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FROM THE TREASURER

Update on the SmartTown Card

By Tony Miller

For those of you enrolled in the SmartTown card program, I checked the account for the club. As of February 7, 2006, we have two card holders enrolled with "0" dollars in cash contributions. That should increase the number of card holders.

While I was at the Chamber of Commerce office, I asked a few questions. Here's the information I've received.

- Each cardholder can possess multiple cards with different non-profit organizations.
- Each card can only designate one non-profit. The non-profit can be changed at the Chamber office, local business, or by the cardholder on-line.
- The SmartTown card can be used

as a gift card. Funds are applied to the card immediately.

- Donated funds to the card holder are applied to their account within forty-eight hours.
- Checks to the non-profit organization are distributed on the 15th of each month.

I will provide a report of

SmartTown funds at our monthly meetings. Please consider filling out an application and listing New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen as your "Chosen Cause". Then make sure you use the card at the participating businesses! It would be great to see the account begin to grow and maybe even become an important part of our funds! Please call me at home (507-354-2457) with any questions about this program.

It's time for the Stoney Award

It's that time of year again. Time to look back at the past year and make a decision. Who among our many members deserves the Stoney Award this year?

As most of you know, the Stoney is the only award we give out each year. It goes to the member who you believe has given the most to the sport of fishing.

Nominations are open to all members. We started taking nominations at the last meeting and will continue to do so until right before the vote at our February meeting. This award is like our MVP of the year award and it is on your shoulders to make the decision. You can turn in nominations at the next meeting or give it to one of the officers.

Club Calendar

February 23rd.....Meeting - Fish Dish Night at Club House-7:30 p.m.
March 9th.....Social Night at the Club House - 6:30 p.m.
March 30th.....Meeting at the Club House - 7:30 p.m.



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From the President. . .

We will be joined by DNR Fisheries Area Manager Lee Sundmark at this next meeting. He will be giving updates on fish management in Clear Lake, Lake Hanska and Sleepy Eye Lake as well. Your input will be needed especially in the future management plans for Clear Lake.

I hope to have an update on High Island Lake and the potential for designation allowing for draw downs to establish habitat and a walleye population. It has been a long and arduous task but I think we are ready to move forward. Keep in mind that High Island Lake is close to 1,800 acres in size and is only a half hour drive from New Ulm, just 8 miles north of Gaylord.

This next meeting we will also be voting on the Stoney award. For you newer members that don't know what that is, it recognizes the NUASF member that has given selflessly of their time and resources well above and beyond others. Each year we have difficulty choosing this person from our organization. There are so many members that step up that we could easily pick 10-15 people. Nominations will be accepted right up to the time of the voting. As with all NUASF member voting, you must be present during the vote in order to participate. Absentee voting is not permitted.

Make it a point to thank those merchants that have so generously contributed to our fishing contest. I might add that making your purchases locally when ever possible keeps the local economy healthy and keeps your friends in business and hanging around.

Don't forget that we have space on our web site for advertising. It is a great way to reach people and show your support for NUASF. Rates are extremely reasonable. Contact myself or Mike Studtman to make it happen.

Join river enthusiasts from all over the Minnesota River Watershed for the Annual Minnesota River Banquet coming next month. It will be on Saturday March 25th in New Ulm at Turner Halle. Doors open at 4 p.m., dinner at 6:15 p.m. and program at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. It will feature a ton of information about the river and its management done in a very entertaining and informative way. Food featured will be Sauerkraut, Brats, Landjaegers, German Potato Salad, Beans, and Rye Bread with a dessert served buffet style.

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Fish Dish Night

This one meeting you don't want to miss. After the February meeting, it is ***Fish Dish Night***. You are encouraged to bring your favorite fish dish or some filets for the deep fryer. There will be gumbo and chowder, fish sultz and maybe even some Sunfish pie. You may be surprised at the many different ways fish will be made. It will be a feast. Be sure to come hungry, we have never run out of food.

While I'm on the subject of food, I would like to take just a couple of lines to send out a thank you to one of our members. If you were at the last meeting you know who I'm talking about. A big thanks to Eric Olson for the venison steaks.

Membership Drive

With the start of a new year, we also have the start of a new Membership Drive. We are only a couple of months into this year's drive and we have had several new members. At the last meeting, Eric Olson offered a Montana Pheasant Hunt to the winner of this year's membership drive. There will be more details at the next meeting.



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