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E.E. Mecklenberg Scholarship recipients for 2011

This is the eleventh year that the New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen E.E. Mecklenberg Environmental Scholarship has awarded scholarships to area students.

First, a brief history: To honor the memory of Earl Mecklenburg, who was the father of longtime club member, Dave Mecklenburg, his family created a scholarship for graduating high school students planning on pursuing a career in the environmental field. Since the NUASF club had been involved in many activities supporting environmental causes, the family then asked the club members if they would like to be co-sponsors of the scholarship. They agreed and came on board.

This year the committee awarded three \$500 scholarships and one \$250 scholarship.

\$250 was awarded to Brandon Bode, the son of Lane and Julie Bode, who grew up on a farm and graduated from Sleepy Eye Public High School. Brandon was involved in FFA, Knowledge Bowl, Kids Against Hunger, as well as basketball and football. He is a person that enjoys doing things outdoors, such as hunting, fishing, and camping. He is leaning toward a career in forestry and will be pursuing this goal at Minnesota State University-Mankato.



The first of the three \$500 recipients is Michael Schlottman, a graduate from Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School. His parents are Dale and Amy Schlottman of New Ulm. Michael has been hunting and fishing since he was a young boy and, as a result, he feels strongly about preserving our natural resources for future generations. Michael



was very active in school. He lettered in football, basketball, and baseball, winning several awards. He was an outstanding student and was chosen by his coaches to attend the Regional 2A Leadership Conference. One of Michael's teachers had this to say, "He excels through humble leadership qualities. Two of Michael's best traits are his trustworthiness and determination." Michael plans to study Natural Resources/Wildlife either at South Dakota State University or Bethany Lutheran College.

The second of the three \$500 recipients is Collin Gieseke. He graduated from Cathedral High School and is the son of Robert and Clair Gieseke. Collin grew up on a hobby farm surrounded by woodlands. He says his dad taught him that a hard work ethic is the way to succeed in life. Through the years, he has shared many hunting and fishing experiences with his dad and grandfather. These bonding experiences led to Collin's love of nature by teaching him his family history, how to identify plants and animals, and many other life skills. While in school, Collin was involved in sports, chess and 4H. He also worked as a Dairy Farm Assistant, a PCA at MRCL, and as a Beekeeper Assistant. He has volunteered his time for numerous community affairs, such as the MDA telethon, New Ulm National Day of Caring, Angelman Syndrome Walk, the ALS walk, and the Therapeutic Horseback Riding program. Collin has enrolled in the Wildland/Wildlife law enforcement program at Vermilion Community College in Ely, Minnesota.



The third \$500 recipient is Daniel Simon. He is also a graduate of Cathedral High School and is the son of Robert and Vickie

Simon. Daniel feels that growing up on a farm has taught him valuable lessons about overcoming life's obstacles. He loves being outside and has spent countless hours in the woods. As a student, Daniel was involved in sports, the CHS Art Council, and was the winner of the Greyhound Award, a faculty-given award for students who demonstrate quality standards. Outside of school, Daniel has helped clean road ditches and the Minnesota River shoreline, started and maintains a salt and mineral site to help provide wildlife with proper nutrition, helped educate young children in a science experiment demonstrating pollution levels in the Minnesota River during Water Pollution Education Day, and shadowed Stein Innvaer, a Natural Resources specialist during Career Day. Daniel will be attending Bemidji State University for the Environmental Law Enforcement program.



The Scholarship Committee wishes to congratulate these fine young students and offer best wishes for their future education and environmental pursuits.

At this time, the Mecklenburg family wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the NUASF club for its outstanding generosity and support of our scholarship program. In addition to the \$5 that members have donated along with their membership renewal, this year the club donated \$1,000 to the scholarship fund. The club also held a Print Raffle and donated the \$176 proceeds. We thank Dick Petermann for the \$80 donated from the fishing contest he sponsors every year at his place. Also, the family of Willmar Studtmann held their third annual Willmar Studtmann Memorial Ice Fishing Contest and, as before, the family matched the money received from the entry fees and donated the total amount of \$450 to the scholarship fund.

It is because of these donations, large or small, that the fund continues to grow and has allowed the scholarship committee to award a total of \$12,750 to area students since its formation. In fact, for the first time since the scholarship began, the committee has decided to offer the recipients an additional opportunity. When they declare their major, if the current recipients can show proof that it is in the environmental field, then they will be eligible to re-apply for more scholarship money.

Club Calendar

Thursday, June 30th ... Dinner at 6:30 p.m. before the General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, July 4th ... US Independence Day

Wednesday, August 17h ... NUASF Kids' Fishing Contest, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Riverside Park



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From the President

By Jason Kuester

NOTE: The kids fishing contest date has been changed because of

high water at Riverside Park. Mark your calendar for **August 17th**. This will be the day for the **kids fishing contest** at **Riverside Park**. This event takes a lot of volunteers and we would appreciate as much help as possible. Most of the prizes for this event are picked up. I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work putting this event together. Our main goal is to make this a fun event for the kids. At the next meeting, there will be a sign up sheet to help organize what needs to be done on the day of the event. This will help everyone plan for the event.

Tickets are here for the Ice Castle Fish House, you can pick them up at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like some tickets, please contact Ross Nelson 507-766-0765 rnunw@newulmtel.net or Ken Sutherland 507-276-1534 ken.sutherland@ci.new-ulm.mn.us or myself at 507-381-2041 jr@newulmtel.net

The tickets come in books of 5 and are \$20.00 each. If you take the tickets you will be responsible for selling them or turning them back in before the Ice Fishing Contest in February.

Pork chops will be available for your enjoyment at the next meeting; the meal will be served at 6:30pm before the meeting. Please thank Elmer Epke for providing the pork chops and grilling them for us on his big grill. Elmer wants all of the donations from this meal will go to our club. Please bring a dish to pass.

It's definitely summer like weather again and that means the grounds at the club will need to be mowed and trimmed. We are going to have a sign up sheet for mowing, please help us by signing up.

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!!

CRANK BAIT

I love fishing. You put that line in the water and you don't know what's on the other end. Your imagination is under there. —Robert Altman, film director

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MEETING NOTES from May 26th

*Members present: 40+

*Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and approved unanimously.

*Membership Update: 206 with 55 due; two members ties with 3 new members each; hard-copy reminders were sent out with May newsletters. Please remind anybody whose name appears on the infamous Fillet Board that their memberships are due.

*Area lakes and Rivers Report: Winni—Elmer E. caught the only walleye. Lots of jumbo perch; Moose Lake and Black Duck—pound to pound and a half perch; Dave M.—"Bullheads are wily on area lakes." Red Lake: Walleyes; Lake Hanska: 42" Northern.

*Clubhouse and Grounds Update: Shed was moved by Jason. Looks great! There's painting to be done, trees to be cut and trimmed; Jerry Nielson should be consulted before any major tasks are started; some more stone is needed on the driveway; Jason will bring it out and Ole will spread it around; Tom S. will take the aluminum cans in for cash; grass needs mowing, sign up sheet at the desk; motion made and approved to compensate Orin Schultz for storing club's ice-fishing houses.

*High Island Creek Report: 4 million walleye fry were stocked instead of the original 2 million planned; fishing may be postponed for a time to allow fry to take hold.

*River cleanup: water is still too high; will schedule after waters recede.

*Kids' Fishing Contest Report: preparation work continues; club members should feel free to help out in any way they can, with time and/or prize donations; anyone with heavier river-fishing rods is asked to bring them to the June meeting; Mark Dauer will contact Sid's Signs about using a portable advertising sign.

*Ice Castle Raffle Report: tickets are being designed and printed and should be done by June 9th Social Night; four sponsors already and more possible; logos from interested sponsors will be applied to the house as permanent advertising; gambling permit has been approved and received; sponsorships are \$1000 & \$500 categories, and names of sponsors will be acknowledged in the newsletter every month.

*Food for next meeting: Elmer Epke will cook up some more Schweinfleisch for the membership. DINNER BEFORE THE 7:30 PM MEETING. Dishes to share that complement the pork chops would be nice . . .

*Other New Business: Tony Miller talked about placing an ad in the paper thanking donors/contributors and also a list of organizations that have received financial considerations from NUASF over the past year; River Revival film on KARE 11 at 6:00 p.m., June 12th. Narrated by Ron Shara and Raven. Everyone is encouraged to tune in.

*Scott Sparlin has kindly asked that anyone catching walleyes on the Minnesota River keep the heads and turn them in to him for a study/survey that is being conducted this summer.

*Eric Olson trip is being pushed back a week, maybe two. Contact Jerry C. for updates.

*The NUASF/E.E. MECKLENBURG SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS were announced and they are introduced to you on the front page of this issue of *Hook, Line, & Sink*. Congratulations to our young and like-minded recipients! Keep studyin'.

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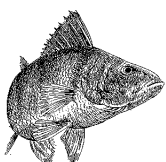
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