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CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

Lake needs thicker ice

It looks like we are going to have another one of those winters. Here it is January already and we don't have enough ice to put the houses on the lakes. We have heard some reports of people driving on Lake Hanska. How can some people be so lucky? If I tried driving on 5 to 7 inches of ice my vehicle would be on the bottom. Maybe in the next couple of weeks it will get a little colder so we can get some houses out for the contest.

We had to start the aeration system on December 26th. The oxy-

gen had been in pretty steady decline for several weeks. There was a good turn out of members to get the signs put up. Thanks to everyone who helped. One week after starting the system, the oxygen was already starting to climb. How has the fishing been? If you went whenever I did, it was pretty poor. Most reports I have heard from area lakes has been pretty good. Lake Hanska though, has probably been the hottest. If you have been fishing somewhere, please give us a report, either at the next meeting or give me a call.

Look for NUASF on the Web

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Now you can visit us on the web. Log on and check us out. See the great job Mike Studtmann and Ken Klingler have done.

STONEY AWARD

At our last meeting we started taking nominations for this past year's Stoney recipient.

This award is given annually to the member who, in the past year, has given the most to promote and improve sport fishing in our area. It is kind of the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen's MVP Award.

Any member is eligible to receive the Stoney, and there are many who deserve it. We will be be taking nominations through the February meeting, at which time we will vote and award the Stoney to one of our members. If you can't make it to one of the next meetings, you can send your nomination to us or give me a call at 359-9650.

Club Calendar

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## From the President . . .

Well, winter finally got here. As I write this we are at midday and it;s still not above zero. Just the way I like it, makin' ice. We have moved this month's meeting up to oaccommodate our Montoan chapter of the New Ulm Area SPort Fishermen. They will be in attendance at our next meeting and we look forward to a great turnout. We have several things on the docket to hash through. Stoney nominations will be acce[ted and our poteontial "Community Clean Up" day will be on the agenda. Fishing contest final planning, scholarship updates, membership, club office improvements and a potential New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen "lure" should peak everyone's interest as well.

If you have not had a chance to ponder fishing regulations and management strategies and their impact on angling, do so and bring it to to he next meeting. Mike will have the latest in that area from the fishing round table and we need your input.

We will be having officer and board elections this fall in October. Put it on your calendar and consider running if iyou so desire. We will devote time to it in our oupcoming imeetings as well to remind members as things draw near to our election.

I would like to call member attenton to two meetings of interest to all of us. Each of them is open to the public. The first is the meeting of "Friends of High Island". The meeting will be in New Auburn on Tuesday, January 27th at 7 p.m. in City Hall located in downtown New Auburn. New Auburn is 7 miles north of Gaylord. Improvement to High Island Lake will be the focus of the meeting and it certainly is of interest to us being only a half hour from us. An exploration of options for lake improvement will take place and should begin a process that will ultiimately bring fishingand swimming to the forefront ofactivities that can be enoyed there. The second is "The Anglers Summit" which is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17th in New Ulm. The location is yet to be determined and you will be notified of the location. We will be hosting the meeting with the Midwest Office of the Izaak Walton League. The main topic of discussion will be mercury in fish and our environment. Mark your calendars and stay tuned.

I hope I have peaked your interest. See you at our next meeting.

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## January meeting moved up one week

We are again moving our meeting night up one week. This time it is not for a holiday. One of our most prestigious members from out of state will be in town January 22nd. As we have done for the past several years, we have moved our meeting so he will be able to attend. We all look forward to seeing you again on the 22nd Eric Olson.

## Ice Fishing Contest fast approaching

This year's contest is fast approaching. Everything is falling into place nicely though. Most of the big prizes are already in place. The prize committee is hard at work collecting prizes from local

businesses. The January meeting will be our last chance to get all of the details in order. We will need your help to make this year's event the success we are hoping for.

### **Short Stuff**

We have a winner. Orin Schultz has won this year's membership drive by signing eight new members this past year. Normally the winner gets a new jacket. This year we are on a pretty tight budget so he is going to get one of my old jackets.

Congratulations, Orin!

## Fish Dish Night

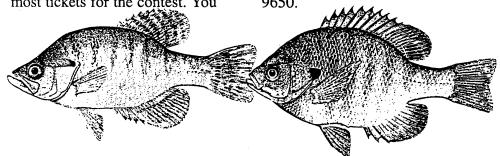
Don't forget Fish Dish Night at our February meeting. Bring your favorite fish dish or some fillets

to drop in the deep fryer for lunch after the meeting.

## Ice Fishing Contest tickets

Every year we give a club jacket to the person who sells the most tickets for the contest. You

can get tickets at the next meeting or give Mike D. a call at 359-9650.



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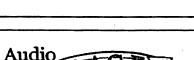
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