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Peace and Love, brother of the fishermen.

—Ross A. Nelson

Zen and the art of ice fishing is an oxymoron.

—Anon.

When you fish, you must wear a goofy hat.

—Anon.

The fishing was good; it was the catching that was bad.

—A.K. Best

The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope.

—John Buchan

The solution to any problem—work, love, money, whatever—is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the fishing trip should be.

—John Gierach

‘Carpe Diem’ does not mean ‘fish of the day’.

—Anon.



Three generations fishing on the Minnesota River in the summertime. From left to right: Collin Kuester, John Kuester and Jason Kuester. Time is coming fast to once again enjoy the river.

Club Calendar

Thursday, March 25th

General Meeting at Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m

Saturday., April 4

Community Clean up for Water Quality - 9:30 at Riverside Park



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From the President

By Jason Kuester

As the president of the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman it is very exciting to see a club like ours grow and help out local organizations with education and donations. It is our time to make a mark in history. Looking forward there are many organizations suffering from the down economy. As you know we can't help everyone, but we need to focus on our mission statement and help the ones we can. We as a club needs to focus on our goals such as *getting kids fishing, water quality of our lakes and rivers, and further education for our children.* If we let these things slip through the cracks there will be no one ready to take charge in the future. If you have any ideas that focus on this, please bring them to the next meeting or email me at jr@newulmtel.net. **"It is always easier to be proactive and take responsibility from the start, than to be reactive and try to fix what is already broken".**

We will be awarding the Stoney award at the March meeting. If you have someone you would like to nominate please nominate them by e-mailing me at jr@newulmtel.net or by nominating them at the meeting on March 25th. 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 2nd 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 to 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 Fishermans 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!

For all who are interested we will be having a board meeting at 6:00pm on March 25th. 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 25th

- *Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports—both accepted unanimously.
- *Members present: 50+
- *Memberships stand at 203 with 34 due. Mike Buechner leads membership drive with 4 new members.
- *Area Lakes and Rivers Report: Dixon Lake—very good with over 300 fish caught. Minnesota River—7 to 10 pound walleyes being caught.
- *Clubhouse and Grounds Update: 4 of the 6 LP tanks that were stolen reappeared in the shed (empty) as mysteriously as they had disappeared . . .
- *Report from Scott E. Sparlin: High Island Lake—\$14,000.00 made at the fund raiser. An educational seminar on fishing, water quality and ecology will be conducted by Scott Sparlin and Ron Bolduan at Riverside Park in May for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. New Auburn fish fry to be held February 27th. Barley testing report: very successful. It was suggested that NUASF look into a possible application on Clear Lake.
- *Tony Miller newsletter advertising/advertisers: price of ads raised to \$20 for printed newsletter, \$10 for web-ads. Many ads are past due. Members volunteered to contact the past due accounts to ask for their continued support. High Banks, Dixon Lake, and Mankato Tent & Awning were given free NUASF memberships last year. It was decided to renew Mankato Tent & Awning's free membership.
- *Fishing Contest Report: An estimated 600-900 people were on the ice for the contest. The contest was once again a resounding success. (Please talk to any of the executive board members for specifics on actual financial figures.) Scheel's was very generous with prizes and discounted merchandise and has offered a free fish house for next year. Vexlar will be donating 2 underwater cameras next year. Cabela's has been approached about a free fish house also. Discussion followed on the possibility of shortening contest hours next year, from a 4:00 to 3:00 p.m. closing.
- *Eric Olson would like to see some changes in the way we award our membership drive winner. For every 3 members signed up, the recruiter will receive one chance to have his name drawn from a hat when the contest ends.
- *Studtmann Pond Club Fishing Contest: Set for March 13th, 11:00 to 4:00. Prizes will be awarded. Thanks to the Studtmann family for sharing their time and energy!
- *Dixon Lake Fishing Trip: 32 members made the journey. Resort did a great job. Food was great, as was the fishing. Weather was good, as were the accommodations.
- *Lee Sundmark, DNR Fisheries Area Supervisor in the Agency's Hutchinson office, gave a very informative fisheries report.
- *Food for next meeting will be presented by Wyman Forbrook. Please bring a side-dish to share.
- *Thanks for all you do!

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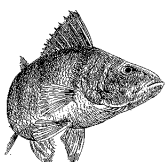
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