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CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

Aeration system ready to go

The aeration system has been checked and is ready to go for this coming season. We also have the helixars located by GPS so when the time comes to start the system, no one will have to take a shower. The lake itself is

in very good shape. Walleye fry were stocked this fall and the rest of the fish population looks to be in excellent shape. We are looking at a mid-December start-up for the aeration system, depending on weather conditions. At

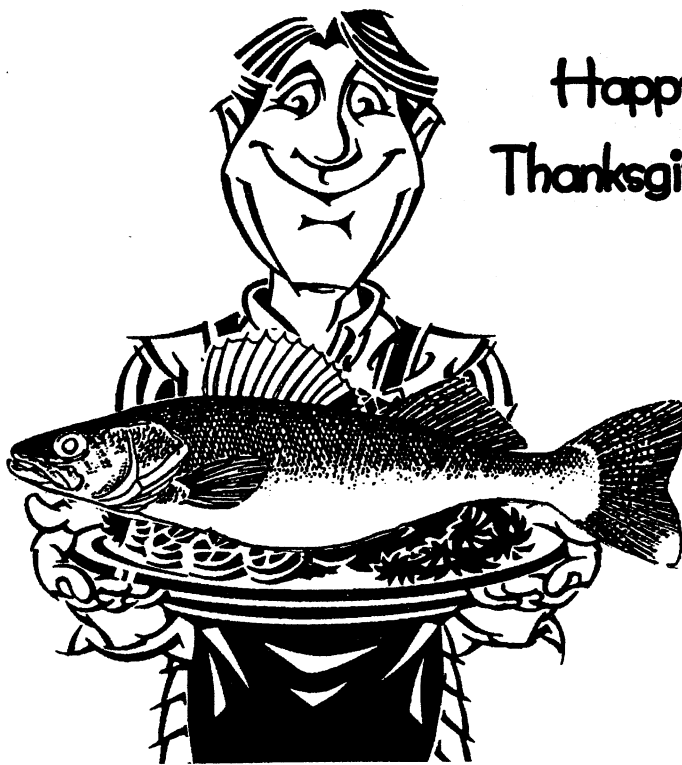
that time we will need help setting up thin ice signs. When we do get ice, please be careful when you first venture onto the lake this winter.

BACK TO DIXON

13th Annual Ice Fishing Extravaganza

This January we will be making our 13th annual trek to northern Minnesota for an ice fishing extravaganza. This will be our fourth trip to Dixon Lodge. We have cabins and fish houses reserved for January 17th through January 20th. Fishing will take place on Winnie. The trip will include your lodging, fish houses, and two meals. Friday night's meal will be prime rib with all the fixin's. Saturday night will be a fish fry.

We have room for thirty people in our cabins. At this time we



Club Calendar

November 29.....Meeting at Club House • 7:30 p.m.
January 17-20....Ice Fishing at Dixon Lake Lodge

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From the President . . .

You will want to make the next meeting. For once we do not have to change the meeting date because of Thanksgiving. We will be discussing the on-going saga of Lake Sleepy Eye dredging. We will have an update on Clear Lake, Lake Hanska and the Minnesota River as well. We will also be discussing our trip to Dixon Lake this January and our ice fishing contest. So as you can see we need your input. Don't forget to bring a new prospective member and get a free refreshment for both of you for doing so.

I have been made aware of an upcoming "dredging forum" with the place and time TBA by the DNR. It is hoped that this will settle a lot of the controversy that surrounds dredging in general. Many opinions and much conjecture surround the topic. The forum will have its basis in science and should provide the attendee with good solid sound facts with which to make personal choices and formulate action positions. It is my hope that subsequent media coverage will bring this issue to the greater public at large and serve to educate area residents about the topic.

Of course no matter how much sound pedigreed information some people have, they will never change their position because of pre-conceived notions and/or special interests. The charge for all of us to discern between whether either side of an issue has merit based in sound facts and if the benefits of an action truly help the resource. We live in a quick fix world and I thank most of us are aware of the pitfalls that go with that approach. In many instances, long term thinking and implementation of seemingly hard actions which divert us from the band aid approach, will not give immediate dramatic results. However, if everyone puts their heads together and provides the kind of constructive thinking that will help achieve a vision, most (not all) needs can be met. Let's face it, conservation is just that, conserving something of value to all of us and in the best cases, making it totally sustainable for conservative use by the many.

See ya' at the next meeting.

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Ice Fishing Contest #15

This coming year's contest is starting to shape up nicely. We have most of the major prizes in place, and tickets should be available at our next meeting. This year we will be going back to Clear Lake. We hope to make this our biggest and best fishing contest ever. Some help is needed yet on the prize committee. We could use a couple more members to contact area businesses about donating to this year's contest. You will be given a list of perhaps 15 places to contact. Your help is needed if we are to make this event a success. This is our major fundraiser for the year. We need as many of you as possible to help with our 15th Annual Ice Fishing Contest.

Ice Fishing Extravaganza

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have twelve people signed up to go. If you have not experienced this trip before, you need to go this year. All you have to do is talk to someone who has gone before. The cost of the trip is about \$100.00, and a \$20.00 deposit will hold your spot on this great mid-winter getaway. To reserve your place for this trip, call Mike Deinken at 359-9650 or come to the next meeting.

Carbon Monoxide: The Silent Killer

Do ice fishermen need to be worried about carbon monoxide? You bet they do. The Consumer Products Safety Commission reports that approximately 200 people per year are killed by accidental CO poisoning with an additional 5000 people injured. These deaths and injuries are typically caused by improperly used or malfunctioning equipment. Carbon monoxide inhibits the blood's ability to carry oxygen to body tissues including vital organs such as the heart and brain. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless and toxic gas produced as a by-product of combustion. Any fuel burning appliance, vehicle, tool or other devices has the potential to produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide gas. Using a portable gas heater inside a tent, RV, camper, vehicle, shelter or other enclosed area can produce deadly carbon monoxide. Never sleep with a heater on inside any enclosure. Make sure, when ice fishing does start, that your shelter or house is vented to allow fresh air to enter. Let's have a safe ice fishing season.

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