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## The Changing Times of Fishing

by Charlie Worrath

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The biggest change I've personally seen as a fishing guide in the last 14 years..... not so much in the equipment we now use, or the size of boats and motors. For example 10 years ago, a 16 ft. boat with a 40 HP motor was considered one of biggest, top of the line fishing boat on the market. Throw on some old black belting for splashguards, make a wooden floor with used carpet and you were the envy of the most walleye fisherman. You had flasher and (no GPS) landmarks to go by. Well that's all changed now. But all for the better. The bigger boats are definitely a lot safer, faster, especially when rough weather approaching. Rods have gotten a lot lighter and more sensitive; reels also have gotten smaller, lighter and smoother. Two-stroke motors have almost disappeared.

The biggest thing I have noticed has been the attitude of people I've been fishing with along with ones I meet in fish cleaning houses, doing seminars at resorts, ect. And it's been for the good. When I first started the success of day was measured by the number of fish kept. I don't mean just a limit of walleyes for each person. If that was attained in short periods of time, there was a limit of perch (at the time it was 100 each person) along

with 3 northern, especially if you told them you could take the Y-bones out and a lot of time that didn't matter. If the northern ran on the small side, they wanted to switch lakes, which held larger ones, and any other fish you picked up along the way.

I have a favorite Story which I love telling. I tell it because I think it's cute and it makes the point. I was fishing on a local lake with 2 elder fellows about 10 or so years back when he hooked and caught a walleye about 26 to 28 inches long and there was no way you were going to talk him into releasing that fish or prying his hands off it. Another boat saw us catch put the fish in live well, he holler what are going to do with that fish, He holler back that he going to eat it, what else you going to do with it. The other guy said he would give us the two walleyes in his boat if put that fish back, he said how big were they, the reply was around 15 inches. He replies back why would he exchange two fish about the same size as his one? Besides that gives him a chance for another big fish. He said to me that guy got to be nuts. Little while later he tells me (he called me Sonny) Sonny, I want to catch another fish like that but only bigger so I can hold it over the box in front of him and drop it in. Know more then the words got out of his mouth,

when he sets the hook the rod bends at the cork. I go - oh no! Because he's not kidding, luckily for the fish and me it got off half-way to the boat. We had 11 walleyes in thebox all-11 you wouldn't keep today and it's 5:00 PM normal quitting time but we weren't going anywhere till we had 12. Fishing was tough going in the afternoon. To finish the story 6.30 PM we finally boated the 12th one and went home.

The last few years a lot of my clients now are more interested in the experience of a day in the outdoors, rather than amount of fish filets. A lot of days now consists of fishing hard the first half of the day or longer, then going to shore for a shore lunch to enjoy the fruits of their labor and sit back and recall the events of the day over a campfire with the smell of fresh fish frying. It does take a couple of hours out of the fishing to make a shore lunch. If you haven't ever done that on a fishing trip, your missing out, in my book. It's doesn't take a lot to do it, basically all you need is a fry pan, oil, onions, 1lb potato's per person, fish batter, (Charlie's Gone Fishing fish & game batter), and a can of beans, and of coarse, the fresh fish of the day.

Talking about fish of the day, year's back if you weren't cooking walleye filets, you weren't going to have a shore lunch. Now very seldom that's the case. You fry up perch, northern, crappie, etc., or a combination of them all, right out of the live well and into the fry pan. You'll have a hard time telling them apart. Give it a try, I guarantee it will add to your day of enjoyment. *So have fun and most of all be safe.*

### Club Calendar

- June 25th.....NUASF Club Meeting
- July 9th .....NUASF Social Night at Club House
- July 30th .....NUASF Club Meeting
- August 13th .....NUASF Social Night at Club House
- August 19th .....Kids Fishing Contest Riverside Park
- August 27th .....NUASF Club Meeting

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## From the President .....

By Jason Kuester

**Summer has finally arrived!** Now is a great time to take advantage of the local lakes and rivers in our area. We have some of the best fishing within 30 minutes of New Ulm. Take some time to fish the Minnesota River, Clear Lake, Hanska, Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Lake Crystal, Loon, High Island, Marion, and Sleepy Eye just to name a few. Most of the lakes in our area are about a month behind and the fishing has just turned on. When you are out fishing with your wife and kids or a friend, take a few pictures of your catch. We are looking at updating the pictures at the club and always need great pictures for the newsletter. Always remember to practice safety and be courteous to other fisherman. If you don't have a boat the club has 2 great fishing boats parked at Ron Ludewig's shed, your club key will unlock them. Ron's shed is located behind New Ulm Glass on Front Street. The boats are first come first serve, all we ask is that you leave some money for gas with Ron, and you clean them up when you're done.

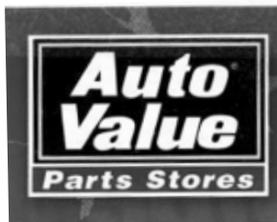
Pork chops will be available for your enjoyment at the next meeting. The meal will be served before the meeting at **6:30pm**. Please **Thank Elmer Epke** for providing the pork chops and grilling them for us on his big grill. If you are able to help Elmer with setup and grilling please be at the club around 5:30pm. Please bring a dish to pass.

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!!



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## Monthly Meeting

### I. Secretary's Report

- A) Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Dave Mechlenburg to except report as read.  
Passed unanimously.

### II. Treasury Report

- A) Balance \$  
1) Motion made by Ken Kohn and seconded by Jim Liebl to except report as read. Passed unanimously.

### III. Old Business

- A) Membership update.  
1) 166 – 23 due
- B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report.  
1) MN River – Walleye & Catfish  
2) Northern Lakes – Northerns & Perch  
3) Grand Rapids – Northerns  
4) Kansas Lake – Walleye 15”  
5) Clear Lake – Good Perch & Sun Fish  
6) St James – 33” Northern  
7) Minnewaska – Big Crappies
- C) Club House and Grounds Update.  
1) Club Grounds Land Purchase  
a) Thanks to John Rolloff & Ron Ludewig for mowing the lawn. Signup sheet on front desk.  
b) Several member gave donations to our Land purchase. Jim Lieble, Ken Kohn, Orv Rannow, and Dick Petermann.  
c) Jim Hulke has all the club lawn mowers running.

### IV) Other Old Business

- A) None

### V) New Business

- A) Tom Schmitz from the New Um Park and Recreation department  
1) Update on the Minicon Park improvements. New boat ramp installed, Paved parking lot, Shelter and restrooms. Open house will be held June 5th @ 11:00AM. Club will provide the food for the event. Tom Simonson will coordinate. Everyone is welcomed.
- B) Ron Bolduan River Rangers Report .  
Rangers had a new banner made with new logo at a cost of \$100. Club will make banner to use at our events.  
2) Information sheet on the River Rangers are available to hand out.  
C) Joe Fellego – Joe talked about past club member Dr George Germann.  
D) Tony Miller – To date we have raised  
E) Jason K. purchased a 2015 Alumacraft Escape 14'5" - \$14,900 list purchased from Dranttel Sales in St Peter. We will sell 850 tickets and will email everyone to let us know if they want some to sell.  
Kids Fishing Contest – Fliers are on the front desk to hand out
- G) Elmer Epke will be doing his pork chop feed at our next meeting. We will be eating before the meeting.
- H) Boy Scouts – Thanked us for our donation.

### VI) Other New Business

- A) Ken Kohn would like to use some of our tables and chairs for his son's graduation.
- B) Scholarship update from Dave M. - \$2200 were awarded this year. Over \$21,000 have been Awarded to date. Club will wait to make a scholarship donation at a later date.
- C) Auto Fest would like to use our popcorn machine again this year. Motion was made by Pat Roiger and seconded to give some tee shirts and hats to give away.
- D) Pat Roiger is having a retirement party June 13th All welcomed.
- E) New fire pit fork was given to the club for the fire pit.
- F) Ken Kohn son's graduation party will be held June 6th all welcomed.

### VII) Adjourn @ 8:50

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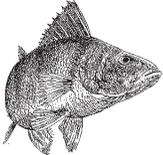
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