



# Hook, Line, and Sinker

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## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2004

### You could go home with a brand new fish house

This year's membership drive will come to an end at our December meeting. The year started out very slow and stayed that way until June. That is when things started heating up. We started getting three or four new members a month. The past two months we have gained twenty. This gives us a total of 37 new members this year and we have another meeting to go.

want to be at the next meeting cause someone is going to go home with a new fish house.

### Ice Fishing Contest February 13th

February 13, 2005. This is the date for our 18th Annual Ice Fishing Contest. The big prizes are all in place. The prize committee is set and starting to make the rounds. Tickets and posters will be available at the next meeting. It is our hope that every member would sell at least one book of tickets. That is



You are going to

### December Meeting Date Changed

*Because of some conflicts with the Christmas Holiday, we will be moving our meeting ahead one week. The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 23rd. Don't forget to mark your calendar.*

only ten tickets. If we can do this, we would have our most successful contest ever. There will be more information and further updates at the meeting.

### Stoney Award coming up in February

Coming up in February we will be awarding the Stoney to one of our most active members. This award is given every year to the

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NUSAF Web site: [newulmsportfish.org](http://newulmsportfish.org) --- check it out!

## Club Calendar

- December 23rd.....Meeting at the Club House - 7:30 p.m.
- January 6th.....Social night at the Club House after 6:00 p.m.
- January 13th-16th.....Ice Fishing Trip
- January 27th.....Meeting at the Club House - 7:30 p.m.
- February 13th.....Ice Fishing Contest

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## From the President. . .

Well another Holiday season is on us and we're wondering where the time went. Did I go fishing enough this year? How can I plan to do more fishing and spend less time thinking about going? What do I need that will enhance my fishing experience? I guess we all have important questions that need our attention by the end of the year. How about a New Year's resolution to match each day of stress with a day of fishing? I guess each of us knows deep down inside that the world will turn around just fine without us, so why not take advantage of it by going fishing? Or to plan several dates that won't be messed with no matter what. How about an outing with someone you haven't found the time to go with, that you used to go with all the time.

Don't miss this next meeting. We'll be having a few Christmas treats and we also have a lot to go over. The membership drive will be ended for another year, we will have an update on our fish houses, area lakes, club office, web site, fishing trip, fishing contest and a number of other things that need discussion and input.

I have had an opportunity to meet with some of our recently elected and re-elected government officials. Each of them has received the Minnesota River Drainage Policy Reform report. I have heard good input from those reviewing the report, which includes members of the Governor's Water Cabinet and MPCA. I have updated officials on the newly forming alliance in the Minnesota River Watershed and of the vision for what it will focus on and create. I think there is great optimism of what can be accomplished over the next few years in the basin if we can all get on the same page for some of the most critical issues. Not the least of which includes addressing long term stable funding for operational infrastructure and on-going projects, as well as a surplus of revenues to take advantage of federal funding that may or may not become available. I too remain optimistic at the prospect of continuing our important water quality work, which as you all know is the number one way we can assure a future for quality fish populations and the culture we all seek to perpetuate.

See you all at the next meeting!

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## Club house update

The addition to the club house is great. Our meetings are no longer crowded, even with forty-five members present. There are still a few things to be completed yet. The windows need to be trimmed on the inside, the floor needs needs to be put down, and the ceiling needs to be put up. Well, first it needs to be taken down. Sometime during the first week of January we need to un-install the ceiling we will be installing in the club house. Confused? So am I. It will all be explained at the next meeting.

## Club Jackets

At the last meeting there was some interest for getting another jacket order together. The list is up and we have several orders. If anyone is interested you can give me a call at 359-9650 or come to the next meeting. We would like to get this order in as soon as possible so we need to know by the next meeting.

## Stoney Award

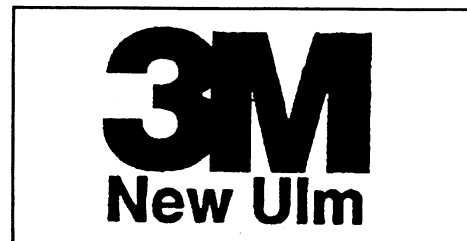
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member who has given the most to improve the quality and the opportunity for sport fishing in the New Ulm area. There have been many deserving recipients in the past, and I am sure we will have another this February. We will start taking nominations at the December meeting.

## That's some fish!

One weekend towards the end of November, member Al Zwach decided to make one last trip to the Minnesota River in search of the elusive walleye. He got more than he was expecting. While fishing on the river, within the city limits of New Ulm, he caught, measured and released what was later calculated to be a 16 pound 1 ounce walleye. Way to go Al.

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