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January meeting very important

This month's meeting will be a very important one. It will be our last chance to nail down all the little details for our ice fishing contest. We are going to need everyone's help to make this our best contest yet. This is our main fundraiser for the year and we need you to step forward. The prize committee is all set and in the process of making their collections. Tickets and posters are available. At the last meeting quite a few of you did take quite a few books. We would like to see every member take one book and sell it. You can get them at the next meeting or call me at 359-9650. Eric Olson will also be at the meeting to share his fishing experiences from this past year. Remember, we need your help- for this contest. See you at the next meeting.



Scott Sparlin membership drive winner

Congratulations to Scott Sparlin. He is the winner of this year's membership drive with 14 new members. I'm sure he has already been enjoying his new fish house. We had a great year bringing in new members with forty-one. The club is at an all-time high of 164 members. I would like to thank Scott and all the guys who did such a fantastic job this past year. Let's see if we can top it this year.

NUSAF Web site: newulmsportfish.org --- check it out!

Club Calendar

January 27th.....Meeting at the Club House - 7:30 p.m.
February 10th.....Social Night at the Club House. 6:30 p.m.
February 13.....Ice Fishing Contest at Clear Lake
February 24th.....Meeting at the Club House - 7:30 p.m.



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From the President. . .

Well another ice fishing trip has come and gone. It was a cold one to say the least, but the participants did their best to tough it out. Our thanks go out to Al Zwach for putting the trip together, he did a great job. Some nice perch, walleye and at least one ten pound northern were caught. Del Lambrecht caught the northern and most every other line in the fish house in the process. He also gets thumbs up for the beer sausage and keeping Mr. Springer in line (a pretty tough job).

It's time to gear up for the annual ice fishing contest on Clear Lake. We need all hands on deck and you should try to make the next meeting to find out what you can do to help. This of course is our largest fund raiser of the year and many of us know the routine, but keep in mind we have numerous new members and they will need our help and direction in being effective in our efforts. If you need tickets see Mike Deinken. We count on pre-sales to make our event a success, as you can not count on the weather. So sell, sell, sell. Prize coordinators Dave Mecklenburg and Charlie Zangl should be contacted with any prizes you may have collected on your own. Also the day of the CONTEST we need manpower so set the time aside if you're around and hey, it's a good time anyway.

Gets your thoughts on the Stoney Award together for this past year. We are taking nominations now and we will vote at the February (all fish/dish) night. We also have our new Area Fisheries Manager, Lee Sundmark, on hand to talk fishing in general and most specifically Clear Lake, Lake Hanska, and Sleepy Eye Lake. So it will be a power packed evening sure to tickle the most discriminating of taste buds.

See you at the meeting or on the lake.

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Stoney awarded in February

Don't forget that coming up in February we'll again be awarding the Stoney to one of our deserving members. The Stoney goes, each year, to the member who has given the most towards improving the quality of sport fishing in the New Ulm area. You will be choosing the recipient of this award at the February meeting. Nominations will be accepted until that night.

Fish houses are on the ice

All of the houses are on the ice. And have been for several weeks. There is one house on Sleepy Eye Lake and one on Lake Hanska. These houses have propane heaters and you will have to bring your own tank. There are two houses on Clear Lake. These houses both have wood heat. You will need to take your own wood when you use one of these houses. Just one thing to remember, please keep these houses clean and take your garbage home.

NUASF Newsletter

In an effort to cut the cost of producing and mailing our newsletter, we are planning to try something new. The plan is to get the current month's newsletter posted on our web site. In this method you could possibly get the newsletter one week or more ahead of the mailed version. To make this work, you will need to sign up at one of the next meetings if you are interested. We will also have more information at the January meeting.

Club House is looking pretty good

The club house is starting to look pretty good. Our new kitchen area is set up and almost complete. Thanks to Orv Rannow, who secured some great cabinets and counter from his church. We have all of the ceiling tile and most of the grid work needed to install a complete new ceiling. Once that is done, it's just the floor and a few odd pieces of trim left to put up. It has been a long process but the end is now in sight. We would like to thank all of the guys that helped during the various stages of construction. Especially Gary Sprenger and Mike Hasse who have been the driving force behind our addition. We also need to thank all the member who donated bits and pieces toward the project. It was your help that made this project possible. There has been some talk that this spring when everything is done, we should have an open house celebration. We will be discussing this more in the future.

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