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FEBRUARY 11TH IS THE DAY!

## Annual Ice Fishing Contest

Don't forget next month's Annual Ice Fishing Contest on the 11th! We'll need everyone there to help. It takes a lot of teamwork to put this on from set-up to tear-down. Help is needed with serving food, selling tickets and handing out prizes. Again, the Annual Ice Fishing Contest is our largest moneymaker of the year.



Be there and  
HAVE FUN!!!

**Eric Olson  
will be  
at the next  
meeting**

Eric Olson from Diefenbaker Resort will be making his annual pilgrimage back to his hometown to visit family and friends. But as always, he'll take some time to come to our monthly meeting. He'll be giving a report on how great the fishing was in Canada this past year. Several club members have made the trip and can attest to that as well. He'll also be bringing steaks for the evening meal so come hungry.

### Club Calendar

Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup> .....	Social Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup> .....	Meeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup> .....	Social Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup> .....	Ice Fishing Contest-Clear Lake
Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> .....	Meeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.

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## From the President. . .

By Scott Sparlin

Our next meeting on the 25th will be important to be at, it is the last full meeting before our Ice Fishing Contest Scheduled for February 11th. We will however be having a final "countdown to the contest" meeting on the regularly scheduled social night Thursday February 8th. We will be discussing last minute details on what we need to do before and during the day of the contest. Consider volunteering for all or some part of the event, as we need a lot of people to pull this off each year. It is our largest fund raising endeavor and many benefit year round from the monies raised. Also at this meeting our friend Eric Olson from our Montana branch of NUASF will be in town and he is bringing venison, so bring your appetites, as he will be frying up a storm.

As some of you know our own Mike Deinken has had some recent medical/health problems. As I am writing this Mike is up at Abbott in the cities and has gone through a tough surgery and is eventually expected to fully recover. Please include him in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery we need his mug back to beat at farkel. We should have more details by meeting time and an update on his condition for all.

Speaking of Mike, before he went up for his surgery, he took the time to go over the aeration system with our new trainees and they are now ready for certification. Our thanks go out to Ron Ludewig and Mike Hasse for accepting this important responsibility. They learned how to service the pumps and how the system works and all the safety issues that go along with operating the system. They also checked the oxygen levels while they were at the lake and Mike said we are saturated in the teens, so we are in real good shape for now. This might be one of those years where we don't run the system at all, which does happen from time to time.

Your President has come up with what I think might be a solution/system for our monthly food offerings for after meetings and it will be up for discussion at the next meeting. As you know we have been somewhat struggling with establishing some kind of system for having food after our meetings (a standing tradition of NUASF since our first meeting) a system that doesn't put the burden on any one individual. I see it this way; we have a food calendar posted at the club with all the info on it. We then put in the meeting nights when we know food is already being planned for, like fish dish night in February and our recent pot luck in December for our Christmas meeting as well as January when Eric brings in venison. Then we ask for volunteers to run the show for food on the rest of the meeting nights left and sign up on the calendar for all to see for the rest of the year. We will give the signing people/food volunteers a list of essentials to get from the store and they can be creative beyond that point. I think it will work and it will give people a chance to plan ahead and to clearly know what their responsibilities are.

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## Boat Donated

The club has been donated a new (used) boat by gracious club member, Steve Holm. It needs a little work, along with a motor and trailer. Scott has a line on a motor and trailer so we may have a whole new unit by next meeting.

We'll have to make a decision whether we should keep the boat and have two to use for the club. Fix the boat up and sell it or raffle the boat off and make a little money. Mull the options over because we'll be making a decision in the months ahead.

## Joel Albrecht Wins Membership Drive

Congratulations to Joel Albrecht, winner of this year's membership drive. Joel brought in 5 new members. He wins a Montana pheasant-hunting trip for two, donated by Eric Olson. New members bring fresh ideas and energy, the lifeblood for any organization.

## Neighbors Need Help

Lake Emily by St. Peter needs our club's help. The tornado, that devastated St. Peter several years ago, dumped an enormous amount of debris into the lake and needs to be cleaned out. We have been approached to help with the clean up this spring. We'll be talking about the project at future meetings and also trying to coordinate other organizations to help with the effort.

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