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FISHING CONTEST UPDATE

Fishing contest great success

Our Ice Fishing Contest was another great success. The decision to postpone the event one week turned out to be a very good one. It's very hard to figure out how many come to the contest but one could estimate 500 people or more on the ice. We sold close to 1200 total tickets for the contest. Raffle ticket and food booth action was steady all day.

The contest winners for biggest fish were 1st Prize: Mike Boyum - 1#-0 oz Bass, 2nd Prize: Paul Lang - 14.4 oz Bass, 3rd Prize: Aaron Hotovec - 10.8 oz Bass. Winners for biggest pan fish, all weighing in at 6.4oz, were Jacob Dauer-Sunfish, Paul Grussendorf-Crappie, and Jeremy Marquardt-Sunfish.

There are always a great number

of people to thank, of course all the members who help, but more so all the businesses that donate prizes and cash to help our contest be so successful. High Banks Resort donated a fishing trip for four on

Lake Winnie; Mr. O's (Eric Olson) donated a fishing trip for 2 to Canada. Great prizes like that make the ticket sales very easy. Thanks to them and to all that gave time or money to the effort.

Jim Hulke receives Stoney Award

It's that time of year where we make a decision who will be the Stoney Award winner. If you remember the Stoney Award goes to the club member you believe has given the most for the sport of fishing and to our club. The nominations and election was held at our February meeting.

The nominees were Mark Dauer, Mike Deinken, Jim Hulke, Jason Kuester, Ron Ludewig,

Ross Nelson and Eric Olson. They were all very good candidates but the cream came to the top in winner JIM HULKE. Over the years Jim has been an avid club supporter always there to help in anyway possible. From being a board member to helping at the kids fishing contest, Jim is there to help at every turn. Congratulations Jim!

Club Calendar

- March 18thMeet with Adaptive Recreational Services 7:00 p.m.
- March 27thMeeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.
- April 10thSocial Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 p..m.
- April 24thMeeting at the Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.

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From the President

By Scott Sparlin

Don't miss this next meeting. We have a real treat in store. The incomparable **Joe Fellegy**, long time fishing guide on Mille Lacs and fishing guru for the last 35 years plus will be in the house. Joe of course as many of you know is a gifted writer, having written the book *30 Years on the Big Lake* and as a regular contributing columnist for the *Outdoor News*. He will share stories from the big lake and talk fishing, as well as share his views on the future of fishing. So come early for a good seat, it should prove to be a very interesting and enjoyable evening.

Our membership continues to grow and more and more new faces are coming to the meetings. Keep signing up those new people they are the life blood of our fine organization. We will need new leadership in the future who will continue to foster all the yearly activities and initiatives we are involved in to promote fishing and fish habitat.

If you are a member who is considering becoming a board member or officer, there will be several chances this October to run for that position. There are definite responsibilities and sacrifices, but the rewards are many. Nominations are only a short 5 months away and you will all be notified to the openings prior to that.

Our congratulations go out to all the nominees for this year's *Stoney Award*. Each and every candidate being considered was more than worthy of the honor. The winner this year Jim Hulke, epitomizes what the profile of a *Stoney* nominee looks like. Tireless dedication to NUASF while putting the interests and overall integrity of the club first in all issues and actions we are involved in. We are lucky to have all of our nominees and as for Jim you have the gratitude of the entire organization.

This won't get out before Mike Deinken's going away party at the club office so I am going to assume we had a real good time and gave Mike a fitting send off to the sun of the southwest. Mike you have my utmost respect. Everyone in the club is well aware that you have given 20 years

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of service well above and beyond the call of duty. NUASF has your footprints all over it. I personally will choose to remember the lean years and the ideas and dreams we had along with the physical energy we used to possess. It was nothing short of phenomenal when you look back and think on it. When a big deal was raising \$100 from a rummage sale or selling hot dogs so we could take some kids out fishing and show them a good time. I still can't believe we pulled that aeration system out of Clear Lake Gibbon and put it in at our Clear Lake. I remember riverbank clean-ups and pulling cars, water heaters, and even the kitchen sink out of the river and the look on your face laughing about it because it was all we could do to keep from crying about it. When we used to meet at the brewery tap room and had 21 members. I could go on and on but I won't forget. It was your enthusiasm, integrity, ingenuity, dedication and determination that inspired me and so many others. So a chapter comes to an end bittersweet, all I can say is all the best brother, I wish you all the happiness you so richly deserve.

Meeting Notes

Tony Miller and the Smart Card representative will be drumming up business at the Home Show on the 28th-30th of March. Tony would appreciate some help so give him a call.

Cory Reinhart with Adaptive Recreational Services was at our last meeting and gave a short presentation. They help disabled individuals improve their quality of life by getting involved in the community. On March 18th at 7:00 p.m. she will be bringing several clients to our clubhouse where we can show them the tricks to catching fish and what ever else may come up. Many individuals may be familiar from past Camp Courage events. Please come out and lend a hand and share some of your expertise and time. Bring a rod and reel and your tackle box as well.

A donation of \$500 was made to Mound Creek Park for the future construction of a dock.

Thanks to Orin Schultz for storing the club fish-houses at his ranch.

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