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Ice fishing trip---filling fast

Before our last meeting there were only two people signed up for our next trip to Dixon Lake. After the meeting there were 23. We still have room for a few more. This is a trip you will not want to miss. Just ask anyone who has gone. You can get more information or sign up at our next meeting, or you can call Mike Deinken. The dates again are January 15th through the 18th.

Ice fishing contest Feb. 8th

On February 8th, 2004, the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen will host the 17th Annual Ice Fishing Contest on Clear Lake. Can you imagine that? 17 years already. We keep getting a little better and bigger every year. Most of the big prizes are already set and we should have tickets by our next meeting. Last year 's prize chairmen have stepped forward and agreed to do it again. Dave Mecklenburg and Chuck

Zangl will be looking for some help collecting door prizes in the near future. We will have a good food stand set up that day, though we won't be able to use our trailer. There will also be live radio broadcasts that day so we will probably hear some singing coming from Lloyd's fish house. Hopefully there is good ice this coming winter so we can have our best contest ever.



MEETING CHANGE

This month's meeting has been moved up a week because of Thanksgiving. It will be November 20th - 7:30 at the Club House.

Club Calendar

November 20th.....	Meeting at the Club House - 7:30 p.m.
December ????	Meeting at the Club House - 7:30 p.m.
January 15-18.....	Dixon Lake Fishing Trip
February 8th, 2004.....	17th Annual Ice Fishing Contest

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From the President . . .

What a great turnout at our last meeting. It sure makes the case for expansion of our club house. We will need to begin discussions on this at our next meeting. It has been muttered by many of us and now we need to get the formal talks on it going. We do have a building fund that we will need to access partial resources from to accomplish any expansion that we may decide on.

Many great ideas came out of the last meeting about several different topics. At the risk of repeating them to those that attended, I will do so for the rest of the membership only because they are of interest to many.

In a discussion about the impact of urban storm water on our surface water, several ideas were shared on how we could begin a process of educating and motivating the general public on the role they can play in the improvement of impervious surface run-off. I shared with the group that I have been in meetings with, the 3M River Restoration Action Team, on this subject. I conveyed to them that there was a Minnesota River basin-wide initiative that I was intimately involved in implementing with several partners including the 37 County Minnesota River Board, the Minnesota River Basin Data Center, Friends of the Minnesota Valley, and CCMR. The name of the program is Community Clean Ups for water quality. There have been 3 pilot projects completed in Minnesota basin communities. Much was learned from these and the program is now ready to be rolled out in all of our watershed communities in a coordinated effort. Much of this is in the beginning phases right now. A strategy for doing the projects is to have one or more local adopter's (much like the Adopt-A-River program) to spearhead and coordinate a day of community clean up. The program involves distributing door hangers prior to a collection day, which informs the general public on what it is they can do year round to help reduce phosphorus and other pollutants in our surface water and what they need to do before a day of collection. Other program enhancement ideas were brought up at our last meeting. A suggestion that a 15 minute video could be developed for public access TV that explained about impervious urban run-off and the Community Clean-Up program was brought up. Also it was suggested that local radio access could be used to inform the public during the most sensitive of times for run-off pollution (early Spring, late Fall). A strengthening and clarification of ordinances affecting the surface water run-off was discussed as an option for consideration. Also mentioned was that public utility bills would be another way to inform the public and solicit participation in the Community Clean Up program. It was noted that further discussions with the 3M team would follow and that NUASF would help coordinate and carry out a project in New Ulm next year.

Our meeting included a planning session (brainstorming) for Riverside Park in New Ulm. We received a plethora of outstanding ideas for enhancement

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improvements and visions for the park. Many visions centered around increased and improved access to the river for the enjoyment of the greater public. Visual and physical linkage to greater New Ulm was also brought up as a needed improvement at and near the park. These will be condensed and presented to the Park Board for review and to various diverse entities for potential action and possible future sponsorship.

My personal thanks to all who attended our last meeting and a big WELCOME to all of the new members. This organization never ceases to amaze me. See ya' at the next meeting, remember it's a week early on the 20th of November at 7:30 sharp, or when we get everyone in from the fire ring.

Odds and Ends

If you haven't been to a meeting lately, you need to come. Attendance has been excellent. In fact at last month's meeting we had 52 guys.

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In October we did manage to sneak up and get some of our painting done at the Club House.

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With winter coming upon us, thoughts turn to ice fishing. We will need to make a decision on where to put some of our houses. With three area lakes producing some pretty good fishing, it won't be an easy one. While we are talking about ice fishing, be careful when it comes to early ice.

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Does anyone have a story they would like to share? Have you read an article you think would be of interest to our members? We are always looking for help with articles to put in our newsletter. If you have something you think we could use, get it to Mike Deinken. It does not even have to be typed, it can be hand written.

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Don't forget Socia Night. It is a great way to meet and get to know other members. That's the second Thursday of the month.

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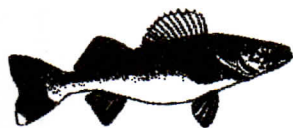
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