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## 13th Annual Ice Fishing Contest Successful Day

On Sunday, February 13th, the New Ulm, Area Sport Fishermen held their 13th Annual Fishing Contest, this year on Sleepy Eye Lake. It was a little cooler than we had wanted and a little windier, but it was still a pretty nice day. The people did show up as we had close to 400 people sign up for the contest that day. The fish also cooperated and about sixty were weighed and entered. It was a record setting day as far as the ticket sales went, the dollar raffle also did extremely well. All the financial details will be available at the next meeting, which by the way is Fish Dish night. If you have a favorite dish you would like to share or some fillets, bring them along. The deep fryer will be set up that night. I would like to extend a special thanks to Al Zwach and Jerry Carlson, who made this year's contest run so smoothly. Also thanks to Eric Olson who donated \$150 towards the cost of the generator that we gave away as the top prize. Eric has also donated another Canadian fishing trip that we will be raffling off to club members at an up-coming meeting. Thanks also to all the members who helped that day. See you at the meeting.



## Everything a "Go" to treat Clear Lake

Everything is still a go as far as treating the Lake and stocking in the spring. We need the rest of the winter and early spring to continue to be dry. If this happens, the lake will be restocked and a fish barrier installed at the outlet of Domeier Lake. We have been

waiting, it seems like forever, for this to happen. This project needs to get done to take some of the pressure off of Sleepy Eye Lake. There is also a good chance of getting the fishing season closed on Clear

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### Club Calendar

February 24th-----	Meeting at Club House - 7:30 p.m. - Stoney Award
March 8th-----	Minnesota River Meeting - Club House - 7:00 p.m.
March 11th-----	Buffalo Feed at American Legion
March 30th-----	Meeting to be announced



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

If you seldom make a meeting, this is the one to make. Fish dishes of all kinds will grace the club house for a culinary delight that happens only once a year. Picked, deep fried, sultz, soups, and many more tasty morsels to challenge even the most discretionary of tongues. I will be making my Cajun style fish soup. I will be making a hot and hotter batch, so bring tissues, you'll need it. For my soup there is a \$1.00 per person charge for all you can eat, all proceeds go to the club. So bring a dish to pass and get a friend to tag along.

I would like to start a move to get some membership in the 25 to 35 year age group. What's it going to take? What type of plan or incentives could be offered to get the ball rolling? Let's talk about it at the next meeting.

By now many of you have read or were at the last meeting when we found out the final decision in our two court cases involving Big Stone and Nicollet Counties. Most simply put, the rulings were in our favor. You can take great pride in the fact that you did not stand by knowing what we did about these ill advised, poorly designed projects. Could we ever have forgiven ourselves knowing that members of our club and recipients of the legacy would forever be denied the privilege to enjoy this all to rare of an opportunity in our area? Your courage and solidarity with regards to fish habitat stands reinforced and strong. It is what our mission is. My hat's off to you all.

If that wasn't enough, at the last meeting members of the NUASF were recognized by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for their efforts to clean up the Belle Plaine dump site on the river. I can't tell you the gratifying feeling I personally got from hearing each and every member who participated to be recognized. Hey, we're from New Ulm, what are we doing cleaning up at Belle Plaine? I think you all know the answer to that, "we get it"! We know that we are linked by the resource and that leadership starts with actions, period. Now hopefully some Tony Millers, Glen Setterholms and Mike Deinkens will surface there to carry on. So to all of you who helped and spent a Saturday away from your family doing this work, I want you to know it did not go unnoticed. Even though I know many of you do not care if it would have, someone mega-big was watching and smiling ear to ear.

Just a quick note to mark your calendars for Saturday, March 25th. That's the annual "State of the River" banquet at Turner Hall in New Ulm. A great evening has been planned. A smorgasbord of fish, chicken vegetables, breads, dessert, refreshments and more, will start a fun and enlightening meeting. As you know, we helped with the "Minnesota River School" directed by Montevideo High School Biology teacher Butch Halterman. They made the entire trek down the Minnesota River and have since developed a program depicting their many observations and adventures. Stories will abound and you will see young activists being developed. Next we will have Mike Meyer who is a Ph.D.A. for Metropolitan Council Environmental Services. He will be giving a somewhat shocking presentation on Lake Pepin and how it pertains to the river. Last we will have a presentation by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on "Unsewered Communities in the Minnesota Rive basin" and what's being done about it if anything. Tickets will be \$12 a piece or \$20 per couple. We'll have the mailing speil on hand and live music too! Tickets will be available at the next meeting.

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# Buffalo Feed fast approaching

The date for this year's Buffalo Feed is fast approaching, and we have quite a few tickets that need to be sold. The last couple of years the Legion Baseball Booster Club has given us the opportunity for a unique fund raising situation. Each year we are given 100 tickets to sell. The more tickets we sell, the more money we can make. The opportunity is there to make \$2,000 if we sell all of the tickets. In order to continue this unique fundraiser, we need to sell as many tickets as possible. Last year 97 of the 100 tickets were sold. Let's try to get at least that many sold again this year. To get tickets, contact Mike Deinken at 359-9650 or come to the next meeting. Don't hesitate, the Buffalo Feed is March 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

## Stoney Award

As most of you know, February is the month when we award the *Stoney* to the member who has given the most of his time and efforts during the past year. All members are eligible to receive this award. Nominations will be taken until the February meeting, at which time a voted will be taken. You may contact Mike Deinken or bring your nomination to the next meeting.

## CLEAR LAKE UPDATE continued from page one

Lake for at least the first year. This will allow the stocked fish to spawn at least two times. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope we get it done this year.

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