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Community cleanup for water quality

HOOK

A post from Scott Sparlin sheds light on the shimmering, glimmering waters and banks of the “forgotten” Minnesota River. The Community Clean Up for Water Quality Day, not including the some-200 green cards (totals to be released at a later date)—the numbers are, and have been, impressive. On April 4th, the pick-up netted 31 pounds of phosphorous from the gutters of New Ulm, which was prevented from entering the estuaries and tributaries of our watershed. Scott has figured that, according to standard sewage treatment plant statistics, it would cost \$18,000 to remove such amounts of phosphorous from (or to keep it away from) the river. Also “netted,” were five tires (Royal Tire will take them) and half a dumpster of pure trash, which, sadly, will end up in a landfill overlooking the Cottonwood River.



Minnesota River Cleanup crew. Photo by Don Borstad

LINE

I do not know much about gods;
but I think that the river
is a strong brown god—
sullen, untamed, and intractable.

—from *Dry Salvages*,
T.S. Eliot

SINKER

Good dog, Bad fish!
Beware and aware of these invasive species if found in inland waters: Bighead & Silver Carp; Ruffe; Eurasian Watermilfoil; Zebra Mussel; Round Goby; New Zealand Mudsnail; Spiny Water Flea; Lakemaids.

Club Calendar

April 22nd.....Earth Day
April 23rd.....Meeting at the Clubhouse, 7:00 p.m.
.....Shakespeare's Birthday
May 9th2009 Minnesota Fishing Opener
May 10th.....Mother's Day

CRANK BAIT

“Nice play, Shakespeare!
Next time use your Rod & Reel.”



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From the President

By Jason Kuester

First things first, at the last meeting we elected our winner for the Stoney Award. The Stoney Award goes out to the member who gives time and time again. We all know there are many members that do this and I would like to thank all of our members for making this such a great organization. At the next meeting we will be presenting Ron Ludwig with this great award. Thanks Ron for all your hard work and dedication to our club.

I would like to thank everyone that showed up on April 4th for the Community Clean Up For Water Quality. We had about 30 volunteers that day from the NUASF and the 3M River Rats. We collected five tires, three yards of garbage, and thirty-one pounds of phosphorus. Thirty one pounds of phosphorus would cost \$18,000 to be removed from the river. After we got done cleaning up around town and down at the river we all headed out to the club house for spring clean up. Great job everyone!!!!

I hope everyone can make it to the next meeting on April 23rd. We will be voting on changes to our by-laws and would like everyone's input on these changes. Please take the time to read over the changes that we are voting on in this news letter. Joe Felleggy and a local conservation officer will also be joining us on April 23rd. If you have any questions or concerns on new fishing regulations this is the time to ask. Each member will receive a 2009/2010 regulations fishing book.

Mark your calendar for July 15th this will be the day for the kids fishing contest at Riverside Park. We will need many volunteers for this event. We will have more info on this in the next newsletter.

Spring is in the air 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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MEETING NOTES from March 26th

*Members present: 58

*Membership in good standing: 187. Due: 31. Pat Roiger leads membership drive with three new members. Six new members present at meeting.

*Area Lakes & Rivers Report: Lake Crystal experienced a large fish-kill over the winter, caused by an algae bloom. On Clear Lake: oxygen levels were checked often, thanks to Ron & Wes Ludewig.

*Clubhouse and Grounds Update: Clubhouse & Grounds Cleanup after Community and River Cleanup, at 12:00 noon. Thanks to Orv Rannow for cleaning the floors during the last social night.

*Club Jackets: See Ross to reserve your coat and select size, color, and season. Logo should be changed/corrected to read: Sport Fishermen, as opposed to the mistaken "Sports Fisherman." Should read: New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen.

*Community & River Cleanup set for April 4th, meet at Riverside Park, 9:00 a.m. Brown County Environmental Services for hazardous waste; Royal Tire for the re-treads.

*Lunch for the workers at the Clubhouse at 12:30 p.m.

*Stoney Award Nominations: Ron Ludewig; Eric Olson; Ross Nelson; Tony Miller; Scott Sparlin; Jerry Carlson; Orv Rannow.

*Scott Sparlin gave an update on the Minnesota River Banquet. Fine evening all around.

*Minicon Park Project: Scott is working on a proposal to obtain funding through the Conservation Partnership Act to finish the wetland project.

*Kids Fishing Contest: July 15th.

*Report from DNR representative, Scott Moeller, on the MinnAqua program and how to get kids excited about fishing, once again.

*****And the winner of the Stoney Award? Ron Ludewig. Congratulations, and thanks for everything!

*Cat Fish Release? Scott Sparlin will do some more research.

*Once again, anyone who is able and willing, please sign up for the newsletter on email. The savings to the club would be appreciated.

*Mike Studtmann reported on the fishing contest on the pond. Fun & Mon, Man! \$175 raised, doubled by Studtmann family and presented to the EE Mecklenburg Scholarship Fund.

* Discussion underway, re: moving the boat-shed to make room for more parking.

*Next meeting: Thursday, April 23rd, 7:00 p.m. Joe Felleggy, writer, raconteur, outdoors- writer, historian-of -everything-Minnesota-fish-and-fishing, native New Ulmer-Mille Lacs-qua resorter-guide, decent man, will speak. Food: Potluck! "The early bird catches the worm." Santa Maria! (Joe Felleggy Sr.'s home-made fishing-launch.)

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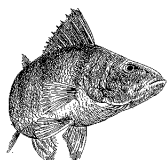
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