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ICE FISHING TRIP

Lake Dixon fishing trip filled

We are full. I had reserved another cabin but, that filled up before I could turn around. We again have 36 guys ready to head north and have a little fun.

Everything will be the same as in years past. On Friday night we will be having prime rib and on Saturday there will be a fish fry. Last year there were a few com-

plaints about the cost of the prime rib. Well, it may have been a little high, but it sure was good. Also none of us had to cook or clean up afterwards. If anyone does not wish to be included for the prime rib, they need to let me know right away. I will need to get in touch with Dixon Lake and let them know how many of us there

will be for the meal. If any of you first timers have any question about what you will need to take along you can call or talk to me at at the next meeting.



17th Annual Ice Fishing Contest

On February 8, 2004, we will be hosting, can you believe, our 17th Ice Fishing Contest.

Everything is coming together nicely. The prize committee is pretty well set. Chuck Zangl and Dave Mecklenburg will again be our co-chairs. They still need a couple of guys to help with the prize collection. Most of the big ticket prizes are in place and the

tickets have been printed and are available. I want to remind everyone that the member who sells the most tickets will receive a club jacket for his efforts. We would like to have every member sell at least a book of tickets. That is only ten tickets. That way we know our contest will be a success before it starts.

Ho - Ho - Ho! We have to do it agin. Because of Christmas the December meeting will be moved up one week to December 18th. I wish they would stop scheduling these holidays on our meeting night.

Club Calendar

December 18th.....	Meeting at Club House - 7:30 p.m.
January 15th - 18th.....	Ice Fishing - Dixon Lake
January 29th.....	Meeting at Club House - 7:30 p.m.
February 8th.....	Ice Fishing Contest at Clear Lake
February 26th.....	Meeting & Fish Dish Night at Club House

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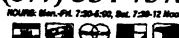
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From the President . . .

Make plans to attend our next meeting, it's the last chance to sign up a new member to win that NUASF jacket for the most members signed up during the year.

This past year has been a great one for the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen. We have eclipsed our highest membership totals from the past and we are moving in the direction of maintaining an on-going significant increase. I know I said it before but the membership vitality and dynamics of this organization are what not only spurs on that growth, but it lends itself to the diversity of membership and that is where our real strength is. Think about that for a moment. With diversity of opinion, a genuine common concern, a willingness to act, along with expertise in numerous skills, we as a group have the ingredients for worthy accomplishments that will benefit more than just ourselves. We often talk of youth and new blood for the organization. How true, where would we be without the enthusiasm, energy and can do attitude they bring to our organization. But I would also point out that the added wisdom of those who have experienced much has served us well and saved us many painful lessons as we endeavor to serve our mission. So keep bringing in the new faces, we're going to add meeting room for the youthful and young at heart alike.

At our last meeting, I provided members a summary of our Riverside Park planning session. I promised a rough map to go with it. I am pleased to tell you NUASF member Jeff Nielson offered computer and GIS assistance at the last meeting. We will be sitting down and putting together a not so rough map post holidays. You can expect it at the January meeting. When that is completed I will be offering the package to the New Ulm Park Board and Director, as well as the City Council and various others for considerations. As was stated at the last meeting I did receive a note from the Assistant City Manager, which included a series of grant proposals. We did pick out one that we will be asking him to look into, that being a fishing pier for Riverside Park.

A recommendation from the membership to move forward on an awareness heightening campaign for city runoff was endorsed at the November meeting. As a part of that action we will be taking on a spring project called Community Clean Up for water quality. We will be doing this with the help of the 3M RRAT's and I will be scheduling meetings for after the first of the year to get it rolling with them. The idea is to create a video that could be used in public access programming and in other venues was also endorsed at the last meeting. I have had contact with KARE 11 and Joe Howeritz who is the production manager for "Minnesota Bound". He has agreed to put together a professional video with our direction for about \$3,000 to \$4,000 dollars. It was brought up at the last meeting that we should seek partnership to do this with 3 or 4 other groups. That is being done now. If you have any contact with another organization that may want to contribute to this, please contact me and we can get the ball rolling and be ready come spring when we take to the streets of New Ulm.

There is so much that goes on at a meeting that is important, that we simply can't get into this newsletter; that it behooves you to come and see what all the hubbub is about.

Did you know we have a website up and running? Did you know we have a new fish house to go with the other 4 we have? For all the details and more, come on out.

I'll close with a Christmas wish. May we all do the best we can with what we have and never lose sight of what can be. See ya' at the next meeting.

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Fish Houses

As soon as we get some decent ice we will start moving houses out. This year we will have another fish house added to our fleet. At our last meeting it was decided that since we had no offers on the trailer we could no longer use for a food stand, we would convert it to a fish house. This has been done. It has a propane furnace and one propane light. It also has AC and DC lighting. As this one has propane tanks mounted on it we ask that if you use it to put a little something in the cabinet to cover the cost of the fuel. We plan to have houses on all three of our area lakes. Which one goes where has not been decided as of yet. When you do use one of the houses, please keep it clean and take any garbage home with you. If you need a key for the houses, contact Mike Deinken.

The Stoney Award

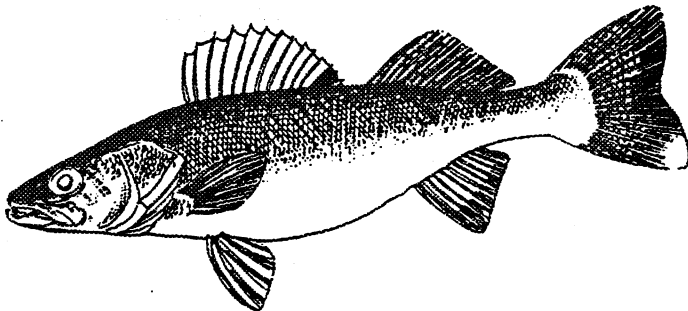
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