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Fishing contest huge success

Our 16th Annual Ice Fishing Contest has turned out to be one of our best. We had approximately 300 people on the ice that Sunday. The weather cooperated and so did the fish. There were over 30 fish registered, and many more that were not. The winners were Steve Volz with a 1 lb. 11 oz. large mouth bass and Allan Forster with a 10 oz. crappie. The Canadian Fishing Trip was won by Jim Beranek and the Fish House goes to John Erickson. We also held the drawing to give away the new boat. And the winner is, John Polzin from Gaylord.

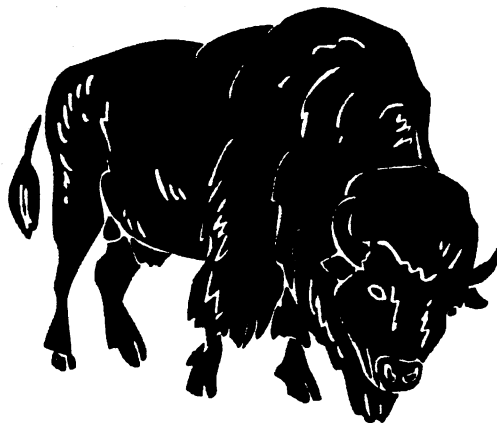
The day was also a financial success for us. We sold almost 700 tickets for the Contest and Big Raffle. There were almost 300 more tickets sold for the boat raffle. Sales for the Dollar raffle

and at our Food Stand were also brisk. The success we had would not have been possible without the hard work of our members. Dave Mecklenburg and Charlie Zangl did an excellent job with the prize committee. Jerry and Jay Carlson along with Randy

Griebel kept the food flowing flawlessly. Thanks also to Ron Ludewig, Gary Sprenger and Mike Hasser who spent the day hauling people and equipment back and forth all day. Also thanks to all the members who helped with everything.

Buffalo Feed March 8th

We have again been given the privilege of selling tickets for the Legion Baseball Boosters Buffalo Feed. it will be held on March 8th at the American Legion Club Rooms. Our club is one of the chosen few in New



Ulm who has this opportunity. We have 100 tickets to sell. For every ticket we sell the club will make \$20.00. It is in our best interest to sell as many of these tickets as possible.

Tickets are available from Mike Deinken or at the next meeting.

Club Calendar

February 27th.....Meeting 7:30 p.m at the Club House
March 15th.....Club Fishing Contest at Studtmann's Pond
12 Noon to 4:30 p.m.

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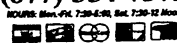
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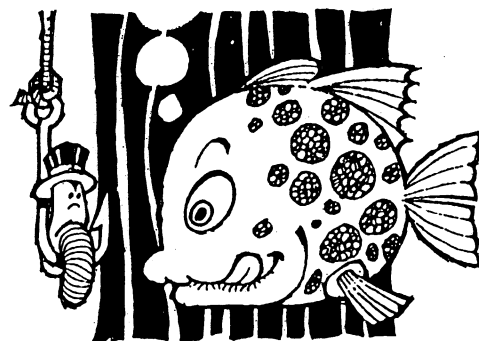
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From the President . . .

This month's meeting is one that many look forward to all year. It's jam packed with items and we need your presence. We will decide on the Stoney award recipient, get results from the ice fishing contest, discuss the Buffalo Feed, get a presentation from DNR Fisheries' Hugh Vallient, and have our annual fish dish night. Plus there are many other items on the agenda that need to be discussed, so make your plans accordingly.

We are all aware of the lack of money and it is not just about Government service agencies. The media tends to obsess on fatalistic forecasts of doom and gloom to sell their stuff and fuel the fires of further strife. The negativism gets old, but it does drive home the fact that we need to expect less when it comes to those services which includes natural resource management policy. When it comes to fishing interests and water resources, we will need to do a better job of monitoring our own activities and be more willing to pick up the slack. We will need to strengthen our networks and become more cooperative for the good of the resource. Things we took for granted will not be there, and in some people's view had no business being there in the first place. That of course is a matter of political philosophy that we won't get into (but I can't wait for the whining to start). It will be interesting to see how things play out in the world of natural resource management. People have come to expect a level of services and they are not going to get that level anymore. All this comes at a time when the call for deregulation of just about everything that has to do with making a buck is on the tips of the tongues of the powers that be in the name of saving our economy. History tells us that when we compromise our natural resources, bringing them back is ten times as difficult and that they rarely get back to a level they were at prior to those non-sustainable decisions. It's always something ain't it, I think I need to go fishing. I'll see you at the next meeting.



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Fish Dish Night

It is tradition. The February meeting is Fish Dish Night. Anyone who wants can bring their favorite fish dish for lunch after the meeting. You won't want to miss this. There is gumbo and chowder, smoked and sulz, pickled and deep fried. It will be a fish feast! Any member can bring something; if you don't have a favorite dish, you may bring filets as we will have the deep fryer going. Don't forget February 27th, you're going to want to be there.

Stoney Award

February is also Stoney night. At the meeting we will vote for and award this year's Stoney Award. The Stoney goes each year to the member who, in the past year, has given the most to preserve and support Sportfishing in the New Ulm area. We have several nominations already. If you wish to nominate someone, you may still so do at the meeting. All members are eligible and may receive the award more than once.

Club Ice Fishing Contest

On March 15th, Jeff Studtmann will again be hosting our club ice fishing contest on his pond just outside of Courtland. The contest will run from about noon until approximately 4:30 p.m. There will be an entry fee with the proceeds going to the E.E. Mecklenburg / NUASF Memorial Scholarship. Any member who attends this contest usually has a pretty good time.

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