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CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

WE HAVE ICE!

We have ice! For a while this winter it did not seem like we would ever get any. The aeration system was started on Sunday, December 30th. The oxygen is still quite high, 16.4 on the 29th, but we were given the okay to start the system. I would like to thank the guys who helped get the thin ice signs in place that day. We had eight inches of ice that day.

The fish are also cooperating to a certain extent. Crappies and bass have been biting with some regularity though they have been mostly on the small side. There have been some reports of crappies that were about 1/2 pound. Minnows are the bait they are after. Hopefully the ice will continue to build so we can start driving onto the lake.

By the time you read this, we hope to have all the houses on the lakes. The two houses with propane heat will be going to Sleepy Eye Lake. The other two will be going to Clear Lake and they both have wood heat. When you use these houses please bring wood along. Also as you head out to the lake, please be careful; we don't want any of you going through the ice. When you use

any of the club's houses, please take any garbage along home with you.

On Saturday, January 6th, we did get the houses on both lakes. Thanks to all the guys who helped. Special thanks go out to Randy and Cory Tiell of American Lawn & Landscape, who hauled the brown house out to Clear Lake.

2002 Stoney awarded at February club meeting

At our February meeting we will award the prestigious Stoney Award to one of our members. Each year the award is given to the member who has given most

selflessly of his time and resources to promote and improve the quality of sport fishing in our area. Nominations will be accepted until the February meeting, at which time we will vote and award the 2002 Stoney. We have many members who have given more than what has been asked of them, and deserve to be considered for this award. Nominations can be sent to Mike Deinken or turned in at the next two meetings.

Club Calendar

January 24.....Meeting at Club House - 7:30 p.m.
February 10.....Ice Fishing Contest at Clear Lake
February 28.....Meeting at Club House - 7:30 p.m.

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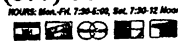
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From the President . . .

Our monthly meeting has been moved up to the 24th of January this month, make a note of it on your calendar.

This month's meeting will include nominations for the "Stoney" award. For new members, that is the yearly award that goes to a club member for their selfless giving to the sport of fishing. If you have a person in mind please submit it either at our next meeting, or send it to our club secretary Mike Deinken.

Two very important fund raisers for NUASF will be coming up shortly. Of course our annual ice fishing contest which will be held on Sunday, February 10th at Clear Lake, south of New Ulm is coming up quick. If you do not have tickets to sell and you think that you may be able to sell some, contact our club secretary at the next meeting or call 359-9650 prior to the meeting. If you have prizes to donate, they are being collected now. We will need lots of help that day doing a multitude of things, so if you are available, come early.

I have been contacted to secure the Buffalo (bison) Feed tickets. They will be available at the next meeting. Let's make a goal of selling all 100 tickets this year. That will assure the club gets the entire \$2,000. We have 120 members, it would be great if the membership steps up on this one. If only half of us purchase a pair of tickets, we can make that goal. And don't forget, you get a delicious meal out of it as well. The club house will be open following the meal for members and their dates to enjoy fellowship after the meal. Also don't forget that the Buffalo Feed is made possible through the generosity of **Rodney's Pub** and the **New Ulm American Legion**. Make sure to thank them when you see them. To date we have raised nearly \$12,000 from the sale of tickets to help improve fish habitat and promote the sport of fishing for all ages of people

Some members have made comments about our lack of adequate entry way lighting on the KC Road. That has been dis -

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Meeting Change

For the second month in a row we are moving the meeting up one week. The January meeting will be held on the 24th. This is being done to allow Eric Olson to attend the meeting and give us a short presentation on his Canadian Fishing Camp. You won't want to miss this.

Ice Fishing Contest

Everything is falling into place nicely for our 15th Annual ICE Fishing Contest Sunday, February 10th at Clear Lake. The prize committee is hard at work and most of the big prizes are in place. The top prize this year is a Canadian Fishing trip for two. Posters and tickets have been distributed to some members; if you need tickets, contact Mike Deinken. We will be discussing final details of the contest at the January meeting.

President

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cussed and additional lighting is going to be installed shortly.

We will be getting a visit from Eric Olson at our next meeting. For new members, Eric is a NUASF active member who lives in Harve, Montana. Eric is a New Ulm native who owns and operates Mr. O, Mr. K, and Mr. D, Hunting and Fishing Outfitters, Ltd. Many club members have taken advantage of his services on Lake Diefenbaker in Saskatchewan, Canada. He will be sharing pictures and stories at the meeting. If you are so inclined, it would be a good opportunity to talk with Eric if you are thinking about a Canadian trip. He runs a first class operation and supports NUASF wholeheartedly.

See you at the next meeting.

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