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RETIREMENT PARTY MARCH 14

## Good Luck Mike

The club will be having a retirement party for Mike Deinken the evening of March 14th (7:00 p.m.) at the clubhouse.

As we all know Mike has been the backbone of our organization for over 20 years. Mike will be retiring and taking off for the sunny skies of Arizona in April.

We could write a book with the duties and accomplishments he has had over the years. For most of

those years he has been the Secretary/ Treasurer, Clear Lake aeration system controller, newsletter writer & editor, clubhouse & grounds keeper and don't forget a two time Stoney award winner. The

list doesn't come close to what he has meant to our club and the value Mike has had to the NUASF. Please try and come say thank you and GOOD LUCK to Mike, he will truly be missed.

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## Club Calendar

- February 28th.....Meeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.
- March 13th.....Social Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.
- March 14th.....Mike Deinken's Farwell Party 7:00 p.m.
- March 27th.....Meeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.

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# From the President

By Scott Sparlin

If you only make one meeting a year this next one is the one you should make. It is our annual "Fish Dish" night. As a reminder to all members especially the new ones, I invite you to bring a dish of fish that you or a loved one has lovingly prepared in your own special way, or just bring out fillets and get ready to eat some serious fish. I will be bringing my Cajun Fish Gumbo Soup that I make every so often with Minnesota River buffalo fish, perch and Northern and there will be pickled fish, fish sultz, fish chowder and numerous other fish dishes. As always with our February meeting we will also have DNR fisheries staff on hand to give us an update on Clear Lake, Lake Hanska, Sleepy Eye Lake and the Minnesota River. If you miss this one your friends will simply drive you crazy talking about it. Be sure to bring a friend and introduce them to us so they can share in all the fun, camaraderie, purposeful and important activities of our fine organization.

At this next meeting we will have the all the results of our yearly ice fishing contest and a wrap up of financials in that regard as well. We will be discussing fishing regulations, upcoming projects and activities, scholarships and a host of other important organizational issues. It is important that you bring your thoughts and input for our meetings. Our organization has always prided itself on diversity of personality and talent. That is what has guided and served us very well over the years. Hearing differing perspectives from people who share common interests and goals helps us forge an inclusive future for fishing that will have appeal to people from all walks of life, cultural backgrounds and varying income brackets. Simply put, we always need to hear from you and welcome your ideas.

I thank our NUASF brother Eric Olson for his visit and all that wonderful steak he provided from the Montana wilderness. Yum, Yum. He has told the club he will be providing a couple trips again this year to entice everyone to sign up new members and sell raffle tickets for the ice fishing contest. Harrumph Eric.

The fish are still biting out on Clear Lake and the new houses are marvelous to say the least. What a great all around job the guys who worked on the houses did. Hopefully they will all be at the next meeting

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and I'm going to ask that they get recognized so let's all be sure and thank them.

Our condolences and most sincere sympathy goes out to two of our members Jeff and Mike Studtmann and the entire Studtmann family on the loss of their parents and grandparents Lillian and Willmar both within this last month. As some of you will recall Willmar Studtmann has been a past recipient of the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen Special Recognition Award. His vision of a fishing and recreation pond on a tributary stream of the Minnesota River running through his land in Courtland Minnesota, has brought pleasure to so many people and has served as a very special place for NUASF. It has been a place for us to have winter "club only" fishing contests and it has also been a place for us to take some very special kids for an outing they never forget and look forward to every year. Not to mention the countless times some of us just dropped in to just take it all in and make a few casts. Nothing made Willmar happier than to see someone catching fish in Studtmann Pond. We will always remember his great smile and miss his hearty enthusiasm; he truly thought the highest of all of us and we won't forget.

## Fish Dish Night

Our February meeting is always one of our most attended. Why is that? Because it's Fish Dish Night. Bring your favorite fish dish to pass, there's always plenty to eat. Bring a potential new member because it's always a great night to show off our club.

## Meeting Notes

The large fish house built by Mike Deinken and Ron Ludewig has been completed and is out on Clear Lake. Also thanks to Mark Dauer and Jim Hulke for their work on the first house completed. Both projects took a lot of man-hours. Every one that helped should be given a big thank you.

Jim Hulke fixed and sold the snow blower that wasn't being used at the clubhouse for \$300.00.

Our Montana chapter member, Eric Olson, was at our last meeting and said he would donate the same two prizes he has for the last several years, a Montana pheasant hunting trip for the membership drive winner and a Canadian fishing trip for our ice fishing contest. Thank you Eric.

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