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## High Island Lake Reclamation on Track

By Scott Sparlin Ex. Dir. CCMR,  
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FMV, Past President NUASF

Much planning and a lot of work have gone into the reclamation of High Island Lake this past year. **Friends of High Island** along with their numerous partners completed projects designed to improve water quality in the impaired High Island Watershed. The projects were undertaken in tributaries to High Island Lake, High Island Creek and the lake itself which ultimately drains the Minnesota River. Numerous best management practices have also been adopted with the help of the Clean Water Partnership which is funded by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

In May over 25 volunteers participated in a barley straw project which was both experimental and effective in reducing phosphorus. Using a Christmas tree bailer, long (15-20 ft.) bales of barley straw were placed in streams that drain to High Island Lake. This process has been effective in reducing phosphorus and algae in other parts of the United States, Great Britain and in Minnesota as well. Monitoring samples were taken throughout the summer and fall by Joel Wurscher which showed a localized significant reduction of phosphorus. The project has been a learning experience for all and will be fine tuned to make it even more effective this next year.

A number of meetings with both government and non-government entities during the past year have resulted in the creation of an excellent road map for moving forward with the lake draw

down. After many discussions and numerous communications all parties are now on the same page. The situation now exists which will allow for a timely and most effective draw down this year and into the future years when and if needed. The plans include modifications to the outlet of the lake along with the control structure. This will allow for a thorough draw down and an accelerated water flow coming from the lake during any planned draw down event. Some of the modifications are in place now and some will be completed this winter. They are being funded by **Friends of High Island** from donations received during our Mid-Winter Bash fund raiser and from our many partners as well. Subsequently if the lake experiences a

good freeze out this winter, walleye fry will be put in the lake and the water control structure will be utilized to return the lake levels back to normal some time in spring 2010.

This fall another rain garden was constructed in the city of New Auburn by This brings the total to 7 that have been constructed in the city over the past 3 years. This upcoming year a large rain garden is being planned for construction on the north end of town with a completion date slated for late summer. New

Auburn intends to have the entire community's storm water system consist of rain gardens instead of the more conventional curb and gutter that most cities have. This will further help the lake recover and ensure clean runoff to the lake from the city of New Auburn into the future.

### Our Friends Upstream Need Us

Perhaps many of you received Scott's or Jason's e-mail on the great news that our progressive friends upstream with Clean Up the River Environment (CURE) are one of three finalists for a Bush Foundation-sponsored prize of \$25,000 offered by InCommons Collaboration Challenge. And, hopefully, many of you have had a chance to view and vote for the video. You can contact InCommons at [info@InCommons.org](mailto:info@InCommons.org) for more information. Also, CURE has a great website where you can view the video and take a virtual Upstream/Downstream Friendship Tour of a coalition of groups designed to foster a sense of common purpose and vision among farmers, consumers, business owners, and environmental advocates in the Minnesota River watershed.

Go to: [www.cureriver.org](http://www.cureriver.org) to view the video. Here is CURE's mission: to focus Minnesota River Watershed and to take action to restore and protect its water quality, biological integrity, and natural beauty for all generations. CURE's motto: CURE—The Minnesota River—Float It, Fish It, Fix It.



Dave Mecklenburg, after a visit to the Pro Shop in the ol' ClubTrailer (the 19th hole?) for a shot of snowshoe grog and proper Izod and FootJoy ice-golf attire, approaches the tee at the Clear Lake Links.

## Club Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 9th . . . . . Social Night at the Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 16th . . . . . Put out thin ice signs, 2:30 - 3:00  
Saturday, Dec. 25th . . . . . Christmas Day  
Thursday, Dec. 30th . . . . . General Meeting at the Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 1st . . . . . New Year's Day



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## From the President .....

By Jason Kuester

Please note that the December meeting is on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

Due to a small turnout at the last meeting we will be holding elections for two board members on Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. We are asking that everyone attend this meeting to make your vote count. If you would like to be a board member call or email me before the meeting at 507-381-2041 or [jr@newulm-tel.net](mailto:jr@newulm-tel.net)

This is the last chance to sign up for the club's ice fishing trip to Dixon Lake Resort. Todd and Karen are very excited to have our club back 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. The date for the trip is February 17, we have 43 people signed up already! There is room for 7 more people! I need to have conformation and down payment to them after 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](mailto:jr@newulmtel.net). The total for the trip is \$120.00 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 24 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. If you are unable to attend the meeting and need to pay your \$50.00 down payment send it to Jason Kuester 56554-446th Street New Ulm, Mn 56073.

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 me 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 frozen 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.*

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!

## If Wishes Were Fishes (A poem by Will Munter)

If wishes they were fishes  
And the salmons wisdom tapped  
We'd be fully conscious  
Enlightened and not trapped  
With oceans full of consciousness  
We'd grow up true and strong  
Fed and watered evenly  
And know true right from wrong

And as we eat and share together  
True development will flow  
With no wicked deviations  
True seeds o light doth glow  
So I'm wishing for more fishes  
To help this garden spread  
With multiversal one-ness  
In that river straight ahead.

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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), Mike Buechner (354-2739 s), Ken Sutherland (354-4140).  
Hook, Line & Sinker Editor - Franz Kitzberger (359-8944)

## MEETING NOTES from November 24th .

- \*Members present: 25-
- \*Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and approved unanimously.
- \*Membership Update: tabled until next meeting due to Ken Sutherland's absence. The "Fillet Board" members have been pardoned for a month.
- \*Area Lakes and Rivers Report: N/A
- \*Clubhouse and Grounds Update: New Shed will be moved onto grounds on Monday, Nov. 29th. Thanks, Jason!
- \*Old boat motor is "shot." We'll need a new motor. Motion made and approved to start looking for a 15-horse motor.
- \*Prints from Ken Spoon estate: tabled until Orv R. speaks to Ken's widow.
- \*Tony Miller requested use of the clubhouse and grounds for a family Christmas party. Approved.
- \*New Business: Jim Hulke's and Ken Sutherland's seats on the board of directors are up for election. Election postponed due to lack of a quorum. All members are eligible to nominate and/or run for openings on the NUASF board. Contact Jason K.
- \*Ice Fishing Contest: Posters and tickets available, contact Jason or Ross. Prize collection sheet is ready, see Dave M. Dave will contact anyone on the list who is not at this meeting. All collection areas are pretty well covered. Jim L. volunteered to help-out on the southside. Tom S. volunteered to coordinate the food booth. Jason K. will handle the food license. Sign up at front desk.
- \*Winter Fishing Trip—Feb. 17th – 20th—Dixon Lake. 41 People have signed up. Jason is doing the accounting and still has room for 6-8 people.
- \*Food for December 30th meeting: Wayne F. presenting soup-and-sandwich; Scott S.=eggnog+.
- \*Other New Business: Tony Miller reported that the 3M River Rats may have to disband due to lack of interest and enthusiasm. Tony will try to expand interest and Jason K. will attend their next meeting to re-kindle the spirit.
- \*Scott S. Report: A New Ulm citizen has purchased a 50-foot boat (more at barge?) with the intentions of using it for tours and other excursions on the Minnesota River. Boat could hold 35 – 40 people. Boat needs some attention in the form of paint, wood replacement, general finish-work, and a little detail known as a motor. Scott is very enthused about the possibilities of such a river-vessel and will be drumming up support from our club and the community at large. He will have more information at future meetings. Mark twain! Two fathoms? Captain Scott assures us that the type of engine he's interested in will be able to skip along in much less than 2-feet of water!

### From Ken Sutherland. . .

We're putting out the thin ice signs Thurs. starting around 2:30 - 3:00. Don't be afraid to show up later; the more people, the easier the job. We hope to get signs out at the 4 corners either day, Tues. or Wed. so we can put 1 or 2 crews to work with augers & signs. It takes 5-6 people for a crew. With this much snow, 4-wheelers may not be able to get around on the lake. Does anyone have a snowmobile they can bring out? We have one large sled to haul signs; we could use another if possible. Any question, give me a call, cell # 5997-276-1534.

### FILLET BOARD - memberships due for December 2010

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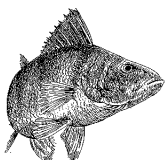
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