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## CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

# Aeration system started on the lake

The aeration system was started on Saturday, December 9th. It was not started for lack of oxygen; we started the system to get a head start because conditions are ripe for a rapid oxygen decline. The lake froze cloudy because of snowfall as the lake was freezing. Add to that the amount of snow cover already on the lake and it spells trouble for stable oxygen levels. What we needed was clear ice and no snow cover to allow sunlight to penetrate and keep underwater plants alive and producing oxygen. We are hoping that by starting the system early we get a head start and keep the oxygen up throughout the winter.

At our October meeting we had some discussion about trying to get rock tile inlets installed in the Clear Lake watershed. Since then we already have two landowners tell us they are interested in having the inlets on their property. There is a very good

chance that we could have several more in line before spring. If anyone know any of the landowners around the lake, talk to them about having some of these inlets installed. With what the county pays and the \$75.00 our club will donate for each inlet, there is no coast to the landowner. Under this



program each landowner can only do three inlets. If you would like more information contact Scott Sparlin.

## Ice Fishing Contest

Our 14th Annual Ice Fishing Contest is set for February 11th at Sleepy Eye Lake. The contest will run from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are being printed and the big prizes have been set. We still do not have a prize coordinator so I will try to take care of this. I will need some help. It is not possible for one person to do this. I will need 4 or 5 people to contact some of the local businesses about donating a prize. We have a list of everyone who donated last year and what they gave. Collecting this year should be a piece of cake. If you have an hour or two that you could give up for that contest, please contact Mike Deinken.

## Club Calendar

December 21st.....Meeting - Christmas Party at Club House - 7:30  
January 18 - 21.....Ice Fishing Trip at Dixon Lake  
January 25th.....Meeting at Club House  
February 11th.....Ice Fishing Contest at Sleepy Eye Lake

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## From the President . . .

Don't forget the next meeting has been moved up to Thursday the 21st of December. Bring A friend and come to the meeting. We will be discussing many issues that affect the future of our club, area fishing and fish habitat.

Our ice fishing contest, ice fishing trip, fish houses, scholarship fund, rock inlet/water quality project, membership, Clear Lake, Lake Hanska, Sleepy Eye Lake, and other club bussiness will be discussed. We will also feature a new permanent agenda item known as "area fishing report". This will feature a discussion on who has been fishing, where and what they used for bait, times they fished, etc. Also part of that discussion will be what anglers have heard from various sources. I know that a great deal of our meetings have to do with club business and projects. This regular addition will hopefully remind all of us to what end we work for and that we should not forget to enjoy angling. Who knows, maybe some outing will come out of this monthly item, I sure hope so. I would also add that we have a knowledgeable membership that can assist all of us to become more successful anglers.

We have started the aeration system out at the lake. The lake remains closed for fishing until July of 2001 to protect the spawn of the bluegill and bass this next Spring. We have put notice in the paper to that affect.

Something has come to my attention that I would like all of you to ponder. Lac qui Parle county commissioners in September at their monthly board meeting, passed a resolution which in essence bans county wide wetland reclamation. In light of all that has come to the forefront, it seems almost bizzare that they would do something like that. I will have the resolution with me at the next NUSAF meeting for your review. Some type of subsequent action begs our attention. It's up to the membership, so bring your ideas. Keep in mind we do have legal counsel available if we choose that type of route. If you have not reserved your spot on the ice fishing trip, the next meeting will be a good opportunity to do so. Cost of the trip will be approximately \$100.

I have started to research some possibilities on funds to supplement our rock inlet initiative. So far I have three different possibilities and I am waiting to hear what my next steps will be on behalf of the club.

In closing this month I would like to extend my most sincere wishes to everyone for a great holiday season. See ya" at the meeting.

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## Ice Fishing Trip

The trip is set, we are getting ice and have twenty guys signed up for the trip. We still have room for more, and you know what they say, "The more the merrier". This is an excellent weekend trip. All you have to do is ask someone who has gone. If you are interested, contact Mike Deinken.

## December meeting changed

Because of several personal conflicts and landing between holidays, our December meeting has been moved up a week. The meeting will be December 21st, 7:30 p.m. at the Club House. This will also be an informal kind of Christmas Party. The meeting should not run very long, so plan on being there for the party.



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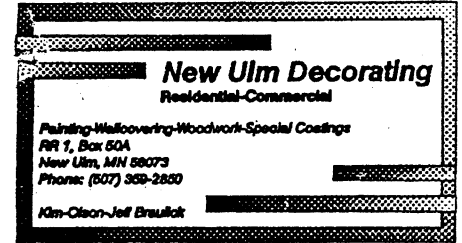
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