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Kids had great time at fishing contest

Was it hot? Yes. It was 94 degrees that afternoon and it showed in the attendance for the contest. We went from 178 kids in 2003, to 118 this year. The kids that were there had a great time though. There weren't quite as many fish caught as last year, but there were some nice ones. A 9 lb. 2 oz. carp was the winning fish for the day. All of the kids did receive some type of prize as we were expecting quite a few more contestants. We would like to thank all of the local businesses that saw fit to donate something to make that possible. We also need to thank Northland Tackle and a host of members who donated cash or prizes. This contest probably never would have gotten started if



not for the efforts of Ken Sutherland. If not for his efforts in the first couple of years when there was poor attendance, we wouldn't be where we are today.

Also, thanks to all the members who helped, there are too many to name everyone here, and thanks to Jerry Carlson for the great job he did with the food that afternoon.

2004 'RIVERBLAST' SEPTEMBER 3RD AND 4TH

It is coming sooner than you think. Less than one month from now. We will again be handling the food concession. This will be our main responsibility

as we are not hosting a fishing contest this year. It will take quite a few people to handle this project. This could be our biggest fund raiser of the

summer. We need to have the food stand fully manned at all times. There will be a sign-up sheet at our next meeting, along with more information.

Club Calendar

August 26th.....	Meeting at the Club House - 7:30 p.m.
September 3rd & 4th.....	Riverblast at Riverside Park
September 18th.....	Club Fishing Contest at Dick Petermann's on the MN River
September 30th.....	Meeting at the Club House - 7:30 p.m.

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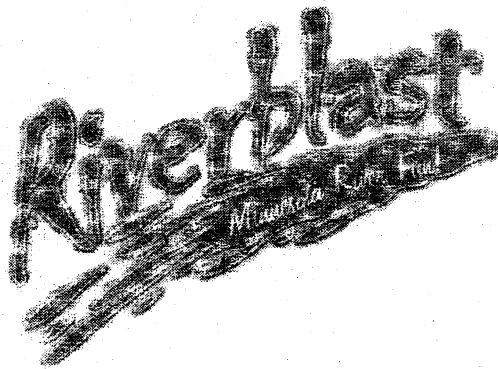
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From the President. . .

Boy is the club office expansion beginning to take shape. Gary Springer and Mike Hasse are to be commended for their fine professional efforts. We are gaining about a half of the existing space, a much needed area which was obviously evident at our last meeting. The place is in an uproar right now, with stuff everywhere, but with some luck we will have our next meeting on the 26th with our new space ready to be utilized.

Things are in place for Riverblast and with some luck with the weather, it looks to be a great time as usual. If you can volunteer we will need to know times that you are available to do so. Sign up sheets will be available or you can call me at 507 359 2346 to help with set up on Thursday night, Friday (during the day) and during the Blast. We need food workers and bartenders. 4 hr. shifts are appreciated but if you can only work a couple hours that's fine too. We just need to coordinate so we are not stumbling over each other or don't have enough people to cover the needed work. If you wish you can also email me at, yasure@lycos.com. I am in constant contact and it is a great way to communicate with me in a timely manner. It also gives me confirmation in writing.

After many consultations with our park director and with Ken Sutherland we have secured (at our request) ample electricity at the Riverblast site. It set the city back \$2,500 but it was seen as a wise and prudent investment for the future needs at the park for all residents of New Ulm. Our thanks go out to both Brian Gramentz and Dave Bechtold for sharing the vision of the park and recognizing the untapped resource that both it and the river are.



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Club House News

Our club house expansion project is underway. We have had a couple of our members take this project by the horns and get it moving. Mike Hasse, our concrete expert, got the footings for the addition set up and poured. While we were at it we also poured a nice slab outside our front door. Now our construction expert has taken over. Under Gary Sprenger's guidance, and with help of our members, we should see quite a bit of progress by the August meeting. We are also doing an upgrade on the electric service. Several members have already made donations of cash or materials. Anything is most welcome, if it helps keep our costs down. If you can help in any way it would be appreciate.

Club Fishing Contest

On September 18th, we will host our (?) annual Club Fishing Contest. Does anyone remember how many this would be? I can't remember any more. Anyway, it will start about noon, and last until we are no longer able to fish. There will be facilities for grilling, so bring your steaks or brats. You may also camp overnight if you so desire. There is no cash prize for the winner as all of the entry fees will be going to the E.E. Mecklenburg / NUASF Scholarship Fund. So mark your calendar and be prepared to have a great time.

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