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On a pond down on the river

The 1st Annual Willmar Studtmann Memorial Ice Fishing Contest was held on a crisp and clear Sunday afternoon, March 1st, at Studtmann Pond, at the intersection of Mary Lane and Chain Saw Hill, out by Courtland. Here's a note from Mike Studtmann:

The Studtmann Family would like to extend a sincere "Thank you" to all who attended the 1st Annual Willmar Studtmann Memorial Ice Fishing Contest. We had a great turnout of members and their families. The weather was excellent and cooperated for the duration of the contest. The fishing...let me re-phrase that...the "catching" has been better at past contests. Congrats to all the winners who took home prizes! We were able to raise a rather large amount of money from the entry fees and the raffle (no, it wasn't a raffle, it was a "saw-ffle". The Studtmann Family has proudly matched these proceeds and will present a check to the scholarship committee [the EE Mecklenburg Scholarship Fund] at the next meeting we attend. So yes, Dad, you are due for an appearance! Thank you all again for joining us and keeping the dream that Grandpa had for the pond and the sport of fishing alive... Take care, Mike Studtmann



Be informed and aware

The Annual Minnesota River Banquet, hosted by the Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River, will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the Rhein River Arts Center in New Ulm. Featured speaker this year is Dr. Shannon Fisher, Director of the Water Resources Center at Minnesota State University, Mankato, and the Minnesota River Basin Data Center. Dr. Fisher will present "The Realities and Myths of Water Quality Trading." For more information, reservations, or to contribute flotsam and jetsam to a game of "Minnesota River

Jeopardy," hosted by Scott "Alex Trebeck" Emerson Stonewall Sparlin, contact the CCMR at 507-359-2346 or yasure@lycos.com. The CCMR is a diverse group of people representing views that run the entire length of the Minnesota River, from Big Stone Lake to Bloomington and the M-i-s-s-i-s-s-i-p-p-i

CRANK BAIT

Miscellanea seined from the general-regulations-angling-methods section of the official 2009 Minnesota Fishing Regulations manual:

- *Anglers may use only one hook.
- *A party is defined as a group of two or more persons.
- *The use of explosives, firearms, chemicals (not including fish scents), spring devices, or electricity for taking fish is unlawful.
- *It is unlawful to take fish by snagging.

Club Calendar

March 12th.....Social Night at the Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.
March 20th.....Spring Begins, at the equinox
March 21st.....Annual Minnesota River Banquet
March 26th.....Meeting at the Clubhouse, 7:00 p.m.
May 9th.....2009 Minnesota Fishing Opener



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From the President

By Jason Kuester

We will be awarding the Stoney award at the March meeting. If you have someone you would like to nominate you may nominate them by e-mailing me at jr@newulmtel.net or nominate them at the next meeting on March 26th. The Stoney award goes to the member who has given the most towards improving the quality of sport fishing in the New Ulm area.

Just an early reminder, we will be discussing our spring clean up projects at the next meeting. They are the: Community Clean Up for Water Quality, Club Grounds, and the Riverbank Clean Up. This is a great event for our club in preserving the cleanliness of our rivers and city.

We would like to give a huge thank you to the Berg (Randy, Junior/Robert) family. If it were not for them we would not have been able to have access to Clear Lake. They are a huge part in making our contest such a hit. If you see them please tell them how gracious we are of them and how much they have contributed to our club's success. I would also like to recognize Mike Studtman for putting together the 1st annual Willmar Studtman Memorial Ice Fishing contest at Studtman Pond. It was a great way to spend an afternoon with friends and family. All proceeds from this event went to the E.E. Mecklenberg scholarship. Thank you for all who attended!!

Spring is in the air and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen's 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!

I will be bringing out a thank you card to the next meeting so that everyone can sign it. This card will be sent to all of the businesses that donated to our fishing contest. There will also be a thank you in The Journal listing all of the businesses that donated. For all who are interested we will be having a board meeting at 6:00pm on March 26th to discuss changes that need to be made to the bi-laws. The regular monthly meeting will start at 7:30.

We are always looking for new ideas. Feel free to bring them to the next meeting. We will be discussing dates for events for the rest of the year.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!

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MEETING NOTES from February 26th

*Membership stands at 185, with 34 due. Pat Roiger leads membership drive with 2 new members.

*Area Lakes & Rivers: Good crappies at Red Lake, perch at Bemidji.

*Clubhouse and Grounds: April 5th, use of the clubhouse is reserved for a member and party.

*Club Jackets: See Ross the haberdasher for pricing and fitting.

*Belle Plaine River Cleanup: Scott S. and Tony M. met with Belle Plaine Park Board. Meeting went well, but it was noted that many of the members are young and unaware how bad the river, its banks, and surrounding lowlands were at the time of the first cleanup. A 4x4 club will use its vehicles to haul out anything pulled from the river and surrounds. NUASF would like to get two bus-loads of members, 3M rats, and other concerned parties to go up (which is actually "down" as the river flows) and help. Tony M. is working on a power-point presentation and will present it at a future meeting.

*Eric Olson has 3 openings for a fishing trip July 4-10th. Call Eric or Jerry C. for details.

*Clear Lake fish houses have been removed. The jacks on the houses are problematic and Jim H. will be purchasing heavier units.

*The club trailer/fish house roof will be repaired. Jim H. will speak with Jerry Sandman about a rubber liner, and repair will begin as warmer weather arrives. Thanks to Ron L. for finding tires for the unit as well.

*Fishing Contest: "Possibly the best ever!" Thank-yous will be sent to all major contributors, signed by as many members as possible. Also, an appreciative ad in the Journal to all who donated.

*Discussion about having someone build a fish house (instead of purchasing one) for next year's prize ticket.

*A very interesting report and Q & A presented by DNR Area Fisheries Manager Lee Sundmark, out of the Hutchinson office. Mark indicated a wish to help out with this year's Kid's Fishing Contest.

*Food for next meeting will be provided by Ken Sutherland.

* Next meeting is Thursday, March 26th, 7:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Take care out there!



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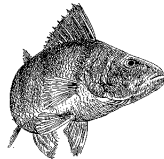
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