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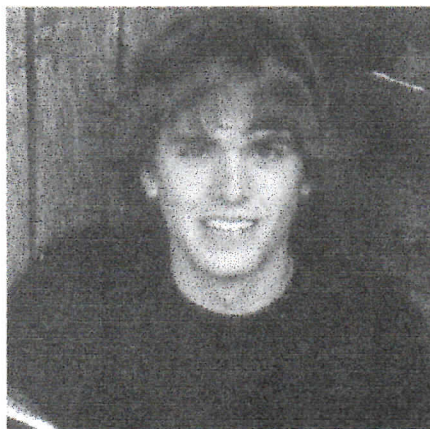
NUASF MECKLINBERG ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients for 2007

This year the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen (NUASF) EE. Mecklenburg Environmental Scholarship committee awarded two \$500 scholarships to students interested in a career in the environmental field.

As most members know, Earl Mecklenburg was the father of one of our longtime members, Dave Mecklenburg. Dave's family created a scholarship to honor Earl's memory, which the NUASF club co-sponsors. Every year the Mecklenburg family makes a sizable donation to the scholarship fund and our club has voted to match that donation. The fund also receives various donations throughout the year, as well as \$5 from generous club members when they renew their memberships. To date, \$6,250 has been awarded in scholarships to area students.

A \$500 scholarship was awarded to Russell Schlumpberger, the son of Robert and Irene, and a graduate of New Ulm Public High School. Russell was in STABLE, band, mock trial, track and field, National Honor Society, and golf. He did all that while working at Cash Wise Foods and maintaining an "A" average in school. Russell developed his love of outdoors as a



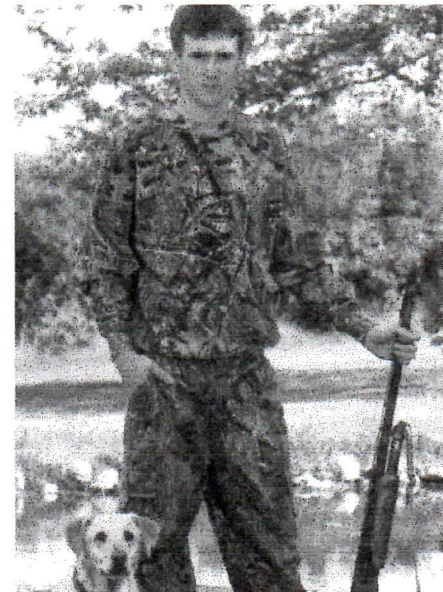
Russell Schlumpberger

result of growing up on his family farm. Through his years on the farm, he became fascinated with animals and, consequently, hopes to get a degree in zoology at North Dakota State University. He loves to fish and hates to see pollution in our rivers and lakes. At college, he would like to do research on how to better take care of animals and the environment.

The other \$500 recipient, Anthony Dick, also graduated from New Ulm Public High School. He is the son of Mark and Lori Dick of Lafayette. Anthony is interested in

pursuing a career in Wildlife and Fisheries at South Dakota State University. Known for his hard work, Anthony held three part time jobs while staying active in school sports and academics. He volunteered with local Red Cross blood drives, participated in football and baseball and was in FFA. He was also a member of the Boy Scouts and camped many times in Northern Minnesota. He likes to go hunting with his father, who taught him how to respect and love the wild. Anthony says that nature has given him so much fun and enjoyment through the years that he hopes someday to be able to return the favor.

We offer our sincere congratulations to these fine young people and offer best wishes for their future education and environmental pursuits.



Anthony Dick

Club Calendar

- August 14thKids Fishing Contest Riverside Park 4:00PM
- August 23rd.....Meeting at the Clubhouse 7:30PM
- August 30thSet up for Riverblast
- August 31st & September 1stRiverblast-Riverside Park
- September 13th.....Social Night at the Clubhouse 6:30PM
- September 27thMeeting at the Clubhouse 7:30PM



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From the President

Don't forget our meeting this month is a week earlier on August 23rd due to Riverblast. It will be extremely important as we will be going over all the preparations for the event. If you can help out by volunteering some of your time please contact me at yasure@lycos.com or call me at 507 276 2280. I have a schedule and time slots that are available for helping out. Most shifts are 4 hours long and you will have ample help and direction when you get there. We also need a lot of help getting set up and torn down on Thursday the 30th and Sunday the 2nd.

The river is down a little but boat travel and angling is going on as usual and there has been a lot of shore fishing this year. On any given night there are 5 to 10 cars at the parking lot of Minecon Park enjoying the nice weather and catching fish. They are often down there with lights on until the wee hours of the morning. I also see people every single day here from my view at the River History and Information Center who are fishing the sand bar in front of Riverside Park. They wade out in tennis shoes and shorts and fish with their bait buckets and nets tied to them, it's wild to watch and they have been doing well. I was talking with NUASF member Jeff Nielsen who had come into contact with a big crew of anglers from Mason City Iowa that had been fishing on the river for three days and staying in New Ulm. There were three big boats and 10 people who told him the fishing was phenomenal for them and that they would be back next year and also that they just loved the river in this area and New Ulm in general. That's great to hear and actually goes on a lot more than most people think.

We received a letter back from DNR Commissioner Mark Holsten. I briefly read parts of the response at the last meeting and needless to say I don't think it impressed anyone. When your own data is telling you that angling participation is dropping dramatically, something is definitely up. We will continue to pursue our issue and take it to others for counsel and review. We are just getting started in this effort and yes it is primarily about walleye, but how long before it becomes the standard for all other bag limit species? We have not even begun on the ethical aspects of slots. This will be subject for discussion at the next meeting as well.

Consider bringing a friend to our next meeting to find out what we are all about. You and your guest will receive a beverage of your choice on us and we all know that by bringing in new people we stay fresh with ideas and gain new perspective. That will in the future ensure that we remain a stable organization true to its mission. The membership drive is off and running and wide open. There is plenty riding on it this year as well besides bragging rights. See you at the next meeting

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Thank You Mankato Tent and Awning

A huge thank you goes out to Jesse Spiess, Manager of Mankato Tent and Awning. Club member Wyman Forbrook contacted his friend, Jesse, about making a tarp for our new boat and he came thru in a big way by making the cover for us at no charge. Everyone should remember Mankato Tent and Awning when you're in need of tarps, boat covers, tent rentals, awnings, E-Z Set Fish Houses and more. Check out their web site www.mankatotent.com

Meeting Notes

MEETING DATE CHANGE – The August meeting will be moved up one week to August 23rd. We will be setting up for Riverblast on the 30th, our regular meeting night. If your available to help with the set up come on down to Riverside Park.

Don't forget our annual Kid's Fishing Contest at Riverside Park on August 14th.

The rustic campsites by the Cottonwood River don't seem like they're being used much. At our next meeting we'll be discussing ways to get the word out to the public and increase their awareness of this little gem. If you have time, go check the spot out so you can make any suggestions.

Jerry Carlson purchased a used (like new) grill for \$50. The grills we have now are in pretty bad shape.

The deck project we've talked about several times will be on the agenda this month. Kim Olson is getting an estimate and we'll have to discuss several other issues.

Contact Scott Sparlin if you would like to volunteer to work at Riverblast . This is a big, big money maker for us so we need all the help we can get.

Kim Olson and Dave Wenk will provide food for the next meeting.

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