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SEASONS GREETINGS

AL JUST CAN'T PUT THE BOAT AWAY

Post Thanksgiving Catches

By Scott Stuckey

Al did it again. He just can't put the boat away for the season. He hit the Minnesota again and came up with two days of awesome catches. While the rest of us were out pheasant hunting he boated three monster walleye. Along with the big-guns... Al boated Sauger, Saugeye, and a couple of other fish with three eyes. Just kidding about the three eyes. Al was very excited to hook a number of fish in various year classes. The health of the river is on an uptrend.

The photos are fish caught and released by Al Zwach, New Ulm, MN. He was fishing the Minnesota River. The larger walleye was caught on Saturday, November 25th, and measured 30", the Sunday lunger went 28". Al caught a 31", round bellied whopper on Saturday that did not get photographed.

All fish were caught on a Northland Fireball jig and minnow. Last year during the same time frame Al caught and released a 32" Minnesota River walleye that weighed just over 16 pounds.



Club Calendar

Dec. 14th.....	Social Night at the Clubhouse 6:30pm
Dec. 21st	Meeting at the Clubhouse 7:30pm
Jan. 11th	Social Night at the Club House 6:30pm
Jan 25th.....	Meeting at the Clubhouse 7:30pm
Feb. 8th	Social Night at the Clubhouse 6:30pm
Feb. 11th	Ice Fishing Contest at Clear Lake



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From the President. . .

By Scott Sparlin

Since this is the last time this year I have to touch base with all of you, I will take the opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May this upcoming year find you fishing a whole lot more and working a whole lot less. I mean that quite sincerely, we all get caught up in day to day stuff but dog gone it, schedule that time with some great friends or family and enjoy getting a line wet.

We have a new boat, well not new new. NUASF member Steve Holm (Schell's beer guy) has donated his 1984 16 ft. Sylvan boat to the club. It needs a few upgrades, but it doesn't leak, has a live well etc. and we have the option of either selling it outright, raffling it off, or my favorite, keep it and use it as another club boat. There is no motor or trailer so we will have to buy them but we could end up with a pretty nice rig for all of us to be able to use. It also in the end gives us one more plus in helping to sign up new members. We will discuss the options at this next meeting. Our thanks go out to Steve for his generosity and for thinking of us.

For those of you that will be around on Saturday January 13th I would like to call attention to the High Island Lake restoration fund raiser at the Gaylord American Legion in Gaylord. It starts with a social hour at 4:30 P.M. and a 2 meat buffet at 6 P.M. Following the meal there will be a short program and entertainment all evening by the Bock Fest Boys. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. There will also be a raffle with a ton of prizes and door prizes as well. The raffle features \$500 travel money to anywhere and 2 weekend stays at Jackpot Junction and Mystic Lake Casino along with an 870 Remington 12 gauge (engraved) shotgun several \$50 cash prizes and much more. Contact me at 507 359 2346 and leave message if you wish to purchase tickets. I also have raffle tickets which are \$5 ea. and will be selling them so look out for me.

Our biggest fund raiser of the year is coming up, our 20th Annual Ice Fishing Contest. This is extremely important to us so get those tickets and start selling. We had a great year last year and we should expect no less this year. How can we go wrong with pink tickets, the color alone will sell them and they are stylish as an accessory to any wardrobe after the event. Tickets will be available at the next meeting or by calling Ross Nelson.

We will be discussing many important things at this next meeting like our new boat, the club ice fishing trip, the ice fishing contest, our fish houses, Minecon park wetland and much more. We need your input and we value your opinion that is one of many things that makes this such a fine organization. Remember this is the last meeting for the membership drive and if you have those last minute members you have signed up you had better get them in now and bring them to the meeting. Remember as always you and your guest will receive a free beverage of your choice for doing so. See you at the next meeting.

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Meeting Date Changed

With the busy holiday season fast approaching we have decided to move this months meeting up one week to Dec. 21st. With our regularly scheduled meeting landing between Christmas and New Years many members may be traveling or spending time with family and may prevent you from attending. This will also give us a chance to have our own club Christmas party. Holiday knag, festive spirits, great food and you never know Santa could show up to hand out presents, but only to the good little club members.

Potluck

Do you have a favorite dish to pass? Our next meeting is going to be a potluck; this should go very well with our Christmas party. Bring something you think everyone will enjoy. Grandmas prize wining pickles or Aunt Lena's Lutefisk would go well. I think it should all get eaten. Maybe.

Ice Fishing Contest

Tickets got out a little late this year so please do your best to sell as many as you can in the next month and a half. We'll have the contest tickets available for you to pickup at December and January meetings. Contest prize coordinators Dave Mecklenburg and Chuck Zangl are working to gathering prizes along with volunteers Mike Hasse, Lloyd Havemeier, Dean Hosna, Jason Kuester, Dick Peterman, Scott Waldner and Bruce Wahlstrom. Big thank you to them all and if I miss anyone I apologize.

High Banks Resort has given our club a 4-day fishing trip for 4 that we can add to our big-ticket grand prize drawing. Make sure when your selling contest tickets you don't forget to mention this great addition to our list of prizes.

Meeting Notes

The DNR approved the purchase of the Cottonwood River land by Cty Rd 10. They also made a request for our club to pledge some funds for its purchase. They will be giving a presentation at one of our meetings early next year.

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