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Ervin (Poor George) Fischer

By Scott Sparlin

I thought it would be appropriate to say a few things about a much loved long time (charter) member who recently passed on.

Erv Fischer was quite a guy. He was so soft hearted, always smiling and always eager to help the young kids especially those not quite so fortunate who had significant challenges in their lives. He made every Camp Courage event we had and I know he smiled during the event even more than the kids did and that's saying quite a bit. Baiting hooks, tying lines, helping to cast, rig up a rod and reel, whatever it took Ervie did it with great patience and a contagious smile.



I first met Erv when we were starting up the club way back when. He truly loved fishing and understood it took good water to make for good fish and fishing. He conveyed to me how much he loved the Minnesota River and felt bad that it wasn't in good

shape. He said he wanted to do what ever he could to help that situation and that he thought there were a lot of other people that felt like us who just needed to be asked. At that time he was aware of a particular ditch in his vicinity which was experiencing some problems with manure discharge from a poorly managed lot. It disgusted him and he felt something should be done about it. We talked about it many times over the course of the next year or so until he had enough. He then proceeded to contact a county commissioner and complained until something was done. It eventually got fixed without a lot of fanfare or notice and I remember Erv smiling at me when it was all over. He had felt vindicated and happy that this assault on nature had been stopped. That took place 20 years ago. Ervie truly loved the fact that NUASF was environmentally concerned and sensitive to our water and fish habitat. He really liked that fact that we led the way on many of those issues. I know that because he would tell me after the meetings that I needed to keep on the guys about the environment and the issues that were out

there.

The jokes Erv told were way beyond funny and clever. George would really get a gleam in his eye when he was telling one and that smile would come over his face at the punch line. It is a look I will treasure all the rest of my days when I think of him.

Erv loved playing music and many of you don't know this, but he was a very accomplished concertina and piano player. When his buddy Lloyd who also plays the button accordion would get together on the lake at the NUASF Winter Fishing Contest with a bunch of the rest of the NUASF choral group it was a pure hoot. Throw in some of Pete's shine and a couple of cold Schell's or Grain Belt (for Pete) and all was right with the world. The international headquarters of NUASF will never be quite the same without Poor George. So Ervie here's to you buddy, remember we are only tasting, we will save the real serious stuff for when we meet again.

Remembering Joyce Mecklenburg

On behalf of NUASF, we also note the recent passing of our brother Dave Mecklenburg's mother, Joyce, and offer our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of this wonderful woman. It is part of her lasting legacy, of course, that the E.E. Mecklenburg/NUASF Scholarship program has been so successful and continues to help the recipients of this award thrive in their academic and career pursuits. Thank you, Joyce. May you rest in peace. —Editor)

Club Calendar

Thursday, August 25th ... General meeting at the Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 2nd & Saturday, September 3rd ... RIVERBLAST sponsored by our friends at Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River.

Monday, September 5th ... Labor Day



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From the President

By Jason Kuester

First things first, I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped with the Kids fishing contest. Everyone did a great job!!! We had our best turnout ever this year on the river. **Thanks Again!!**

Labor Day is just around the corner, where did summer go? As you all know Riverblast planning is under way. The dates for the event are September 2nd and 3rd. Scott is looking for bartenders to work the beer tent, if you are available please contact him at 507-276-2280 or at yasure@lycos.com

Here are some important upcoming events for your calendars. The first event is the Peterman's Fall Club Fishing Contest. The date for the contest will be decided at the next meeting. (Sometime in September) Plans are also being made for the winter fishing trip. There has been a lot of talk about going back to Dixon Lake Resort after the Ice Fishing Contest. If you plan on attending this trip and would like to be part of the planning, please come to the next meeting or contact me at 507-381-2041 or jr@newulmtel.net with your request.

Summer 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!!

Volunteers needed for Riverblast

Riverblast, a program of CCMR, is the only fund raiser CCMR holds each year. NUASF receives no proceeds from this event, members graciously volunteer.

Significant help is needed for setting up Riverblast on Thursday after 5:00 p.m. and tear down on Sunday starting at 10:30 a.m. Volunteers are also needed for bartending and some for ticket sales. These are the shifts: Friday 5-8:30 and 8:30 to close. Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.. 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. to close.

Contact Scott at 507- 276-2280 or email at yasure@lycos.com. Schedules are available online at <http://www.Riverblast.org>

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MEETING NOTES from July 28th

- *Members present: 30+
- *Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and accepted unanimously.
- *Membership update: Membership stands at 199 with 35 due; one member with 4 new, two members with 3 new members. Motion was made and passed to give Barry Zimmerman a Plaza Garibaldi gift-certificate and two-year club membership for his work on the clubhouse air-conditioner; no charge for parts and labor. Thanks, Barry!
- *Area Lakes & Rivers Report: Clear Lake—crappies and little walleyes; St. James is "picking up."
- *Clubhouse and Grounds Update: Four members showed up to clean up the grounds. Trees were trimmed along the driveway. Dave W. talked to Jerry Nielsen about cutting down trees. If the trees are a hazard, it's okay, but since he heats with wood, we should ask him before cutting any others.
- *AC fixed by Barry Z., parts and labor at no cost to club. Pat R. will talk to John R. about mowing. John's retired and "has nothing to do," said Pat. Elmer Epke has donated the \$160 from the pork chop feed to the club. Thank you, Elmer! Tony M. had a great ad in the paper, and two more are on the way.
- *Ice Castle Raffle Report: NUASF will be selling tickets at Riverblast, will need volunteers there. Jason K. is working on getting the logos done. It was suggested that we run the Ice Castle as a unit in the Parade of Lights during the holidays.
- *Scott Sparlin was nominated by Mike Studdtmann and seconded by Wyman Forbrook to be considered for a life-time membership to NUASF. Motion passed. (Editor's Note: I missed this meeting and, had I been in attendance, I would have called a 'point of order,' since it is my belief that the wealthy should start paying their fair share. "It's not the money, it's the principle.")
- *Kids' Fishing Contest Update: Contest date moved back to Aug. 17th; cleanup will be held at Riverside on Au. 11th, bring tools, weed-whips, trailers, etc.; Mark D. did not purchase any signage in case the contest is not held; will purchase next year; there will be no beer available at the contest, bad example at a kids' fishing contest; talked about having other area organizations help with cleanup after the contest; Dave C. said he would consult with the 'Sentence to Serve' people.
- *Food for next meeting: Brats and Hot Dogs, and bring a dish to pass.
- *New Business: Erv W. donated a grill to the club for use at smaller events, and gave some other items to Jim H. who sold it at a rummage sale, netting \$62 for the club.
- *There are a lot of bags of snack chips at the clubhouse, so try to use them for the kids' fishing contest.
- *Heart of New Ulm is looking to sponsor the Run/Walk at Riverblast but would need a 501(c)3 group to sponsor. Tony M. would do all the treasurer duties. NUASF would be willing to serve as sponsor, but would need a disclaimer of liability if NUASF name is connected to the event.
- *There was a discussion of the necessity of a phone-line at the clubhouse, due to the predominance of mobile phones these days; Tony M. will check into whether the line is needed because of our website account.
- *Eric Olson would be willing to give a package deal to the club similar to our winter ice-fishing trip, but his would take place in the summer at Lake Diefenbaker.
- *See Tony M. if you're interested in a 17' Crestliner for sale at \$5500.

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