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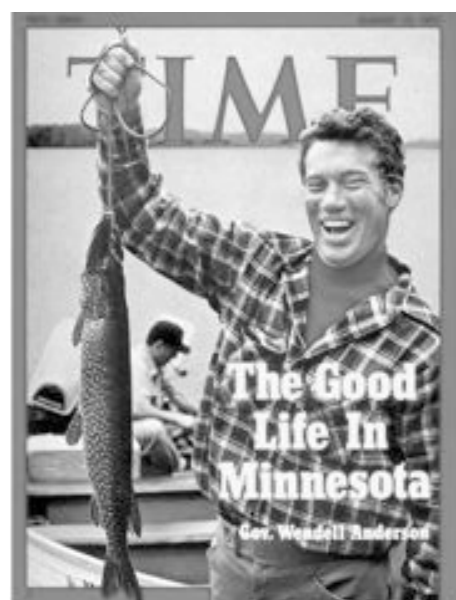
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Please contact these state agencies for answers to frequently asked questions about safe eating guidelines, reducing the contaminants you might consume, meal size and preparation, cleaning and cooking fish properly, and what we can do to reduce the amount of mercury in fish.

### MEETING NOTICE

**Please note that our December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 30th, at 7:30 p.m. You are asked to bring a donation of canned goods or cash to be presented to the New Ulm Area Emergency Food Shelf on behalf of NUASF. Food shelf staff informs us that they have plenty of canned tuna on hand. Tuna Helper, anyone?**



In 1971, then-Gov. Wendell Anderson performed what would become known as the Minnesota Miracle. "Today we face a similar, if not more severe, set of challenges. Issues like unemployment, home foreclosures, and soaring deficits demand tested leadership. Serious times call for serious leaders," wrote Mr. Anderson in a recent letter endorsing Margaret Anderson Kelliher for governor. Now, Ms. Kelliher's "tested leadership" is being seriously challenged for allegedly buying access to the DFL's "prized voter list" and possibly breaking campaign finance laws. Another pretty kettle of fish!

## Club Calendar

Monday, Dec. 21st ..... Winter begins  
Friday, Dec. 25th ..... Christmas Day  
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30th..... MEETING AT THE  
CLUBHOUSE, 7:30 PM  
Friday, Jan. 1st .....New Year's Day



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## From the President .....

By Jason Kuester

Please note that the December meeting is on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. We have changed this to a Wednesday due to Christmas and New Years falling on Friday this year.

Mike Buechner was elected as a new board member at the last meeting. (Congratulations Mike) I would also like to thank Dave Mecklenburg for all of his years of hard work and dedication to the club.

If you want to attend the ice fishing trip to Dixon Lake Resort on February 18th-21st please have your **\$50.00 down payment** to me by December's meeting on Wednesday the 30th. If you are interested in going along on this trip but can't make the meeting please contact me at 507-381-2041 or e-mail at jr@newulmtel.net. The total for the trip is \$115.00 per person for three nights, there will be a \$10.00 per day charge for angling houses and \$30.00 per day for the spearing houses. They have room for 20 people in their angling houses and about 25 spearing houses available. This is first come first serve, so if you need an ice house let me know.

I would like to thank everyone for doing such a great job on selling their books of tickets for the ice fishing contest. If you are interested and want more tickets contact Ross Nelson at 507-766-0765 or myself at 507-381-2041. Please turn in any unused tickets and or money at the January meeting. Thanks for all your hard work!!!

Ice fishing season is here and many lakes are froze over and covered in snow. Due to these conditions it is very hard to tell if you are walking on 2 inches of ice or 8 inches of ice. Please be careful if and when you are on the ice. Remember the golden rules of ice thickness- 4 inches walking only, 6 inches snowmobiles and four-wheelers, 12 inches or more for small cars and pickups, 16 inches for full size vehicles.

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

Winter 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!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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### The NUASF Board

President - Jason Kuester (381-2041); Vice-President - Gary Sprenger (359-9358); Secretary - Ross Nelson (507-766-0765) Treasurer - Tony Miller (354-2457); Board Members: Jim Hulke (354-3654), Dave Mecklenburg (794-7859), Ken Sutherland (354-4140).  
Hook, Line & Sinker Editor - Franz Kitzberger (359-8944)

## CRANK BAIT

It's no fish ye're buying—it's men's lives.  
—Sir Walter Scott

## MEETING NOTES from November 19th

\*40+ members present. Membership stands at 185 with 31 due. Pat Roiger and Orin Schultz lead membership drive with 3 new members each.

\*Area Lakes and Rivers Report: Lake Hanska must be good because there were lots of people fishing; Baudette, good; Elysian, walleyes good.

\*Clubhouse and Grounds Update: Dave M. was the only one who showed up. He cleaned the roof; Tony Miller will hold a family gathering at the clubhouse on Dec. 27th and has offered to fix the outhouses by insulating and making routine repairs. Motion was passed to pay Tony's expenses for this project.

\*Board member Dave Mecklenburg declined to run for another term on the Board of Directors. Mike Buechner, Dick Peterman, and Wyman Forbrook were nominated and Mike Buechner was elected to the post. Congratulations, Mike! And fishing-caps off to Dave for his years of service as a Board member. But he really shouldn't have been up on the roof all by himself!

\*Dixon Lake ice fishing trip: \$50.00 down payment is due by the December meeting; 27 people are signed up for the trip so far; the resort has offered to do a fish fry if the guests wish.

\*Ice Fishing Contest Update: CORRECTION—contest is Sunday, February 14th, not the 13th. Bockfest is on the 13th. We (me and the smoked fish in my stocking) regret the error. Dave M. is working on prize-collections, so please see him if you can help out. Posters should be done soon. Keep selling those raffle tickets!

\*Locks on all the sheds have been changed. See a board member if you need a key to get into the sheds. SSL has offered to replace all six of our LP tanks for \$322.13. It was approved to accept the SSL offer. Tony Miller will submit a police report about the theft of our six LP tanks.

\*Ron Bolduan will be offered something to help offset his expenses as he travels around the area giving his unique educational slideshows.

\*Mike Deinken was sighted in Minnesota but was unable to attend the meeting.

\*Glen Rasmussen will donate a deer to the club if he is lucky enough to bag one.

\*Eric Olson has hamburger for sale again: Contact Gene Witte if interested.

\*NEXT MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30TH.

\*Dave Wenk's Famous Southwestern Chili will be served at the meeting. Please bring appetizers, side-dishes, chips, dips, etc. and (Dave suggests) a fire-extinguisher.

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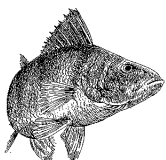
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