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NUASF FISHING CONTEST

"06 Contest A Success

By Ross Nelson

Our 2006 Fishing Contest was another great success! The cold weather gods came thru, just in time, to allow us on 12"-13" of ice.

Fishing was outstanding early and tailed off as the contest progressed, still over 150 fish were

registered.

Contest winners for the largest fish went to 1) Bob Haala-15oz Bass 2) James Kirtz- 14oz Bass 3) Jane Walsh-14oz Bass. Pan fish winners were 1) Jake Blake- 13oz Crappie 2) Rod Lambrecht- 8.5oz Sunfish 3) Ed Sehr- 7.5oz Sunfish. Our own club member, Al Zwach,

was the lucky recipient of the grand prize Canadian fishing trip, donated by Eric Olsen. Thanks again Eric!

Every year it takes help from many club members to make the contest the success it is. This year was no exception. Good job and thank you to all who helped.

Aeration and other stuff

By Mike Deinken

The aeration system has done an outstanding job this year. When the system was started the oxygen was about 8 and dropping. By mid January it had dropped to around 5.5, but stopped there. We did have a problem after several very windy days. The open water moved out of the signed area and really screwed up the landing at the public access. More *Thin Ice* signs were put out and the public access was closed by the County.

At this time the system was shut down to allow the trouble spots to re-freeze. The system was restarted right before our ice fishing contest. By the end of February the oxygen had rebounded to a little over 10, and we are sitting pretty. The system was again shut off in early March due to unseasonably warm weather. We seem to have made it through another winter without a winterkill.

I don't remember if we have done this yet, but just to make

sure, I'll do it again.

We need to thank Jason Kuester for the great job he has done this winter. Keeping the club grounds accessible to us by plowing the snow. He was also out before one meeting to sand as the driveway had turned to ice.

We will have quite a few maintenance projects coming up this year, but we will get into that at a later date.

Don't forget about this year's

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Club Calendar

March 25th.....CCMR River Banquet -4 p.m.- Turner Hall
March 30thMeeting at the Club House 7:30 p.m.
April 1stCommunity Clean Up Riverside Park 8:30 a.m.
April 13thSocial Night at the Club House 6:30 p.m.
April 27thMeeting at The Club House 7:30 p.m.
July 8th20 Year Celebration at Turner Hall

membership drive. The winner this year gets a pheasant hunting trip to Eric Olson's place in Montana.



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From the President. . .

Well Ice fishing is pretty much over and I'm sure looking forward to some open water fishing. This is a real good time to hone in your rod and reel skills by fishing on the Minnesota and Cottonwood rivers. There is abundant numbers of fish of every shape and size to be had. Just throw out a nightcrawler and you'll see. There should be a pretty good bite this spring on Clear Lake for sunnies. Just remember to throw a few of those big breeders back.

It was great to hear from Lee Sundmark DNR Fisheries at our last meeting about the upcoming stocking of fish in Clear Lake. It looks like we will be in pretty good shape down the road for the sport fish population there.

You're not going to want to miss this next meeting. We have several things of interest to talk about coming up. The Rally for Ducks Wetlands and Clean Water at the Capitol on Saturday April 22nd will be on the agenda. Sign up will be available and volunteers are needed to help out when you get there. Our Community Clean Up for Water Quality project will be discussed along with our river bank clean up which will be held the same day on April 1st no foolin'. We will also set up our annual club grounds clean up in April as well. Also to be discussed is the on-going land swap by the county and the DNR on the Cottonwood River towards Sleepy Eye. We will also be setting aside some time to pick up aeration signs at Clear Lake. There will be updates on the upcoming 20 year celebration in July and we will set the date for the Kids Fishing Contest at Riverside Park. These and many other items will be discussed and decided on so get to the meeting and give your input.

If you have a dish to share at the next meeting don't be bashful.

I'd like to see a good turnout for the Minnesota River Banquet at Turner Hall on Saturday March 25th at 4PM. It is open to the public and will all pertain to issues that affect fishing for sure. Cost is not a big deal at \$15 per person or \$25 a couple. The food will be a great New Ulm classic German Buffet with kraut, brats, German potato salad and more. A flyer is in this issue of the Hook Line and Sinker.

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Aeration and Stuff

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membership drive. The winner this year gets a pheasant hunting trip to Eric Olson's place in Montana. Also if you bring a prospective member to a meeting, you will both receive a Free Beverage.

We need to thank Jerry Carlson and all of the guys who helped in the kitchen on Fish Dish Night. It is not an easy job feeding this crew especially when we happen to set a record for the number of members to attend a meeting. Would you believe it? We had 64 members gorging themselves on fish that night. Great job guys!

Until next month, keep your lines wet and your bait fresh.

Three's a Charm

The Stoney Award is our club's most coveted award, given to the member who has given the most of themselves for the club and it's ideals. Nominations this year were Mike Deinken, Mike Hasse, "Rocky" Lane, Eric Olson, and Mike Studtmann. For an unprecedented third time the Stoney award went to Mike Deinken.

We all know the amount of time and energy Mike has given to the club over the years is unmatched. The award will be presented to Mike at this month's meeting. Please come and show Mike our appreciation.

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