, who lives near the Quad Cities. "The costs of pollution are significant - far more than the fish and birds are paying their price. And, when we take steps to keep sediment and nutrients on the land, we reduce water treatment costs, reduce barge channel maintenance costs, reduce habitat restoration costs, and save farmers money."

Stein is working with members of Congress like Rep. Jim Leach (R-IA) and Ron Kind (D-WI) to boost financial and technical assistance for landowners hoping to reduce polluted runoff. Leach, Kind and 27 other member of Congress are sponsoring a bill that would create a basinwide water quality monitoring network for the Upper Mississippi River basin, boosts funding for population conservation programs like the Conservation Reserve Program, and bring local officials and sackholders together to set regional goals.

Wetlands continue to be lost at a rate of about 100,000 acres per year in the contiguous United States - contradicting the Clinton Administration's pledge to increase the nation's wetlands. Eleven states and tribes listed sources of recent wetland loss - conversion for agricultural uses, road construction, and residential development are leading reasons for loss.

To assess water wquality, states comopare their monitoring results to to the water quality standards they have set for their waters. These standards consist of designat-

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