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## Regional River History and Information Center

By Joyce Reese

The Regional River History and Information Center (RRHIC), a program under CCMR, is housed in the Franklin School building which was built in 1892. It is located in Riverside Park at Center & South Front Streets.

Franklin School became the headquarters for the Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River organization in 2004 under the directorship of Scott Sparlin. In keeping with the atmosphere of a school, he established the RRHIC program. In 2005, as a volunteer, I became an assis-



tant, creating displays and researching stories of travel, recreation, the button industry and fishing on the Minnesota River.

RRHIC Curator, Ron Bolduan, has on display a large amount of his collection of artifacts he has found along the regional rivers; some of which is animal pelts, turtle shells, animal skulls, and the working of beavers. There are thousands of years old bones including a skull and horns of a Bison *Accidentalis* which came to North America before the Ice Age. Donation of items have come from many people, such as beaver hides, antique fishing lures, and an Indian axe

## RRHIC Mussel Hike



head dating from 700 to 1100 years old.

RRHIC is a hands-on museum of artifacts enjoyed by people of all ages. Children like to pick up and/or feel most of the objects and they also ask interesting questions or contribute information.

This past year, Ron launched a new program: "River Ranger", to teach children about the rivers through personal experiences.

RRHIC hours are Tue. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 3p.m. June through August and noon - 4 p.m. weekends May through October. For appointment: [bold@newulmtel.net](mailto:bold@newulmtel.net)

Participants in the RRHIC Mussel Hike on the Cottonwood River is led by Ron Bolduan as part of his River Ranger program. They moved large mussels to deeper water as well as picked up glass & cans. Mary Borstad, below, shows one of the mussels she found.

Photos by Don Borstad



## Club Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 16th . . . Social (Painting) Night at the Clubhouse

Tuesday, Sept. 21st . . . Babe Winkelman spoke at MLC about the need to spread fishing knowledge.

Thursday, Sept. 23rd . . . Autumn begins . . .

Thursday, Sept. 30th . . . General Meeting at the Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.  
. . . Food, Pot Luck, served after the meeting.



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## From the President .....

By Jason Kuester

First I would like to thank all the hard working volunteers that helped out at Riverblast. There was a great turnout and beautiful weather. As for the food sales...they went well I will go into more detail at the next meeting. Thanks again to all the hard working volunteers that helped make the event a great success!!!

Remember fall is a great time to get out and do some fishing. If you don't have a boat and need one, the club has two boats for its members to use. All we ask is that you bring them back clean and full of fuel. If you would like to use a boat, they are parked down by Jim Hulke's place on Valley Street. You can reach Jim at 507-276-4438.

It is time to start thinking of the Ice Fishing Contest. We need to decide where we are going to get the portable ice house for the contest. Posters, tickets, and sponsors also need to be decided upon. As always we will be setting up a prize and food committee.

Fall 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!!

## ~~~~~ CRANK BAIT

I had a fish taco last weekend at the Rock Bend Folk Festival in St. Peter. Beat the hell out of all that red meat I have been eating lately. "Must be fish."

--Anon.

Fishing is good for the soul.

---Babe Winkelman

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# MEETING NOTES from August 26th

- \*Members present: 40+
- \*Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and approved unanimously by members present.
- \*Membership Update: Membership stands at 196 with 25 due; Mike Buechner leads recruiting with 3 new members.
- \*Area Lakes and Rivers Report: Minnesota River "has been good," as has Hagemen Dam.
- \*Clubhouse and Grounds Update: Painting and Social Hour on September 16th, starting at 5:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. Kim Olson will "supply the supplies." Email reminder sent out to members.
- \*Jim Hulke will keep us advised as to the "fixability" of the lawn mower.
- \*Don Luther took boat motor back to repair a carburetor problem.
- \*Ron Ludewig reported on the aeration pumps at Clear Lake. Parts may need replacing and some may no longer be available. New pump estimated at \$2500. Motion made and carried to purchase new pump, if necessary.
- \*Orin Schultz trimmed the tree above the club fish-house (also in need of a paint-job before the snow flies) stored at his place.
- \*Riverblast: Set-up to start at 4:00 p.m. Thursday before event; need help with teardown and cleanup from 8:00 a.m. Sunday, sign up sheets at front desk; food committee needs help, and Wayne Forbrook will take charge after Jason Kuester leaves on Saturday; Goosetown Reunion will be using some of the tents and will be responsible for taking them down later on Sunday; Hog-on-the-Road, from Duluth, will be serving food at the Blast; \$700 have already been donated for the Blast; Tony Miller will be in charge of the campgrounds/sites, \$20 for the weekend, campers can enter grounds from 5:00 p.m. Thursday; Walk/Run sponsored by 3M River Rats needs a 501c3 sponsor/applicant; a motion for NUASF to provide sponsorship passed unanimously.
- \*Kids Hooked on Fishing seminar report from Scott Sparlin: estimated expenses could run from \$1000 to \$1500, less than originally projected; other like-organizations will be approached for help with the project.
- \*Kids' Fishing Contest Report from Mark Dauer and Jim Hulke: 124 kids and 115 fish were registered; 7 lb.-7 oz. catfish won the contest; thank-you notes to all the sponsors were placed in the Journal and Shopper; the fish in the holding tank were dumped in front of the landing and didn't swim or float away from the banks; mention was made that this reflected badly on the club and could be remedied next year by pitching the fish into the current to float merrily down the stream.
- \*New Ulm Public Library/Babe Winkelman Report: The library received the grant and the fishing seminar is set for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 21st at Martin Luther College. NUASF will provide door prizes for the event, leftovers from fishing contest, T-shirts, hats, and the like. Scott Sparlin will speak on behalf of the club.
- \*Winter Fishing Trip: Dates set for February 17th - 20th at Dixon Lake.
- \*Food for next meeting, Pot Luck, served after the meeting.
- \*Thank You note was received from the DNR for the equipment box we sponsored on the new canoe trailer.

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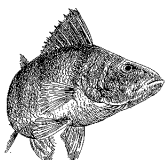
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