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A letter to the editor

by Franz Kitzberger

You wouldn't think that the editor of this fish-wrap would get many letters from members, much less the general fishing public. But receive one I did, about this time last year. It was very clever, and behind it, lurking in the virtual shallows of an email, was a lovely-comma-lovely actual woman, who shall remain an anonymous fish in the sea. There is a real deep saying that goes something like this: "A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle." Here's part of the letter:

New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen 'Hook, Line, and Sinker' editor, tell me of your fishing tales. Do you enjoy the sport by baiting the reader w/enticing info.? Do you actually fish? From shore, dock, boat? I can land a fine small-mouth bass w/a JB baby buzz lure if you know of a nearby lily-pad clad lake stocked w/skyward dancing bass! If it's strictly the language of fishing you spawn, w/o the activity of "the one that got away," I'll still be lured to your channel and appreciate the sunny outlook you seem to have on life. And if you think that's a line of bull (head) or worse yet, that I'm feeding you a bunch of crap(pie), you'll have to stick around a bit to learn to trust my word. Knowing that a good catch is hard to find, we may just as well nibble on the bait for a period of time and not be hasty and snap the line. At this stage neither of us knows whether to reel in for a keeper, or simply catch and release. Let's keep fishing, eh?

Well, we kept fishing, got our lines tangled a few times, bait-and-switched a

bit, did that bass dance, and by April, I'd been "caught and kept." Here's what the "nice fish" wrote back then: *Thinking of you keeps me smiling a lot and feeling good about life. Thank you so much for the things you said in your last email. You've a wonderful heart and I appreciate you opening up more as we swim down this channel together. You're a keeper :)*

She kept me for about a year, had me taxidermied and mounted on a fillet board, and yes, *she's* the "one that got away." I guess I've always been one to wear my fish on my sleeve.

FISH & WHISTLE

by John Prine

I been thinkin' lately about the people I meet
The carwash on the corner and the hole in the street

The way my ankles hurt with shoes on my feet
And I'm wonderin' if I'm gonna see tomorrow.

Father forgive us for what we must do
You forgive us, we'll forgive you
We'll forgive each other till we both turn blue
Then we'll whistle and go fishin' in heaven.

I was in the army but I never dug a trench
I used to bust my knuckles on a monkey wrench
Then I'd go to town and drink and give the girls a pinch
But I don't think they ever even noticed me.

Fish and whistle, whistle and fish
Eat everything that they put on your dish
And when we get through, we'll make a big wish
That we never have to do this again again? again?

On my very first job I said, thank you and please
They made me scrub a parking lot down on my knees
Then I got fired for being scared of bees
And they only gave me fifty cents an hour.



Great crowd and great weather at our 2011 Fishing Contest on Clear Lake. Photo by Don Borstad

Club Calendar

Monday, February 21st Presidents' Day

Thursday, February 23rd General Meeting at the Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 5th Bockfest at Schell's Brewery - "Time to Bock!"

Thursday, March 10th Social Night at the Club house 6:00 p.m..

Saturday, March 12th Studtmann Pond Fishing Contest 11: 00 am-3:00 pm



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From the President

By Jason Kuester

Throughout my nine years of being involved in this club I can't express enough gratitude towards all the members of this club. As they say it takes a community to raise a child it also takes a great group of people to run this club. I truly enjoy working with everyone in this club. I want to express a great Thank You to everyone for passing the word about this contest. By selling tickets, collecting prizes, and organizing the event. ***Great job everyone!!***

The next meeting is "*Fish Dish Night*". (YAY) If you like fish (and who doesn't) you will want to be at the next meeting! I invite you to bring your best fish dish to pass or just bring some fillets. In the past we have had fish sultz, pickled fish, Pete's smoked fish, Scotts Cajun Fish Gumbo, fish chowder and many other great dishes. As always with our February meeting we will be having DNR fisheries staff on hand to give us updates on Clear Lake, Lake Hanska, Sleepy Eye Lake, and the Minnesota River.

I would like to thank Eric Olson for filling our bellies at the last meeting with some delicious Montana venison steak. Eric has also been very generous in the past and present by donating trips to Canada for our club. One of these trips is handed out to the member who signs up the most new members for the year. The other trip is given away as a big prize at our ice fishing contest by purchasing a five dollar raffle ticket. Eric would like everyone to know that there are some openings on the July 4th weekend for three or more people to come up to Canada fishing. There will also be some club members going up over this weekend. If you are interested contact Eric at 406-395-4515 for more details. We would like to give Eric a big Thank You for everything he has done for our club.

**Just a reminder, the deadline to have your icehouse
of the ice is February 28th.**

We are always looking for new friends and 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 January 27th

- *Members present: 35+
- *Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and approved unanimously.
- *Membership Update: Membership stands at 196 with 57 due.
- *Area lakes and Rivers Report: Lake Titlo, big perch and spearing big northern; Clear Lake, limits of crappies, and all NUASF fish-houses are on the lake; Lake Washington, St. Peter, good crappies at 26'.
- *Clubhouse and Grounds Update: no news.
- *A donation was approved to the 'watch dog group' DWSR, which keeps track of where and how our legacy monies are spent.
- *Old business: none.
- *Board of Directors meeting report: Minnecon Wetland Project; Committee Chairs; Year-end Balance; Board request: A dollar-cap was established on donations to be referred to the Board for review. After review a board recommendation will be given to club members to approve or not.
- *Eric Olson, Fishing & Hunting Update: Setting dates for trips to Lake Diefenbaker. Eric will also be donating another trip-package as a prize in next year's fishing contest.
- *Fishing Contest Update: Coordinating meeting set for Feb. 10th. Meet at clubhouse at 6:00 p.m.; Meet at the clubhouse Sunday at 8:00 a.m.; Food license, Tom Simonson done; Sign up sheet for food stand at the front desk; Jim Liebl will check with the cable companies to advertise on the local Wall.
- *Ken Spoon's donated prints: Club will keep the Eagle print in the clubhouse and place a commemorative plaque on it; the second print will be raffled to club members over three meetings, \$5.00/chance.
- *EE Mecklenburg Fund Report: Agenda for February meeting. See Meck for \$-amounts.
- *Money from the Ken Spoon print raffle will be donated to the Scholarship Fund.
- *Winter Fishing Trip: February 17th - 20th. Meet at Runnings at 6:00 a.m. Meals at the resort: \$6.00/Breakfast, \$12.00/Supper. Sign up at front desk. \$50.00 deposit to Jason.
- *Thanks to Jason Kuester and Mike Buechner for taling the fish-houses out to Clear Lake. Please clean up after yourselves after using the houses!
- *Food for next meeting - FISH DISH NIGHT - bring a dish, if not a fish, to pass . . .
- *Studtmann Pond Fishing Contest set for Saturday, March 5th.
- *Ron Bolduan will give a River Rangers report at the next meeting.
- *Anyone interested in the July 4th trip to Lake Diefenbaker, please see Jerry Carlson.

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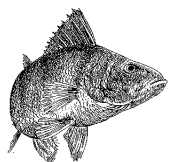
- Ben Franklin

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