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Ken Sutherland Stoney Award Winner

At our last meeting we took final nominations for this past year's Stoney recipient. This year's voting was closer than it has ever been. Only three votes separated the top nominees. And this year's winner is – Ken Sutherland!

Ken was the inspiration and drive behind our Kids' Fishing Contest. He took it from a fledgling that drew about thirty kids to last year's contest which drew about two hundred kids.

Ken has done an unbelievable

job at turning this event into such a huge success and getting all those kids interested in fishing.

Be sure to attend the March meeting when we will award Ken with this year's Stoney Award.

Membership Drive 2004 Prize – Fish House

In years past the winner of the year's membership drive received a new jacket for his efforts. This year, thanks to the benevolence of NUASF member, Al Zwach, the winner will receive a new Frabil Fish House. All you have to do is sign up the most members this year. You may be thinking,, "O.K., I've missed out on the first three months of the year and someone else is going to have a huge head start on me". Wrong!

The leader so far has only signed two new members. There is also a bit of controversy surrounding the recruitment of the new members and the credit for signing them may have to be split among two current members. This would put the leader at only one new member, leaving the race wide open. All you need to do is get the name, address and \$20.00 dues, and bring it to a meeting. Or you can invite any potential member to

attend one of our meetings so he can see for himself what we are all about. Someone has to win the fish house, it might as well as be you.

Remember to check us out on the web:
newulmsportfish.org

Club Calendar

- March 25th.....Meeting at the Club House - 7:30 p.m.
- March 27th.....Minnesota River Banquet - Turner Halle - 4:30 p.m.
- April 17th.....Community Clean Up Day
- April 29th.....Meeting at the Club house - 7:30 p.m.

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From the President. . .

I don't know about you but I am getting' the fever already. I had my Summer tackle box out and it's a mess from last Fall. I was thinking that I might need a few things, but if I get started where do I stop. Anyway this really is a good time of year to get rigged because when you're busy fishin' you can't be wasting time tying stuff up or making something work for tackle you don't have along in the boat. I guess the biggest thing is changing line. I couldn't believe how easy I could break the line on last year's line. And the one thing that always is an issue is bearings on the boat trailer. Every year I see several boats on the highway, jacked up or leaning and no vehicle anywhere. Are we havin' fun yet? A spare for the trailer can come in real handy too.

Hopefully at our next meeting it won't be so soft that we put ruts all over the club grounds. Please be aware of that it might be and avoid the soft areas if at all possible.

At the last social night Ole Olson taught us a new dice game called 6 dice Farkel. It was a lot of fun. Things got a little heated and we ended up breaking the dice box (empty yogurt container) but Dave Wenk saved the day when he spotted the duct tape and fixed the dice box. The only thing was the dice sure seemed to roll his way after that. We also watched video that Dave and Ole took from their trip to Jellystone Park. We saw Bullwinkle moose and a spot where Teddy Roosevelt built a lookout tower to keep an eye on North Dakota. Mike wanted to know why he would do that and none of us knew. If anyone knows, they should tell us at the next meeting. Anyway a good time was had by all. Don't forget that social night is always on the second Thursday of the month. The grille is always fired up and so are the fishermen.

We have some important things to talk about at the next meeting and your input is always crucial and needed. We will be going over the Community Clean Up for water quality event and what that entails, as well as other potential club participation for 2004. Our extremely diversified membership is our most important asset so bring a friend to the next meeting.

Don't forget the Minnesota River Banquet on Saturday March 27th at Turner Halle. Reservations can be made by contacting me at 507 359 2346 or by email at yasure@lycos.com

See ya' at the next meeting.

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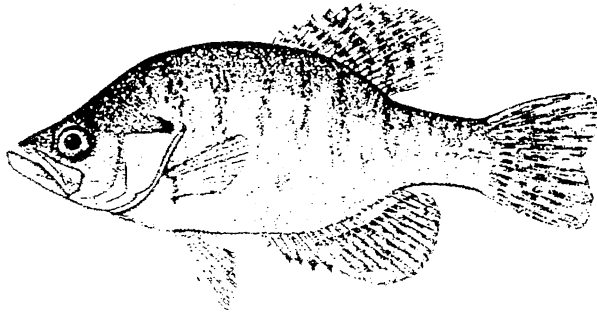
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Clear Lake Update



It looks like we have made it through another winter without a fishkill. The aeration system performed flawlessly and the oxygen level has stayed at acceptable levels. The system was shut down on February 28th because of the unseasonably warm weather we had. The fishing at times had been pretty good. I even took a couple

of meals of crappie home. Once the ice goes out we will have to get the boat out and pick up thin ice signs. The fish houses have all been put to bed for the summer. Although we will need to do some work on a couple of them this summer so they are ready for next winter.

Community Day Clean Up

Just a quick reminder that on April 17th we will be hosting the first Community Clean Up on the


streets of New Ulm. For more information, come to the next meeting.

DAV Clothes Drive

At the last meeting, one of our members who happens to be a disabled vet, mentioned that the DAV is having a clothes drive for homeless veterans. If you have any

good, clean clothes that you no longer wear, bring them to the meeting and we will make sure they get to the DAV.

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