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Lake Winnibigoshis

by fishing guide Jeff (Cubby) Skelly
Courtesy of: Minnesota fishing pros at:
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Fishing in Minnesota for many is more than a hobby, it borders on obsession for both young and old. Lake Winnibigoshish located in north central Minnesota plays largely in the minds of avid fisherman. With miles of undeveloped shoreline and plenty of mid lake structure, Lake Winnie is a structure fishermen's dream. Walleye, Northern Pike, Musky, Perch and many more thrive in the waters of Lake Winnie.

Being a proud member of the MN. Fishing Pros and a long time guide on the big lake has afforded me the luxury of fishing Winnibigoshish and learning the seasonal movements of all the species of fish that call Winnie home.

In spring and fall during the cold-water periods Walleye, Pike and perch can be found in the shallows chasing schools of minnows. At this time there is no better approach to catching them then with a jig and minnow and light tackle. Lake Winnibigoshish has many large expanses of shallow flats that have areas of gravel, weeds and rock; it is in these areas you will find the schools of baitfish and the fish that are feeding on them. Depth of the water you find them can vary from day to day but if the wind is blowing they can be as shallow as three feet and sometimes as deep as twelve.

Keep an open mind on lake Winnie and try all depths until you catch a fish or two and then try and keep your boat in that depth where you connected with the fish. 1/16 oz. jigs all the way up to a 1/4 oz. will be your number one go to presentation. Tipped with a shiner minnow or fat head chub fish on lake

Winnibigoshish cannot resist. A good rule of thumb when fishing any jig and minnow combo is to not fish with any more weight then it takes to occasionally tick the bottom once in a while.

Typically the first part of July will mark the beginning when fish will start to move to there deep summer haunts on lake Winnie. Lindy rigs are the go to presentation at this time tipped with a leech or night crawler this live bait rig is deadly on Winnibigoshish. Lake Winnibigoshish is a structure fisherman's dream; big Winnie is full of mid lake bars, humps and structure that Walleye, Perch and northern Pike call home during the dog days of summer. Finding fishable mid lake structure is fairly easy; finding structure with fish can be a whole different matter. The use of depth finders can be instrumental at this time, scouring the tops and edges of a piece of

structure and locating schools of fish before you even start fishing is what I try to do, often looking at many different spots before dropping my Lindy Rigs down. Lindy Rigs are the choice when it comes to catching the tasty Walleyes on Lake Winnibigoshish, but if you want to mix it up and catch some of the Perch and



Northern Pike try a jig and minnow and there's a good chance of snatching up some of them all on the same piece of structure. During the peak times on Lake Winnibigoshish, anglers will catch plenty of Perch and Northern Pike while fishing Walleyes and it is for that reason that Lake Winnibigoshish is the vacation destination for many, where traditions are born and memories made.

For those of you who want to learn presentations and locations no matter what time of year, I would highly recommend our guide service. Fishing with any MN. Fishing Pro and actually be able to experience a day on the water where you will be able to see where we are fishing and how we are catching the fish at that time of year. Lake Winnibigoshish is a favorite destination for many families, corporate groups and friends getting together to enjoy the bounty of many different species of fish that call lake Winnie home and the Mn. Fishing Pros can help. Lake Winnie offers anglers many fishing opportunities and just because the big lake covers approximately 55,000 acres don't let this slow you down with a solid seasonal approach you to will be able to enjoy catching fish and making memories for a lifetime.

Club Calendar

October 29thNUASF Club Meeting
November 12thNUASF Social Night at Club House
November 19th ..,NUASF Club Meeting (Note: Date Change)
December 10th ...NUASF Social Night at Club House
December 17th ...NUASF Club Meeting (Note: Date Change)

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From the President

By Jason Kuester

We will be holding elections at the November meeting. We are asking that everyone attend this meeting to make your vote count. The term is up for one of the board members. If you would like to run for this position please bring it up at the meeting, or call me at 507-381-2041 or email at jr@newulmtel.net

Todd and Karen from the Dixon Lake Resort are very excited to have our club back at their resort this year. They have also donated a four person fishing trip as one of our prizes for the fishing contest we will have in February. The date for the trip is February 18th. I need to have conformation and your \$50.00 down payment to them 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 \$130.00 per person for three nights, or \$185.00 per person food included. Todd and Karen also said there would be no charge for the angling and spearing houses this year. 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.

It is time to start thinking of the Ice Fishing Contest. The date for the contest is going to be February 14th 2016. We are asking that each member please try to sell at least one book of tickets. You will find one book of tickets in this newsletter. If you are unable to sell your tickets please send them back, bring them to a meeting, or drop them off at the Ice Fishing Contest. This event is our largest fund raiser for the club. Additional tickets are always available at each meeting or by contacting Ross Nelson at 507-766-0765, Ken Sutherland 507-276-1534 or myself at 507-381-2041.

I would like to Thank Ron Ludewig for servicing pump on the aerator and making sure everything is ready for this season. Thank you!!

Fall 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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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: Ron Ludewig (507-276-6093), Mike Buechner (354-2739 s), Ken Sutherland (507-276-1534).

Monthly Meeting - October 1, 2015 - Members present: 40+

I. Secretary Report

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

II. Treasury Report

A) Balance: \$

1) Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Orin Schultz to except report as read. Passed

III. Old Business

A) Membership update.

1) 166 – 17 due

B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

1) Winni – Did great

2) Leech – Very slow.

3) Lake of the Woods – Not Good

4) Canada – Caught 103 walleye on one boat.

C) Club House and Grounds Update.

1) Improvements made to our driveway seem to be holding up well.

2) County – Looks like they will be supplying some funding for improvements above our site

3) Club Clean Up – Oct 8th & 10th Meet at 5:00 on the 8th if you can help.

4) Jim H will look at the lawn mowers.

IV) Other Old Business

A) None

V) New Business

A) Petermann's Club Fishing Contest Update

1) 9 members were registered. Raised money for the Mecklenburg Scholarship Fund

B) Wild River Academy – Presentation given by 5 members. Canoeed the MN River from the South Dakota boarder to St Paul, stopping along the way speaking to different communities. Motion was made by Dave M and seconded by Ted S to give Wild River Academy a donation - passed unanimously.

C) Pro Kinship for Kids – Presentation from Kari about what they did over the last year.

D) Ice House & Ice Fishing Contest tickets should be ready to staple at the clean up Oct. 8th.

Will be printing 900 Ice House tickets and 3000 contest tickets.

E) Winter Fish Trip Dixon Lake – Feb 18th -21st same price as last year \$185 - \$50 down payment to Jason first come first serve.

F) Board Member elections will be held in November.

G) Food for next meeting will be provided by Kenny Sutherland and Ron Ludewig.

H) Other New Business

1) DNR have been talking to us about moving our aeration system on Clear Lake. Not pushing it but it may come up again at a later date.

2) Jim H. said he doesn't need any more rods

VII) Adjourn @ 8:30

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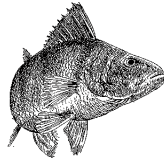
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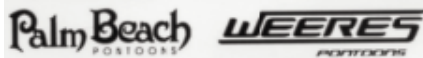
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