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Camp Courage kids fishing

We pulled it off again. The rain stayed away and we had a pretty nice afternoon at Studtmann's Pond. The kids had just the greatest time and were catching fish left and right. There were only ten kids,

but we went through four dozen night-crawlers in a little less than two hours. A couple of the bass that were caught topped three pounds. If you think that caused some excitement, you're right. After some frantic fishing by



NUASF members, Erv Fischer and Lloyd Havemeier with Camp Courage camper and 3-lb. Bass.

the kids, they were treated to a picnic lunch. If you think the kids had a good time, you should have seen the club members who helped that afternoon. There

weren't just a couple of them either. I counted seventeen members, that meant almost two members for every fishing kid. I don't have enough room to thank everyone of you by name. Thank you

all I will though, because most of these kids look forward to this day all year. Thanks guys!

Lake Diefenbaker Revisited

I again had the opportunity to make the trip, along with member Steve Holm, to Lake Diefenbaker in western Saskatchewan. And again I was denied the opportunity of catching a trophy walleye.

But it seems I was about the only one. Steve had the opportunity to land a 29 inch, 9 1/2 lb. fish. There was also a 27, a 28 and four 30 inch fish

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Food Stand, where has it been?

Where has it been? Have you missed it? Well, the Food Stand is gone. It got shut down last year. But we still have the opportunity to do several events every year. We did one at our Ice Fishing Contest. There are two more scheduled in August. One is National Night Out at German Park. The other is Thunder in the Valley. Both of them are just one afternoon - evening affairs. This makes it much easier for us as we don't have to set up, tear down and set up again. We still need help though. It would be nice to have four to five guys at each event. There will be more information and sign-up sheets at the next meeting.

Riverblast 2004

Coming September 3 & 4 we will be doing it again at the MN River in New Ulm. Scott tells me he has some great entertainment lined up for the weekend. There will be some old favorites along with some new talent. We as a club will again take on a role in helping the CCMR make the very successful weekend for the MN River. We will have more information at upcoming meetings.

Club Fishing Contest

Just a reminder that our annual Club Fishing Contest will be held on September 18th at Dick Petermann's place on the MN River. Facilities for grilling and overnight camping are available. The contest starts about noon and goes until everyone gets tired of fishing. All proceeds from the contest go towards the E.E. Mecklenberg - NUASF Scholarship. More information will be available at upcoming meetings.

Club Calendar

July 29th.....	Meeting at Club House - 7:30 p.m.
August 2nd.....	National Night Out
August 15th.....	Thunder in the Valley
September 3rd & 4th.....	Riverblast at Riverside Park
September 18th.....	Club Fishing Contest

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From the President . . .

Our next meeting is an important one to attend. We have several activity plans to review and finalize. I'll also give an overview of what transpired in Washington D.C., the whole mercury in our fish thing and where things are at presently.

For you turkey lovers, the last time I was out to mow at the club grounds there were 8 turkeys (much larger than a morning dove) in the parking lot area. It was quite a sight.

If you have been out to the Minnesota River, the Cottonwood, Clear Lake, Sleepy Eye, or Lake Hanska, get to the next meeting and give us all a report. It's nice to know what the local action has been and if there are any fish left to go catch.

I got pictures and a nice thank you to the club from all the camp courage kids. I will bring that to this next meeting.

I know many of you are curious on how our expansion is moving forward. Come out to the next meeting and see for yourself. And by the way, bring a friend and receive a free beverage of your choice for you and your guest. See you at the next meeting.

Scott Sparlin testifies in Washington D.C. about mercury's adverse impact

Washington D.C. - At the invitation of U.S. Senator Mark Dayton, Scott Sparlin, a sport fisherman from New Ulm, Minnesota, and Director of the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen, testified Friday, July 8, 2004, before the Senate Democratic Policy Committee regarding the harmful effects of mercury on public health in the U.S.



Senator Mark Dayton

Specifically, Sparlin described how many of Minnesota's lakes and rivers are under fish advisories and outlined the resulting impact on the state's fishing industry and entire economy. He also discussed a letter recently signed by almost 500 national sportsman groups, including 45 in Minnesota, opposing the Administration's proposed

mercury rule.

The current proposal by the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate mercury emissions falls short of the requirements under the Clean Air Act. In their letter recently sent to EPA Administrator Michael O. Leavitt, 45 senators, including Dayton, criticized the rule, which would not adequately reduce power plant emissions or effectively address the scientific evidence identifying

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mercury as one of the most serious hazardous emissions.

At the hearing, Dayton Said, "The EPA no longer stands for the Environmental Protection Agency; it now means: Every Polluter's Ally! It is shameful that the Administration continues to ignore scientific fact, allowing mercury pollution to jeopardize our health and way of life in Minnesota. We need a nation reduction plan that will be comprehensive, sensible, and feasible in protecting our families by substantially reducing the air pollution between states."

Said Sparlin during his hearing testimony, "To continue allowing mercury to contaminate our water is an abandonment of government responsibility to all citizens. In Minnesota 1.6 million people go fishing every year, contributing about \$1.3 billion to Minnesota's economy. The health of our abundant recreation industry and all the business that depend on this industry are at risk when the state's lakes and streams are filled with fish that are contaminated with mercury."



Scott Sparlin testified before Senate Democratic Policy Committee

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caught while we were there. Along with these big fish, there was a whole mess of 16 to 22 inch fish caught. If any of you has ever dreamt about catching the big one for the wall, this is your chance. Eric does offer members a special rate. Steve and I wish to thank Eric for the wonderful experience he has shared



Eric Olson and Steve Holm with 29 inch, 9 1/2 lb. Walleye caught on Lake Diefenbaker in western Saskatchewan, Canada.

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