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SOME NOT-SO-FUN FACTS, WITH EXCLAMATIONS!

Message in a bottle

~A plastic bottle of water costs on average \$1.50!
~That is 1,900X the price of tap water!
~Bottle water can damage your wealth, your health, and the environment!
~86% of those oh-so convenient plastic bottles ends up as garbage—at a rate of 1,500 per second!
~26,000,000,000 bottles of water contribute 2,500,000 tons of carbon dioxide, just in the manufacturing of the bottles alone!
~For a fraction of the \$100,000,000,000 spent yearly by consumers on bottled water (Makes the Federal Bailout look small, not?), everyone on the planet could have safe drinking water and proper sanitation!
~Think about the source of that plastic bottle of water, and the water itself, as you raise the container to your parched lips! (Some of it is simply reprocessed, repackaged, reverse-osmosis-ed tap water!) And why are we drinking water that comes

all the way from Fiji? Or even Wisconsin?
~For more information, sources and resources:
(The original message and links were supplied by Scott Sparlin at

yasure@lycos.com.)
www.earth-policy.org
www.earth911.com
<http://us.one.world.net>
www.commondreams.org
www.webmd.com



NUASF President, Jason Kuester, presents the annual; Stoney Award to Ron Ludewig for Ron's humble, selfless, and gracious service to the club and it's mission. Jason was quoted as commending Ron with a hearty, "Squeakie, you're doing a heck of a job!"

Photo by Don Borstad

FRONTLINE, "Poisoned Waters"

From the Public Broadcasting Service website,

www.pbs.org/frontline:

More than three decades after the Clean Water Act, iconic American waterways remain in perilous condi-

tion and face ever-more threatening sources of contamination . . .

With polluted runoff still flowing into our waterways from industry, agribusiness, and unfettered suburban development, scientists note that many new pollutants and toxins from modern everyday life are being found in the drinking water of millions of people across the country and pose a threat to fish, wildlife, and, potentially, human life . . .

The '70s were a lot about, 'We're continued on page 3

Club Calendar

May 9th..... 2009 Minnesota Fishing Opener
May 10th.....Mother's Day
May 25th.....Memorial Day
May 28th.....Meeting at the Clubhouse, 7:00 p.m.



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From the President

By Jason Kuester

I hope everyone had a great Fishing Opener. I'm sure there will be a few stories at the next meeting about the big one that got away. Remember, the fishing club is one of the few places you can brag up the big catch, or go on and on about the one that got away. So bring your stories along with your hot fishing spots and share them with your friends at the next meeting!! Your secret hot spots are safe with us!!! If you find yourself without a boat this summer the club has two that are available for our members. For more information call Jim Hulke at 507-276-4438 and he can set you up with one. All we ask in return is that when you return the boat, please make sure it is cleaned out and full of gas for the next person.

In these tough times we want to give as many disabled children/adults the opportunity to go fishing this year. Therefore, we are thinking of holding a camp courage event down at Studtman's pond. At this time they do not have the revenue to provide this activity. With the help of Jeff and Mike Studtman along with our volunteers here at the club we could make this event happen. So, at the next meeting we will discuss this event.

It's defiantly summer like weather again and that means the grounds at the club will need to be mowed and trimmed. We are going to have a sign up sheet for mowing, please help us by signing up.

Mark your calendar for **July 15th** this will be the day for the **kids fishing contest at Riverside Park**. This event takes a lot of volunteers and we would appreciate as much help as possible. We are also thinking about releasing the big Cat fish at this event. I will have more information at the next meeting.

Summer is here and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman Club. We are always looking for new members to join. If you know of someone bring them along and show them how much fun we have at our club. As always, bring a friend and each of you will receive a free refreshment of your choice!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!

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the good guys; we're the environmentalists; we're going to go after the polluters,' and it's not really about that anymore. It's about the way we all live. And unfortunately, we are all polluters. I am; you are; all of us are." —Jay Manning

This fascinating and sometimes disturbing program can be viewed on-line in its entirety at the PBS website. Thanks for all you do in trying to live (and fish) lightly on this earth!

MEETING NOTES from April 23rd

*Members present: 60+

*Membership update: 188 in good standing with 31 due. Pat Roiger leads recruiting with 3 new members. 11 new members in all. 70 members on the email list. Please consider signing up for email notifications and to get this newsletter electronically. *Hook, Line, and Sinker* is also available online at the NUASF website: newulmsport-fish.org.

*Area Lakes and Rivers Report: The fish kill at Lake Crystal was not as bad as originally reported; fishing is good. At Waseca: good sunfishing. And sunfish at St. James.

*Clubhouse and Grounds Update: There is parking up the ravine a ways, past the clubhouse, if lot is full. Cleanup went well, grounds look good. Jim Hulke has serviced the mowers. Anyone who would like to help out with mowing, your grounds key will also open the utility sheds. Only board members have keys to the clubhouse. There is also some wood to be split and some brush to be hauled away.

*The club jackets have been ordered; if desired, your name can be embossed or embroidered on them after they arrive.

*Ken Sutherland gave a report on the recent changes to the By-Laws. Several changes were voted on and approved by the membership.

*Thank you to Kevin Finstad for helping with the cleanup by providing a dumpster. He will be acknowledged. Also, a note to Royal Tire for taking the tires we had found.

*The Stoney Award was presented to Ron Ludewig. Congratulations, Ron

*Kids Fishing Contest: Date has been set for July 15th; permits are not required because there is no charge to participate; prizes are being worked on. Let Jim Hulke or Mark Dauer know what businesses have contributed so we can avoid duplication.

*Report from DNR Fisheries Representative Jack Lauer. Presented useful information about the new fishing regulations and the Clean Water Act. Thanks, Jack!

*Another entertaining talk from *Outdoor News* columnist Joe Fellegly. Thanks, Joe!

*A donation will be made to Minn-Aqua to help offset costs of Program.

*Camp Courage will not be having an event this year due to lack of funds. We will see if there's something we can do to help them have a contest.

*DNR catfish-release is still in the works.

*Mound Creek dock should be in by the end of July.

*Tony Miller gave an excellent power-point presentation about the cleanup problems of our friends downriver near Belle Plaine.

*NEXT MEETING APRIL 28th, 7:00 PM

*Bratwurst! You're welcome to bring other foodstuffs, of course. Take care out there!



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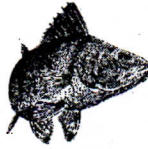
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