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## Ice Safety

### When is ice safe?

There really is no sure answer. You can't judge the strength of ice just by its appearance, age, thickness, temperature, or whether or not the ice is covered with snow. Strength is based on all these factors -- plus the depth of water under the ice, size of the water body, water chemistry and currents, the distribution of the load on the ice, and local climatic conditions.

### There is no such thing as 100 percent safe ice.

- General ice thickness guidelines
- Traveling on ice
- Survival plan - steps for surviving immersion
- Ice rescue claws
  - Instructions for making and using ice rescue claws
  - Using Ice Picks for Self Rescue - Windows Media movie format file (4.6 MB)
- Vehicle escape
- Helping someone else

### Cold facts about ice safety - MN DNR ice safety podcast

Watch **Danger, Thin Ice!** - 10 minute MN DNR ice safety video.

**Some cold facts about ice**  
**New ice is usually stronger than old ice.** Four inches of clear, newly formed ice may support one person on foot, while a foot or more of old, partially thawed ice may not.



**Ice seldom freezes uniformly.** It may be a foot thick in one location and only an inch or two just a few feet away.

**Ice formed over flowing water and currents is often dangerous.** This is especially true near streams, bridges and culverts. Also, the ice on outside river bends is usually weaker due to the undermining effects of the faster current.

**The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process.** The extra weight also reduces how much weight the ice sheet can support. Also, ice near shore can be weaker than ice that is farther out.

**Booming and cracking ice isn't necessarily dangerous.** It only means that the ice is expanding and contracting as the temperature changes.

**Schools of fish or flocks of waterfowl can also adversely affect the relative safety of ice.** The movement of fish can bring warm water up from the bottom of the lake. In the past, this has opened holes in the ice causing snowmobiles and cars to break through.

## News

**11/21/2011:** DNR warns parents of ice danger to children.

### More news

For more information on ice safety contact the MN DNR and ask for our free ice safety publications, which include the brochures, "Danger, Thin Ice" and "Hypothermia the Cold Facts" and the wallet-sized reference card and 11X14 posters titled, "Minimum Recommended Ice Thicknesses." Metro (651) 296-6157 or toll free outside

the metro area 1-888-646-6367 or email the Information Center at [info.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:info.dnr@state.mn.us).

If you wish to re-use any DNR Boat and Water Safety materials from this Web site, please contact us.

## Club Calendar

Thursday, December 22nd ... December General Meeting at the Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th ... Merry Christmas!

Sunday, January 1st ... Happy New Year!

Looking Forward ... Ground Hog Day ... Ice-Fishing Contest at Clear Lake  
... Club Winter Fishing Trip ... 2012 Opener



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## From the President .....

By Jason Kuester

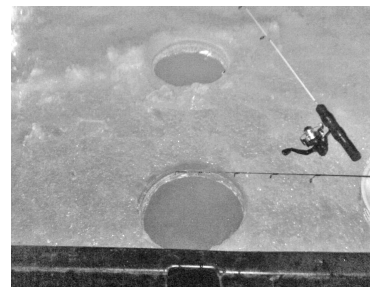
At our last meeting we held elections at the Fish Club. The club re-elected Ross Nelson (Sec.), Jason Kuester (Pres.), Tony Miller (Tres.), and Gary Sprenger (VP). I would like to THANK these guys for all of their hard work and dedication to better the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman!

P.S. Mike D. I don't know how you did all of this by yourself....

The date for the Dixon Lake trip is February 16, we have 36 people signed up already!! I need to have conformation and your \$50.00 down payment to Dixon 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. The total for the trip is \$120.00 per person for three nights, there will be a \$10.00 per day per person 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 and the Ice Castle Fish House. 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!!!

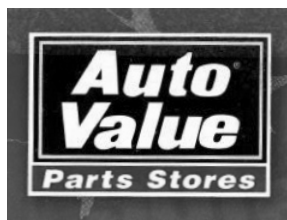
Ice fishing season is here and many lakes are froze over and covered in snow. Due to these conditions it is very hard to tell if you are walking on 2 inches of ice or 8 inches of ice. Please be careful if and when you are on the ice. Remember the golden rules of ice thickness- 4 inches walking only,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



Fall is here (maybe winter) 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!!

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## Hook, Line, and Sinker

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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 December 1st

- \*Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and accepted unanimously.
- \*Membership Update: Membership stands at 190, with 29 due. Reminder: membership drive ends with the next general meeting, Dec. 22nd.
- \*Area Lakes and Rivers Report: Ice on Dixon and Winnie lakes is 4-1/2 " thick; fishing on the Minnesota River is still "hot."
- \*Clubhouse News: club grounds cleanup--nobody showed up! (?); December Social Night on the 8th; General Meeting on the 22nd.
- \*Elections & Results: Motion was made and seconded to re-elect all nominated positions; motion passed unanimously. Jason Kuester, President; Gary Sprenger, Vice President; Ross Nelson, Secretary; Tony Miller, Treasurer.
- \*Tony Miller asked to use the clubhouse for the annual Miller Family Christmas Party. Club approved.
- \*Eric Olson is offering beef hamburger for \$3.45/lb, in 1-3 lb packages. Mr. "O" will be available at the January General Meeting.
- \*Ice-fishing Contest: Tickets are available, see Ken Sutherland; posters are available from Jason K.; Club is looking for a replacement for the irreplaceable Dave Mecklenburg, to serve as Ice-Fishing Contest Coordinator, see Jason K.; Pat Roiger has offered to take over as Prize Coordinator; volunteers were accepted and assigned duties for Prize Collection; sponsors were announced; Tom Simonson volunteered to be Food Coordinator again this year and will take care of the Food License; there are 170 Ice Castle raffle tickets remaining to be sold, see Ken S.
- \*Winter Fishing Trip: Date firm at February 16th to the 19th; meet at Runnings; anyone interested in this trip, see Jason K. as soon as possible; \$50 deposit required; first come-first served on cabins.
- \*Food for next meeting will be presented by Jim Hulke and Mark Dauer.
- \*Wymann Forbrook and Tom Simonson will pull the Ice Castle in the Fish House Parade in St. Peter on December 3rd.
- \*New member Richard Carlson talked about the Invasive Species Task Force. He asked for club support to make his voice heard for the Minnesota River and this important project.
- \*Tony Miller contacted Journal editor Kevin Sweeney about an article promoting NUASF, the Annual Ice-Fishing Contest, and other projects and initiatives. Jason K. offered to represent the club in this PR project. Club received a Thank You from Dave and Ruth Mecklenburg for sympathies expressed at the death of Dave's mother, Joyce.
- \*Club received a Thank You from Pro Kinship for Kids, along with a photo-display of kids enjoying a fishing-outing, supported by NUASF funding.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR! MAY YOU AND YOURS FISH WELL & PROSPER! THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO.

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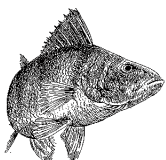
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