



Hook, Line, and Sinker

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Club House expansion to begin this summer

We have received the word, and it is go ahead. Our club house expansion will proceed this summer.

We are kicking around some new ideas and trying to put some numbers together. Plans are also being made to upgrade our electric service at this time. What we have now is border line. We have had some materials donated already and I think there will be more as we move closer to the start of the construction.

Slipping over to a different pond; I would like to see more of our members get involved in the upkeep of the club house and grounds. We have several lawnmowers, a weed trimmer and most anything needed to keep the grounds looking good. It would be nice to have more than the same two guys doing all the work. The same goes for the club house. It has just been getting basic cleaning usually

just before a meeting. We need to start doing more. At the next meeting I have a few ideas I will toss around and see what we can come up with.

CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

Crappie fishermen catching walleyes

From some of the reports we have received, Clear Lake has come through the winter in excellent shape. People who have been able to get a boat onto the lake have been catching fish. Crappie fishermen have reported catching some pretty nice walleyes. These were not some little 12 inchers, they measured a solid 18 inches. They have also been catching some very nice crappies. The only bad part is, it is very difficult to get a boat in the lake. A lot of people have been clamoring to have the access dredged again. I don't think this will

Club Jackets
It has been awhile since we have offered club jackets to our members. Well, now is the time. I have some jackets to order right now. This is your chance to order one of our great looking jackets. You can take your pick of either a spring or winter version. Order at the next meeting or call Mike Deinken.

happen. The main problem with the lake is that it is about two feet below it's normal level . All we can do is hope for more rain. We would like to thank Randy Berg for allowing us to store our fish houses on his property all these years. It means a great deal to our club.

Web Site:
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Don't forget our website. Take a look and see what we are up to, what we have been up to and what is going on in the future.

Club Calendar

May 27th.....	Meeting at the Club house - 7:30 p.m.
June ?.....	Camp Courage Fishing
June 24th.....	Meeting at Club House - 7:30 p.m.
July 21st.....	Kids Fishing Contest at Riverside Park
September 18th.....	Club Fishing Contest

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From the President. . .

Make sure to attend the next meeting, we have several things to discuss and plan for. Our Camp Courage outing, Kids Fishing Contest, Building Expansion, Scholarship Awards Announcement, Area Fishing Action, Area Lake News, Riverblast Updates, Food Vending and more are on the agenda for discussion, review and action plans. So come on out, we'll be waitin' for 'ya.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the NUASF volunteers who made the "Community Clean Up for Water Quality" such a huge success. Many of you may have seen the Ron Schara "Minnesota Bound" program that focused on the Minnesota River. The clean up was in it and had a great message for all. Several NUASF members were caught on camera Tony Miller, Glenn Setterholm, Richard Peterman, Russ Radenbaugh and Mike Deinken were all caught on camera. One highlight caught on camera was a rather purposeful Ruth Mecklenburg on her way to action while expressing a look and statement that we're all sure her husband David is all too familiar with when it comes to various not so glamorous household tasks. Once again our organization leads the way to innovative and inspirational work that improves and protects our precious water resource. My hats are off to all of you and you have my most humble gratitude.

Presently the tape that will be developed for watershed distribution is in progress. I expect a finished product by June for viewing at the June meeting. I will also bring the "Minnesota Bound" program for all to view who didn't get to see it. It will air this winter several times on ESPN 2, on Ron Schara's "Backroads" program.

As summer fishing season gets into full swing, I would like to offer to all of you what I have been told by hundreds of anglers. The common line is, "I don't get out near as much as I would like to". But this is what they say solves that. Designate a day of the week and stand firm with it or mark various days on your calendar and just simply don't touch them. Plan your fishing first and fit everything else around that. I know that might not always make you the most popular person in the world, but it gives you way more options in the long run. If you pick enough days you will have bargaining power to rearrange your schedule to fit whatever activity anyone else thinks is more important than you enjoying your sport. Take the time we certainly know life is short. As an old fisherman once said when asked on a Sunday morning why it was he wasn't in church. He simply replied "better to be fishing thinking about God, than to be in church thinking about fishing".

See ya' at the next meeting.

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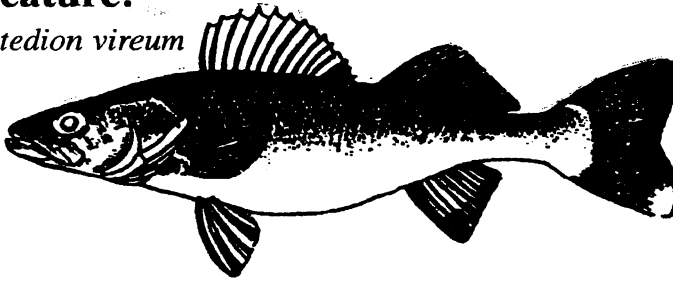
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Creature Feature:

Walleye: *Stizostedion vireum*



Minnesotans annually harvest 3.5 million walleye weighing a total of 4 millions pounds from about 17,000 lakes and 3,000 miles of rivers. This means the official state fish of Minnesota is also its most popular.

The walleye, also known as pickerel, walleyed pike, pike perch, and yellow pike, has long fascinated anglers. This is illustrated by all the names used to describe it. Although the names suggest differently, walleye are not part of the pike family, which includes northern and muskie. Actually they are members of the perch family, along with their favorite food, yellow perch. The name "walleye" comes from the pearlish appearance of their eyes, caused by a special reflective pigment in them called tapetum lucidum. Tapetum lucidum is both an advantage and a disadvantage for the walleye. It does allow them to see better in dark or dirty water but it also creates an increased sensitivity to light. This is one reason why walleye typically stay in the deepest part of the lake during summer and usually come near the surface to hunt only at dusk, dawn or on cloudy days.

Walleye can be identified a few different ways. The first way is by their torpedo-shaped body and 2 dorsal fins that are unspotted except for a dark blotch at the base. Also, walleye have a small whitish tip on the bottom of their tail.

During spawning in early spring, walleye usually find shallow, rocky areas. These locations provide the eggs both protection and aeration. The number of eggs laid and their development into walleye fry depends greatly on water temperature. Walleye need temperatures between 42-50° F for the eggs to mature properly. Under the right conditions, a 5-pound female walleye may lay as many as 100,000 eggs during the spring spawn.

Walleye are more tolerant of environmental changes than most fish species, but biologists still have a few concerns about them. One of these concerns is the mercury level in the water. The higher the fish is on the food chain, the higher the concentration of toxins, such as mercury. Because walleye are predator fish, the Minnesota Department of Health recommends the average person should eat only one meal of walleye per week. Another environmental concern for walleye comes from chemicals found in household cleaners and pesticides. When these chemicals get mixed in the water, they form what is "endocrine disruptors." A common side effect of endocrine disruptors in walleye and other fish is a tendency for males to produce female hormones, thus disrupting reproduction.

Help keep the walleye flourishing in Minnesota by keeping its home clean and by reducing the amount of chemicals dumped down the drain. You never know, you might be the one to break the state record of 17 pounds, 8 ounces for the largest walleye caught in Minnesota.

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