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CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

Lake came through winter fine

Clear Lake has come through winter in excellent shape. There were no dead fish spotted when we picked up the thin ice signs. I have not heard any reports on what the fishing has been like so far this spring.

The fishing pier has been repaired. We added more supports to make the decking less springy. We did some clean-up along the beach the other Sunday afternoon. Dead weeds and some trash was picked up. We also cut some of the weed block fabric that had been exposed and was getting to be quite unsightly. There has also been quite a bit of discussion about the condition of the boat landing. When the Public Access was first built, there was a channel dredged from shore to deeper water. Over the last ten years the channel has filled in. We have been told to call the DNR Trails

and Waterways to lodge our complaint. Several members have made the call but have gotten the run-around. They were told that a permit was needed, which is probably true. They were also told that it was not worth time nor money to clean it because it would just fill in again. It seems that the first time it was done has lasted almost ten years. Ten years would seem to be worth the effort to me. What we need to do is del-

uge these guys with calls and let them know that we want something done about the boat landing at Clear Lake. If not this year, the next year. The number to call is 359-6066. This is the number for the Minnesota DNR Trails and Waterways. I would like every member to call, and every friend who is interested in fishing to call. The more we bug them, the sooner it will get done.

Boat Raffle

The club decided to raffle a fishing boat and trailer as a fund raiser this year. We will be purchasing a 2003 Lund boat and trailer from Retzlaff Marine. The drawing will be held at our Fishing Contest in February 2003. Plans are in the works to have the boat at the country fair and Orv Rannow will be in charge of finding people to sell tickets during the fair. If you would be interested in giving him a hand, get in touch with Orv. Tickets will be available at the May meeting.

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From the President . . .

Well I hope everyone had a great walleye/northern opener. The weather was sure miserable to say the least. I didn't get any reports from Clear Lake and I didn't see many boats on the River. I have since seen quite a few people taking advantage of the low water to fish the river from shore. I just got back from my place and the wind and cold really slowed down the action until the last day I was there and even then I didn't do too well myself. I did get to net quite a few on the last day, that's about it. You know how it is when one guy in the boat hogs all the action.

Since our last meeting the hog operation application approximately one mile from Lake Sleepy Eye has been withdrawn from consideration. Subsequently it will be off of our agenda for this meeting. It was to be on this month's agenda as of the last meeting.

Our regrets and good wishes go out to Kim Heidebrink and Vicky Poage as they will be moving to Sacremento, California. We thank Kim for all the volunteer work he did on behalf of the club and to Vicky for her great work with the DNR, especially in environmental review services. I will bet there will be some trips to the mountains to do some trout fishing with fly rods. Good luck to both of you, trout on the grill is great.

I will have to miss the next meeting because of graduation ceremonies. Vice President Carlson and Secretary Deinken will run the meeting. There are some things that need to be covered prior to the next meeting. Anyone wishing to join the club for fishing with the kids from Camp Courage can get details at this meeting. We will discuss all the regulr monthly business as always and have new business and old business to talk about. So bring a firend or an angler you think would be a good addition to NUASF and receive your free refreshment along with one for your guest.

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Club House News

The club grounds have been cleaned up and it is finally starting to green up. The grounds look very nice this time of year. the parking lot and driveway does not look so good though. At the last meeting we approved the repair of these two vital areas. The driveway will be graded and driveway mix will be spread on top and packed. We will also have rock hauled on part of the parking area to make it more manageable during most of the year. Sometime, later this spring, we will need to paint the Club House again. It has been four years and it is starting to wear thin in quite a few places. We hope to spray it this time so the only tough work will involve taping the door and windows. There is also a possibility that we may get some of the paint donated by a local business.

Don't forget. the Club House is available to members to use for social occasions. There have been birthdays, anniversary and graduation parties. There is no charge for the use of the Club House, we just ask that it be left clean.

Remember Social Night. The second Thursday of every month. A time for members to get to know one another better. The campfire is always going and the grill is fired up if if you want to bring something to make. Someone is usually there by 6:00 p.m. and we stay until we feel like going home.

You can still order Club Jackets

I have held off with the jacket order for one more month. There may have been some of you who could not make the last meeting and may be interested in one. There are two styles to choose from. We have the highly popular winter jacket and a new spring jacket. I will have the book at the next meeting or you can give me a call at 359-9650.

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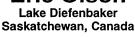
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