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OUTSTANDING PRIZE ADDED TO FISHING CONTEST

High Banks Resort donates trip

Our February Ice Fishing contest will have an outstanding addition to the list of Grand Prizes. Because of a great response by our club for the ice-fishing trip, High Banks Resort has generously given us a trip we'll be able to add to our contest list of prizes. High Banks is giving us a 3-day trip for 4 adults that can be used between the months of June thru September; kids are free.

This should be a big incentive for people to purchase tickets. Make sure you mention the additional trip when you're selling the tickets because we weren't able to add it to our list of prizes before the tickets were printed.

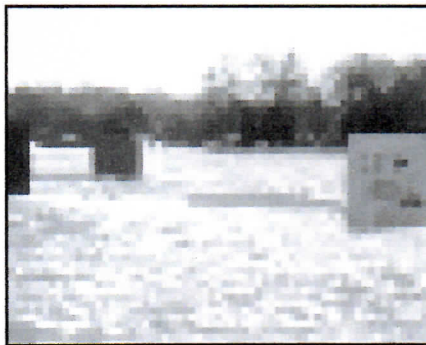
If you're still interested about going on the trip there may still be some room contact Orv Rannow (276-2001). Orv said we already have 24 members who have signed

on and its possible that we have room for 14 more.

Again thank you to High Banks

Resort and make sure you tell everyone you know what great vacation spot it is.

Ice houses in need of repair



Several of our icehouses are in very rough shape. The largest house we store by Clear Lake may not be worth repairing and a smaller house had some very bad mouse issues. A motion was made at our October meeting to build two new

portable houses. Mark Dauer has volunteered to head the project. He'll salvage as much as he can from the old houses and use some iron we have saved at the clubhouse for the frames. This is a very big project and will require a lot of time and man power, its probable that we'll only get one house done before the snow flies.

The houses are always a big attraction for potential new members. They can use them anytime they wish at no charge. Thanks Mark for taking on the responsibility and if anyone wishes help give him a call.

Club Calendar

- November 8thSocial Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.
- November 29thMeeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.
- December 13th Social Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.
- December 27thMeeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.
(date may change)
- January 10th -13th.....Ice Fishing Trip at High Banks Resort



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From the President

By Scott Sparlin

I hope you all had a chance to enjoy some great fall fishing; several lakes and the Minnesota River have been real good.

I want to thank NUASF member Mark Dauer for stepping up to coordinate the fish house renovation that we so badly need. If you can help him with some general labor, please give him a call to set up for when things are planned to work on it.

Only two months left on the 2007 membership drive and the field is wide open. We all know what new members meant to our organization and I can't stress enough the importance of a diverse membership. So don't think that just because someone isn't a fishing nut like a lot of us that they wouldn't find our organization interesting. It's quite the contrary, I know many members who are lucky to get out fishing a couple times a year, but who are deeply concerned about the future of fishing and the condition of our regional water quality. So ask, then ask again and even a third time, people are busy, but if you are persistent and can get them to experience a monthly meeting in purpose they are usually a member before the night is through.

I recently was given an interesting article from NUASF Member Scott Waldner who called my attention to the Star Tribune from Sunday November 11th. It was an article written by a good acquaintance of mine Ron Schara. It dealt with hunting and fishing rules and regulations being too complicated, hmmm, sound familiar at all? It made the point that dwindling number of hunters and anglers can be attributed to many reasons but the one straw that finally breaks the proverbial camel's back is the complexity of all of the hunting and fishing regulations. It is the one thing that makes many people hang it up for good. So much for the revenue generated from that person on several fronts, not just what the DNR loses, that just scratches the surface. I have tried to call attention to this for a number of years and maybe, just maybe some people have begun to figure it out on their own. First Don Shelby now Ron, maybe we are in luck, it never hurts to have the media people get hold of a bone. I will be sending Ron our letter we sent to the DNR Commissioner this past spring. What if Ron decided to make this a pet issue to write about? Or Don Shelby did a full half hour on it with

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MEETING NOTES

Several times over the last couple of years we have talked at our meetings about county land located along the Cottonwood River. They were considering selling the land to the highest bidder. Our club's wishes were to have the property sold to the State of Minnesota so it would remain natural and for everyone to use. The county has officially sold the property to the state and they will be overseeing it as an aquatic management area for hunting and fishing.

Wes and Ron Ludwig took our two club boats out to Palm Beach and had them completely shrink wrapped for storage at the club grounds over the winter.

Roger Davis has donated a 75 HP motor to the club. We'll be making a decision on what to do with the motor at later meetings.

FOOD FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Bring your favorite chili recipe!!!!

From the President

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sincere effort to engage the angling and hunting public to discuss it rationally in a open forum and then try to come up with some answers that go beyond some of the knee jerk ones like global warming and a declining population of available young hunters and anglers. That certainly might be part of the equation but it ain't the whole story by a long shot. This is a big deal and if we don't get a handle on it and simplify things for people, they are going to drop out in more and more significant numbers and the cost of angling will continue to rise to support the work force it takes to manage the resource to the degree that it needs to be managed. The last thing we need is to be patted on the head, told it's under control, we are not scientists, everything is fine and not to concern ourselves about things we couldn't possibly understand.

See you at the next meeting.



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