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## Spring River Cleanup

This spring should give us the perfect opportunity to do a river bank cleanup. The dry weather pattern seems to be holding which should give us ideal conditions for picking up trash along the banks of the Minnesota River. As most of you know our club has adopted a section of the river in New Ulm. We didn't do a clean up last year so, I would imagine it could use one. This is something we will be discussing at our next meeting.

### Why weren't you there?

At the last meeting I mean. Those of you who missed Fish Dish Night really denied yourself the culinary treat of the year. We had fish prepared in almost every way imaginable. From deep fried to pickled to chowder and gumbo and smoked to sunfish pie, it was all there. We ate until we could eat no more, and there was plenty left over. This is one meeting you surely don't want to miss. But you will have to wait again, for Fish Dish Night comes only at our February meeting.

### Buffalo Feed ticket sales down

This year's ticket sales have been a little disappointing. The way it looks, we may not sell 80. This is down considerably from last year when we sold 97.



Members have reported difficulty in selling the tickets because of conflicts with other events. I still believe, with over 100 members, we should be able to sell 100 tickets.

We need to sell as many of these tickets we can for two reasons. 1. Every ticket sold means \$20 for the club. 2. If our ticket sales keep dropping, we may lose the opportunity to sell them. It would be a shame if we did as this is probably the easiest fund raiser we have ever had. Next year, let's try and get all 100 tickets sold.

### Club Calendar

March 25th-----CCMR River banquet - 5 p.m. - Turner Hall  
March 30th-----Meeting at club house, 7:30 p.m.  
April 27th-----Meeting to be announced



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

A reminder that if you are interested in the Minnesota River that you should not miss the annual "State of the River" banquet. It will be held on Saturday, March 25th starting at 5 p.m. social hour, 6:15 dinner and 7 p.m. program. It will be at Turner Hall in New Ulm, downstairs. The program consists of the Montevideo High School kids and their biology teacher, Butch Halterman, who canoed the entire river for class credit. We will have the South District Manager of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to give us a look at where we are with "unsewered communities". And a most fascinating core sample study has just been completed on Lake Pepin. It is very interesting stuff. There will be music throughout the program by several multi-talented people, with a very special guest appearance by Ron Hanson of Wood Lake. We will also have the Bavarian nailing speil, a perennial favorite, test your pounding abilities. The food is all you can eat fish and chicken with all the trimmings and the cost is a real bargain at \$10 per person.

I hope you all can make the next meeting. We have many important issues to discuss and we need your input. Without good discussion and careful examination of each item we do ourselves a disservice. Things are happening that we all need to know about. Last meeting a spearing ban for Lake Sleep Eye was brought up. We are asking for scientific input before a decision can be made. More will be discussed about Clear Lake at the next Meeting. It's getting close to possible action. There may be another "ill advised" drainage project that threatens critical fish habitat and spawning grounds to talk about. So you see we need you. Bring a guest. See you at the next meeting.

## Stoney Award

At the last meeting, nominations were accepted for this year's Stoney Award. After the votes were all counted, this year's award goes to Al Zwach. Al did a fantastic job this year as the prize chairman for the Ice Fishing Contest and has been very active in many of the projects we have undertaken this past year. Congratulations Al.

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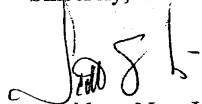
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From: Scott Sparlin  
President, New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen  
810 3rd North Street  
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Dear Mr. Newburg,

At the last meeting of the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen, it was brought up that there was a petition and a request, for group support to ban spearing at Lake Sleepy Eye. The group discussed it extensively. After a very spirited round of talks, we collectively decided to ask for assistance from DNR fisheries before making a group motion. We are asking for your best counsel on long term affects that continued spearing in Lake Sleepy Eye will have. We would like your opinion on both affects to the general fish population and more specifically northern pike. I know it is a lot to ask, but if you could cover all aspects which would include all pro's and con's with regards to enforcement and other cultural intangibles, along with any supporting scientific data that you may have at your disposal. I know that as a NUASF member, this puts you in somewhat of a precarious position, but what are friends for if we can't lean on you a little. I hope you understand and know full well that no matter what your professional counsel is in this matter, it will in now way affect your social relationship with any of us. You are such a highly respected member of the club and very appreciated for your opinions given your years of experience. If you would show this letter to Capt. Randy Evans and get input from him we would also appreciate it. I have preliminarily discussed it with him. We respectfully await your responses.

Sincerely, Scott Sparlin



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