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CARPING ON CARP

Our friend, supporter, member, and guest, Sen. Dennis Fredrickson, gave an update on the legislative goings-on in relation to the Legacy Amendment, and the environment in general, at the NUASF meeting on October 1st. After fielding questions from the members present, Denny introduced Peter Sorensen, a University of Minnesota biologist, who gave a very interesting presentation on the "Biology and Control of the Common Carp." What follows are highlights, quotations, and power-points from Dr. Sorensen's remarkable lecture on a seemingly unremarkable topic. The world according to Carp . . .

For more information, feel free to contact: Peter Sorensen Laboratory, University of Minnesota, soren003@umn.edu, 612-624-4997.

~The common carp is a remarkable fish.

~A river fish from central Asia that has conquered the world.

~The spread of carp has been perpetuated by man, from Roman times, to the Catholic church, to the U.S. Fish Commission, promoted as "Carp Culture".



~Carp were introduced to the USA in 1877: 345 adult carp were brought from Germany; were propagated in ponds for 2 years; and from 1879-1895, the entire country was stocked
~Carp have come to dominate the fish biomass in many Midwestern lakes and rivers.

~In abundance, carp have devastating effects on water, plant, and fish quality.

~Above certain densities, carp become damaging, leading to algae bloom, shading, and aquatic plant decline.

~Present control techniques, which include *unselective* removal and exclusion, have been proven to be expensive and unsustainable, and the results are almost always short-lived.

~Something better: Integrated control? This is a systematic approach which targets biological attributes of an unwanted species to bring it under control in an ecologically and economically sustainable manner.

~Carp in your watershed?

Consider this: Carp are very damaging to the environment; carp are complex and difficult to deal with; solutions are emerging for certain situations; targeting and science are the key; there are different possible solutions for different particular locations; and, as always, more research is needed.

~ For answers to some of your basic questions, Why so many carp? What is their life history? Where do adult carp go? (B&L Bar?) How and where do they spawn? When and where are they born? How do they winter? Why are there so many carp in certain lake and river systems? please do your own research, contact Peter Sorensen directly, or contact the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources.

Club Calendar

October 29th MEETING at the Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.

October 31st Halloween (Go catch a trophy pumpkinseed!)

. Fall Cleanup at Clubhouse and Grounds

November 12th Social Night at the Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

November 14th The Freshwater Foundation/Friends of the

Minnesota Valley/Community Clean-up/CCMR/Water Quality—participants needed for Water Quality DVD update, Riverside Park, 9:00 a.m. Details and info:

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November 26th Thanksgiving (Have fish instead of turkey!)



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From the President

By Jason Kuester

We will be holding elections for one board member at the next meeting. We are asking that everyone attend this meeting to make your vote count.

We are going to have a special guest at the next meeting on October 29th. New Ulm photographer Ron Bolduan shares images of times, places and subjects captured during his 15 year photo study of the Minnesota River Valley. He calls this "Life on the River—Favorite Moments and Memories". This includes photos of surprising catches from the April 2009 first commercial seining of the Minnesota River in the New Ulm area in over forty years. This should be a very interesting event.

The location of the club's Ice Fishing Trip is changed to Dickson Lake Resort. Todd and Karen are very excited to have our club at their resort this year. They have also donated a four person fishing trip as one of our prizes for the fishing contest we will have in February. We have several dates to pick from and need to have conformation and down payment to them by the December's meeting. If you are interested in going along on this trip please contact me at 507-381-2041 or e-mail at jr@newulmtel.net. The dates that are available are Jan 2nd -6th, Jan 21st-24th, Jan 31st-Feb 7th.

It is time to start thinking of the Ice Fishing Contest. At the last meeting the club decided that we would spend the extra money and send one book of tickets to every member. We are asking that everyone please sell at least one book of tickets. This event is our largest fund raiser for the club. We need to make some extra money this year so we can do some awesome projects. Some included are the wetland project at Minnecon Park, Camp Courage, and the Minnesota River Clean Up to just name a few. Additional tickets are always available at each meeting or by contacting Ross Nelson at 507-766-0765. We will have sign up sheets for collecting prizes for this event.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped paint the thin ice signs for Clear Lake. Ron Ludewig checked over the aerator system on Clear Lake and gathered up the repair crew that made it work like new again. Thank you Ron and repair crew!!

Fall is here (maybe winter) 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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Fish

Ge 1:26 have dominion over the f of the sea,

Jnh 2:1 his God from the belly of the f,

Mt 7:10 Or if the child asks for a f, will give

Jn 6:9 has five barley loaves and two f.

MEETING NOTES from October 1st

*39+ members present. Membership stands at 180 with 23 due. Pat Roiger and Ori Schultz are tied in the membership drive with 3 new members each. It was moved and seconded to give Mankato Tent & Awning one year's free membership for all the help they have given the club.

*Area Lakes and Rivers Report: Jason Kuester had a "wonderful" boat ride on the Minnesota River; there were no other reports.

*Clubhouse and Grounds Update: mowing needs to be done one more time for the season; continuing work on "thin ice" signs; club fish houses stored at Orin Schultz's are in good shape; Barry Zimmerman will be summoned to look at clubhouse furnace; fall clean-up of the clubhouse and grounds is tentatively set for Saturday, Oct. 31st.

*Riverblast Update: 85+ campers signed in; food booth netted a tidy sum; changes in the flotilla event were discussed and will continue.

*Peterman's Club Fishing Contest: 10 members showed and caught 6 carp and many small fresh-water drum. Mike Marti won the contest with a 7#-10 oz carp. Pete also presented a \$100 check designated for the EE Mecklenburg Scholarship Fund.

*Winter Ice-Fishing Contest: Date set for Feb. 13th, 2010; will need help gathering prize-donations, and Dave M. has offered to head this committee again this year; all members are asked to do their best in securing sponsors for this event; looking for the best deal on the grand prize, an ice-fishing house; each member will be receiving a book of tickets with their newsletter this year, which they must either sell publicly or purchase personally; ticket-printing order will be increased to 3,000 this year.

*Denny Fredrickson and Peter Sorensen presented.

*Food for next meeting: No volunteers yet once.

*Belle Plaine clean-up, Oct. 3rd, leaving 3M upper plant parking lot at 8:00 a.m.

*Mini Con Project: Jeff Nielson talked to club about sponsoring the completion of the project. Discussion followed, and several people offered to serve on a grant-application committee. Motion to sponsor the completion of the project passed unanimously.

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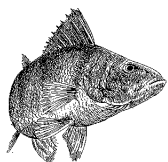
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