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Winter fishing photo submitted by Jason Kuester

HOOK

We wish our fellow anglers a great trip and eagerly await their return to the more temperate climes of southern Minnesota, with tales of the "ones that got away." For those of us who couldn't make the trip, there's always the Hemingway code (a free snow-shoe grog at our next meeting to the fisher-'man' who can guess Uncle Ernie's three-Fs).

There's a great radio-commentary available at MPR.org, aired on Wed., Jan. 7th. It's just a short humorous piece called "Ice Fishers in a Tough Stretch of Winter," by Peter Smith. Smith says January is a difficult time for all Minnesotans, but especially for those who like to fish.

Club Calendar

January 8, 9, 10, 11.....Winter Fishing Trip
January 15.....Social Night at the Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.
January 21.....Meeting at the Clubhouse 7:00 p.m.
February 8.....22nd Annual NUASF Ice Fishing Contest

LINE

I never drink water
because of the disgusting things
that fish do in it.

—W.C. Fields

SINKER

In an interview with the Associated Press, Lame-Duck (Dead-Fish) Vice President Dick Cheney sees no reason for apologies (for anything). An avid angler, Cheney said that if he must apologize for anything, it would be for not revealing the exact location of the first river he wants to fish after leaving office. But rumor has it that he will be somewhere on the South Fork of the Snake River on the Wyoming-Idaho border . . . Should you ever be fishing there, it is advised that you stay at least 50-yards outside his casting-range . . .

Meeting Date Changed

This month's
meeting has been
changed to
Wed., January 21
7:00 p.m.



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From the President

By Jason Kuester

Hello! Our next meeting has been changed to Wednesday January 21 at 7:00 pm. As most of you all know Eric Olson will be visiting us at our next meeting. Eric is a wonderful asset to our club due to his membership, donating trips to our club and providing us with a great meal at our January meeting. To help with this great meal we are asking everyone to please bring a dish to pass.

There will be a board meeting on Wednesday January 21 at 6:00 pm (sharp). In this meeting we will be discussing our audit, reviewing bylaws, and going over club policies. All board members should be present for this meeting.

As everyone knows our fishing tournament is February 8th. We should have the prizes collected, and posters in place within the next couple weeks. Ticket sales can continue up to the day of the contest. If you have books of tickets that have been sold please turn them into Ross Nelson at the next meeting. Once again this is our clubs biggest money-maker; I would really appreciate it if everyone could contribute to this event by volunteering and/or selling books of tickets. Tickets and posters are available at the next meeting or by contacting Ross Nelson 507-766-0765 or myself at 507-381-2041 or e-mail at jr@newulmtel.net and we will get you as many as you would like.

All prizes must be turned into the club on or before Thursday February 5th. We will be having a special meeting on the 5th at 6:00 pm to organize all of the prizes for the contest.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who came out to Clear Lake to help turn on the aerator and install the thin ice signs. We had great turnout for this important task. I would also like to thank Ron Ludwig for volunteering his time checking the oxygen levels of the lake.

The club ice houses are on Clear Lake and Sleepy Eye Lake. Remember to clean up the houses and remove your garbage when you leave. Good Luck Fishing!!!!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!

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MEETING NOTES from December 18th

- *47 members were present. Membership stands at 182, with 34 memberships due. Orin Schultz leads membership drive with 13 new members. Kudos, Orin!
- *Area Lakes and Rivers Report: Clear Lake has 9-inches of ice; Lake Hanska has a good 10-inch layer; Jr. and Randy Berg will be given a gift certificate for Searles Bar & Grill in appreciation for the club's use of the Clear Lake landing. Thank you, Bergs!
- *Clubhouse and Grounds Update: The thermostat on the furnace was replaced by Ken Sutherland. Thanks, Ken! Jim Hulke supplied some tips for the bar-stool legs (did not leave any tips at the bar) to help protect the floor; put unused paint in clubhouse shed; winterized the lawn mowers. Thanks, Jim!
- *Club Jackets: see Ross to sign-up, designating spring or winter coat.
- *Winter Fishing Trip: 34 people have signed up, with 3 openings remaining. Group will meet at Cash-Wise on January 8th at 6:00 a.m. Good luck at High Banks!
- *All the fish houses have been completed and are ready to go out on the ice. Three houses have trailer-lights and two have been painted. Placing two houses on Clear Lake, one on Sleepy Eye, and one on Hanska was discussed. Randy Berg took the old house we aren't using to serve as a hunting shack.
- *Gene Witte spoke with Eric Olson about the trip he normally donates as a prize for our ice fishing contest. All's good! Thanks again, Eric!
- *Direct quote from our secretary's minutes: "High Island Lake will have 3-4 holes about 10'-12' deep." No other details were available as we went to press.
- *Clear Lake aeration: Notice was placed in the paper about our intention to start the system. Ron Ludewig will contact the club when oxygen levels warrant "thin ice" signage.
- *Ice Fishing Contest: prize collection is going well; raffle tickets are available, please try to sell at least one book; Frabil will not be donating a fish house this year—Al Zwach will be "working on them" some more and was authorized to negotiate the best deal possible on a portable fish house. All necessary permits and licenses are in place, and Jerry Carlson should be contacted, re: food license.
- *Web Site: Don Borstad is working on the site, under the tutelage of Mike Studtmann. Mike advised that we contact NU-Telecom in order to keep the archives active on the site. Mike will speak with them.
- *Club New Year's Gathering will be held Jan. 3rd. 5:30 p.m. start. Please bring a dish to pass. Happy New Year!
- *Member Elmer Epke had a major house-fire and lost everything; a motion was entertained to give Elmer \$300 for any immediate needs. You're in our thoughts, Elmer!
- *NUASF will donate \$200 to the area food shelf.
- *Belle Plaine could still use some cleanup help. Tony Miller will keep us advised.
- *Sen. Dennis Fredrickson gave a warm, friendly, and interesting talk. Thanks, Denny!
- *JANUARY MEETING HAS BEEN SET FOR THE 21st at 7:00 p.m. . Eric Olson will be here and will supply the food. Bring a side-dish if you wish. SEE YOU THERE!

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