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Free Kids' Fishing Contest

Every year around this time we coordinate a summer kids fishing contest at Riverside Park. This year the contest date has been set for August 14th. We've made a club decision to sponsor the event entirely by ourselves. So it will be published as a "Free Kids Fishing Contest Sponsored by the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen". We can sometimes have over 100 kids spread out along the shores and almost every kid can go home with a prize.

Ken Sutherland has volunteered to be in charge of all the contest details, as he's done for the last several years. With the help of some members he'll purchase the prizes, print fliers, do the advertising, etc. Ken has been doing this job, probably since our first kids contest, thank you, Ken, for your hard work. Again the date is August 14th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Riverside Park.



Pictured is this year's NUASF Camp Courage Fishing Outing at Studtman's pond. Fourteen kids and nine adults attended the fun-filled experience for both the campers and NUASF. What a rewarding time was spent at this event.



Club Calendar

- July 12thSocial Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.
- July 26thMeeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.
- August 9thSocial Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.
- August 30thMeeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.

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From the President

Some anglers are taking advantage of the almost perfect conditions in the Minnesota River and are just having a great time catching all different kinds of fish. Reports of both flathead and channel catfish are coming in with great sizes and numbers of fish. At Riverside Park this week anglers are fishing the sand bar in front of the landing and really catching walleye in good numbers there as well, not to mention all the other species of fish that are being caught like believe it or not crappies and white bass. Things are happening on the Minnesota and Cottonwood Rivers; I would give it try if you have never gone there before. It's not difficult fishing, simply get some night crawlers or if you have the time dig some worms (which by the way I feel are even better than crawlers in a lot of instances) and throw out a plain long shanked no. 4 hook or a separated spinner with a 6 to 10 inch snell and watch the fun begin. I feel like I'm back writing the Fisherman's Corner, I better quit with the tips.

I was just looking over a book that was given to the club by author Rob Buffer who is an expert on alternative species fishes such as largemouth buffalo, sheepshead, suckers and a whole host of others. We had him speak at a meeting many years ago and I am going to see if we can't get him back. He is a treasure chest of knowledge when it comes to that and is an extremely interesting speaker.

Just a quick reminder that the August meeting will be pushed back a week because we will be setting up for Riverblast on the 30th of August. If you can volunteer for the Riverblast please contact me at 507 276 2280 or email at yasure@lycos.com to help out where you can. There will also be sign up sheets at this next meeting and the one on August 23rd. We will need a lot of people this year as the event has really blossomed and with the addition of the bike tour and flotilla I suspect there will be a noticeable increase in attendance. Food service, bartending and set up and tear down are areas where help is really needed.

Our club has really ramped up the Kids Fishing Contest by sponsoring the whole event ourselves. I think this was a great move on our part and is right on the mark for our mission as an organization. The data is in and it is no longer speculation, angling numbers have been dropping and continue to decline at a fairly rapid rate with a significant reduction this past year. So with that in mind there are things we can do to help the situation as it is. Kids are this timeless noble sport's future. I think this kids event has always had the ability to turn a few kids on that have not been involved or get some fired up that have been passive anglers in the past. It also gives us a potential base for future members and activists in our area.

The club has a really nice remodeled boat due to the efforts of the Ludewig boys, Kenny Sutherland, Steve Holm and others who helped out. Our thanks go out to them and any others who were part of the process that I am forgetting.

If you are not reading the Hook, Line and Sinker on line yet and have the capability to do so (go to the web site newulmsportfish.org) you can save the club \$4.80 a year by doing so. If ten people convert to electronic newsletters, that is a savings of \$48 dollars a year or the equivalent of two memberships. If you convert you will receive a notice telling you to go to the web site and read the latest edition of the newsletter.

NUASF Board member Jim Hulke fixed the riding mower and it is ready for use by anyone. If you war so inclined (even if the grass does not appear to be that long) you are welcome to come out and mow. The mower is in the light green shed and you will need a fish house/gate key to get in. Make sure to check the oil and fill it up with gas and you are off to the races. There is also a push mower and don't be afraid to use the trimmer just make sure you use the mixed gas which is labeled in a different container.

See you at the next meeting

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Meeting Notes

The last two springs we've had problems with mice getting into the wiring connection of our clubhouse air conditioner. We wish to thank Barry Zimmerman of Zimmerman Heating for coming out and fixing the problem both times at NO CHARGE.

The club boat we've been fixing is completely done. If you were at the last meeting you saw up close what a great job the crew did restoring the boat to almost like new condition. One last thanks to Wes & Ron Ludewig for taking charge of the fix up and to everyone that helped.

Jim Hulke will be storing the newer boat behind his house for easier access for anyone interested in using it. You're going to need a key to unlock the motor, the same keys are used to get into the club grounds and sheds, if you don't have one you can buy one for a \$1. The other boat will still be available at the clubhouse grounds. The only requisite to using the boats is to refill the gas tanks when you're done.

Jim Hulke will be checking out Mankato Tent and Awning for a fitted cover for the new boat.

The food stand at National Night Out brought in about \$340.

We had our annual Camp Courage fishing outing at Studtmann's pond in June. It was a very good turn out with 14 kids and 9 members attending. If you have never participated, this can really be one of the most rewarding events of the year.

The club donated \$1200 to Riverblast to be held on Friday, August 31 and Saturday, September 1.

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