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ICE FISHING TRIP

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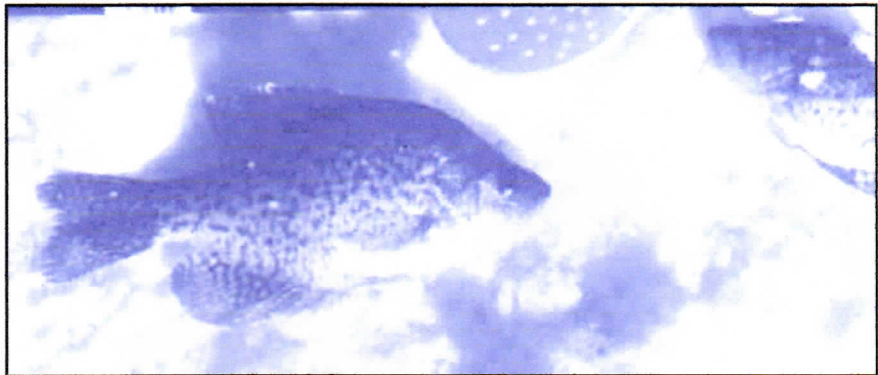
The dates for our winter ice fishing trip to High Banks Resort on Lake Winnibigoshish have changed to January 10th thru the 13th. The charges for this year's outing will be \$165.00 if you use the ice houses and \$140.00 if you bring your own shacks or portables. It's important that we get your down payment in by our next meeting on October 25th; it may be your last opportunity to get in on the trip. Quite a few members have all ready signed up.

High Banks gave us a free trip last year but will be unable to this year because of lack of support from other organizations. Our group had over thirty members attend but others weren't nearly as large. We thank them for their generous donation last year. If we have big numbers in the next few years maybe may be that can

change.

Orv Rannow is organizing the trip.

If you have any questions contact him at 276-2001.



It's time for fall clean-up

On October 27th we will be conducting a River/Clubhouse clean up starting at Riverside Park at 9:00 a.m.. We did this last fall and it worked very well. We'll go up and down the Minnesota River banks picking up the year's collection of trash then go out to the club house to rake leaves, trim trees, and work on the club house itself. Bring rakes, saws, and whatever tools you think might be useful. A meal will be provided. If you can spare some time that day it would be greatly appreciated.

Club Calendar

- Oct 11thSocial Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 25thMeeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27thRiver/Club Clean Up-Riverside Park 9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 8thSocial Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.



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From the President

By Scott Sparlin

I was just listening to the news on channel 4 last night and Don Shelby has a piece where he gives his opinion on various items in the news. Low and behold it seems the DNR along with tribal DNR at Mille Lacs have found an alarming and dramatic decrease in the overall walleye population there. Hmmm Don Shelby wondered if it might not be because of slot limit fishing due to catching fish over and over, stressing them and fishing contest pressures. He talked a lot about people not knowing how to do catch and release properly. I think the education curve among the angling community on that one is pretty high. The problem lies with the fact that an angler who wants to be within the law will return a fish no matter what when it is in the slot-- Hello. I have espoused for years that we would not have many of the societal ills that we do if education really worked on most people. I am of the belief that motivation trumps education every time when the motivating factors are strong and well thought out. We have to take another look at slot limit management failures and not keep putting our heads in the sand and say that every thing is fine. Telling us that everything is fine is indeed in essence what the letter from the MNDNR Commissioner said to us regarding our recent letter that raised concerns about this all too real and looming issue. It isn't just Mille Lacs now and it won't just be Mille Lacs in the future and I have my doubts that killing thousands of cormorants on Leech Lake will have much of an impact, I guess we'll have to see. They have a slot management plan there as well and all is not rosy. One explanation coming from MNDNR on the declining numbers of walleye in Mille Lacs was from global warming. Maybe, but historical-ly walleye have survived in good numbers in places where water temperatures are quite a bit warmer than Mille Lacs. I am not downplaying global warming by any means, it's real and the debate is over. But in the meantime, let's get real about what we can improve through common sense management

Have you thought about bringing a new prospective member to the club monthly meeting? Don't forget we do have pamphlets and a great website to visit to show people who may interested in joining what we do. And if you bring a new prospective member to the meeting not only will we buy them a beverage of their choice but we will get you one as well, can't beat that. Winter fishing is approaching and the lure of having several fish houses at your disposal is always a good one for hooking a keeper member. There is no slot limit on these new prospects, all ages, classes and genders are welcome. So think about it. Who is out there on the radar that you have thinking might be interest- ed and get them to the next meeting.

I have been in consultations with New Ulm city staff and we are putting together a run at some money that has been recently made available

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through the Clean Water Legacy Act recently appropriated by the state. There are no guarantees, but hey, you never know. We (NUASF and city) are asking for funding to complete our Minecon Park Storm Water Wetlands complex down at the park. Many of the older members remember how long we have been trying to link the two wetlands together and it has been a long time wish of ours to get this done.

Now that Huon Newburg has retired I think it is time to get the new local guy from fisheries out to a meeting. I will be working on that for this next meeting. With a little luck maybe I can get him and even maybe the new regional Manager to show up for a meeting.

Riverblast

River Blast was a great success! There were so many campers set up by the river I lost track of my count. The club did real well at the food booth, bringing in about \$1700.00. Some members seemed like they never left the food stand. As you can see it's a very profitable fundraiser for the club. Thanks to all the members who took time to make this a very worthwhile and fun event.

Meeting Notes

- 1) Jim Hulke and Mark Dauer have volunteered to fix the fish house that is in most need of repair. Mice got into it and did some nasty things.
- 2) Tickets and Posters for our winter Ice Fishing Contest (Feb 10th, 08) hopefully will be available by our October meeting.

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