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LAST CALL....

## Winter Fishing Trip Update



Here is an update on this year's winter ice fishing trip. Again, the dates are January 11th-14th and at

High Banks Resort on Lake Winnie. We were suppose to have our down payments in by September

30th but Orv spoke to the owners and was able to move the date back one month. So for those that didn't get in last month you still have some time, thou its short. Sixteen members have signed up so far and we have room for twenty-five. The price will go up a little to about \$150 a head. Call Orv Ran now at 276-2001 to make your reservations.

### Fall Fishing Contest at Dick Petermann's

Dick Peterman hosted another great contest this year by his granite outcrop on the Minnesota River. Next year maybe someone who knows how to fish the river should come because for the second year in a row Ken Sutherland won the tournament with an 8#-6oz channel

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### Club Calendar

- Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> .....Social Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 pm
- Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> .....River Clean Up-Riverside Park 8:30 am
- Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> .....Meeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 pm
- Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> .....Social Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 pm



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## From the President . . .

By Scott Sparlin

Make note of the activities scheduled for the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen this October and plan to participate in at least one of them if you are able. We have both a riverbank clean up in our designated stretch of the river next to Riverside and Minecon Parks as well as a club grounds clean up on the same day in the afternoon.

I as your president have begun a process to engage all pertinent parties in a planning session to move forward with the potential for a culvert or series of pipes that will connect the two sides of the Minecon Park wetlands. At our last meeting I was given the responsibility to begin looking into potential funding sources. That has begun and a meeting to discuss design and drainage concerns along with a review of the original drawings and calculations will be next.

I know it is uncommon for me to use this platform to expound on all that is political. However having said that, we as citizens of this worlds most powerful republic and members of this fine organization all have a privilege and responsibility to bone up on where our candidates stand on natural resource and in particular water quality issues and finish it off by going to the polls and casting a ballot. As far as I'm concerned if you don't vote then don't complain to me or anyone and there are a lot of loudmouths that practice that one. One should first and foremost find out where a prospective candidate **prioritizes** his or her issues. Keep in mind you can say you are for cleaner water, great fishing habitat, fantastic fishing opportunities, wetlands etc., but if a candidate ranks those concerns 10th behind the multitude of other so-called societal needs, then you need to know that so you can vote for the appropriate person who fits your line of thinking on issue priorities. Having a plan on how to get things done and not rob Peter to pay Paul in the process is always a good sign of a candidate who knows what the heck he/she is talking about. Those that have a plan will be happy to tell you about it.

Those wishing to attend the NUASF winter ice fishing outing should make it to this next meeting. Final details and an update as to where things are at will be discussed. In the mean time questions can be directed to trip coordinator Orv Rannow.

Numerous other items of importance will be on the agenda and we need your input. Don't forget to bring your true fish stories and fishing updates to share, inquiring minds want to know. So bring a fiend to this next meeting and introduce them to the organization. For your efforts as always you and your guest will receive a free beverage of your choice upon arrival. See you at the next meeting.

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## Fall fishing contest

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cat. We wouldn't want Ken to get a big head by getting a three peat. The weather held out all day, thunder and lightning was 360 degrees around us all evening but we never got wet. The best part of the entire event was that we were able to donate \$120.00 to the E.E. Mecklenburg Scholarship Fund, coming from the entry fees.

## River Clean Up

For the last 3-4 years we have been doing our community clean up in the spring by picking up the grass and leaves from the streets. It's a very worthwhile project, helping to keep the Minnesota River clean. But at our last meeting a suggestion was made that it would be a good idea to do some cleaning at the river itself, especially while the river is so low.

This had been our project for years prior to doing the street clean up. We have taken tons of garbage, tires, car batteries, barrels, you name out of the river. Some maintenance will go a long way in keeping the Minnesota health.

The date has been set for October 21st meet at Riverside Park at 8:30 am. After we're done we'll have some lunch at the clubhouse and do some fall clean up there as well.

## Riverblast #'s

Riverblast was a very fruitful event for our club, not to mention a lot of fun.

Jerry Carlson reported at our last meeting that we sold over 1000 hamburgers and 400 brats. Total sales were about \$2900 with expenses around \$1200; our total net profit was approximately \$1700.

A special thanks has to go out to Mike Hasse, Rocky & Allen Lane for going the distance, from start to finish, at the food booth.

## Meeting Notes

Membership numbers are at 156 as of Sept 28<sup>th</sup> with Joel Albrecht leading the membership drive with 5 new members. Remember Erik Olsen is giving away a fall pheasant-hunting trip to Montana to the winner.

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