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ICE FISHING TRIP Waubay 2006 set to go

Everything is set for another great ice fishing trip to Waubay. The dates are January 5th through the 8th, 2006. The cost has gone up just a little bit, but it is still very reasonable. Hotel arrangements have been made, but some of the new fish houses we will be using have bunks in them. Al has been scouting some hot new fish-

ing spots, so maybe you will want to bring a portable house along and do some jumping around.

You need to get signed up now as the departure date is fast approaching. Anyone interested in going or if you need more information, please give Al Zwach a call at 359-5120.

Club gets new address

With the upcoming change in officers, it was decided that the club needed a more convenient address for the officers to access. Effective immediately the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen are now at P.O. Box 294, New Ulm, MN 56073. Make sure any future correspondence you may have with the club goes to this address.

Twenty years already?

At the last couple of meetings we have had some discussion on what we are going to do to mark the first 20 years of our club. We have already booked the lower level of Turner Hall for Saturday, June 24th. It just has not been decided what we are going to do that day. We need your input. Do

you have any ideas? The club would like to hear them.

It has been decided that it is time to start putting the club history together before we start forgetting what happened when. Several members have volunteered to start this project and maybe we need to get a lot more members involved

with this. This is something we need to get done before 20-Year Celebration as we hope to use this as part of our program. We will be scheduling several get together nights to go over the club's history and put it in some kind of order. The club needs your help with this project; don't be afraid to speak up.

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

Club Calendar

December 29th.....Meeting at Club House - 7:30 p.m.
January 5th-8th.....Ice fishing at Waubay
January 12th.....Social Night at the Club House
January 26th.....Meeting at Club House - 7:30 p.m.
February 12th.....Ice Fishing Contest





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From the President. . .

Well we've had a pretty nice cold snap and it won't be long before we can start getting our houses out on the ice and we can drag those portables fishing. Always remember ice is never safe. We will be talking about our houses and plan for a put out date etc. at this meeting.

I was asked at the last meeting to include procedure and etiquette for using the houses. 1. If you do not have a key you can get one for one dollar by coming to a meeting or by contacting our new secretary Ross Nelson. 2. If you plan on using the big house on Clear Lake always take wood with you including kindling. Leave the wood pile well stocked with both wood and kindling when you depart. 3. Keep houses clean, orderly and always take out what you bring with you including garbage. 4. All houses have a hookup for propane except the big house and you will need a tank if you want any heat. 5. If you want to reserve a house for private usage you can do so by contacting Ross Nelson or Scott Sparlin. It will be on a first come first serve basis.

If you have not had a chance to sign up for the club's winter trip to Wabay you can do so at the next meeting and get all the details from trip coordinator Al Zwach.

Just a note on the February meeting which is our biggest of the year, we will be having Lee Sundmark, Area Fisheries Manager from Hutchinson give a presentation at our meeting to provide updates and fish management strategies for the future of Clear Lake, Lake Hanska and Sleepy Eye Lake.

Tickets are available for the fishing contest in February and the prize coordinators are poised and ready to assist anyone who can help collect prizes. Contact Dave Mecklenburg or Chuck Zangl and they will put you on to what needs to be done. You can get tickets at this next meeting for sale to the public and winners need not be present.

I have not heard anything in the area of proposed legislation with regards to fishing, but I will check with one of my contacts who monitors that and have an update at this next meeting.

Don't forget to notice the change to our mailing address which coincides with Ross Nelson and Tony Miller assuming their new roles on the Board of Directors as Secretary and Treasurer. The new address for NUASF is P.O. Box 294 New Ulm, MN 56073.

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Ice Fishing Contest

Everything is falling into place nicely for our 19th Annual Ice Fishing Contest. All of the major prizes are in place. Dave Mecklenburg and Chuck Zangl are getting the prize collection committee whipped into shape and ready to hit the pavement. If you can help with this, give one of the guys a call and let them know. Tickets and posters are available. It would be nice if every member tried to sell at least one book of tickets. Don't forget, the member that sells the most tickets gets a club jacket. To get tickets contact Mike Deinken or come to the next meeting.

Membership Drive coming to an end

This year's membership drive will come to an end at our December meeting. The winner of this year's drive will again be taking home a new Frabil Fish House donated by Al Zwach. It has been another good year where membership growth is concerned. We have been increasing our numbers by between 20 and 30 members the last four years. Let's have a big finish for this year's drive. Bring a friend or neighbor along to the meeting and let him see what we are all about.

Club Fish Houses

It won't be long now and the fish houses will be on the lakes. Any member can use any of the club fish houses. It does require you to spend one dollar to purchase a key. There will be two houses on Clear Lake and one each on Hanska and Sleepy Eye. The houses on Clear Lake have wood heat and the other two have propane. If you use the houses on Clear, please bring some wood with you. The other houses you will need to bring a 20 lb. tank or your own heater. As always, we ask you to keep the house clean. Take any trash back home with you. These houses are a reflection of our club; let's make it a good one.

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