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# Fall fishing in northern Minnesota

by fishing guide Jason Boser Courtesy of Minnesota Fishing Pros: http://mnfishingpros.com

Fall fishing on Northern Minnesota lakes; what a great time of the year to be out on the water. The colors of the leaves, the smell of fall in the air, and the fish are usually active this time of the year.

When I am fishing in the fall for walleye I usually look for big flats and bars that drop off into deep water. The structure needs to drop fast, not the usual slow sloping drops you would look for in the summer. I like both weeds and rock this time of the year. The weeds should be starting to die off and if you can find some that are still green they should hold fish. The lakes of Northern Minnesota have a bunch of structure like this and sometimes you have to cover a lot of ground to find some active fish.

The nice thing about fall fishing is that when you are targeting these areas for walleye you will also catch northern pike and perch. When you find a perch or two, stick to that area awhile, there will usually be more. The perch on some of these lakes are world class with lots of them coming in at 10-12 inches and some in the 13 inch range. The northern will be cruising the flats looking for food and you will catch a few of these on every outing.

What to use for bait in the fall? I will always start with a jig and minnow. An 1/8 oz. Northland Gumball will be my first choice. I like the longer shank hook in the fall. If we

have lots of wind or I am going real deep I will switch to a 1/4oz. I will pick a color that has a little flash to it, my favorite being Glow/Blue. I will try and find a shiner but as we all know that can be difficult, so I would go to a rainbow, lite sucker or a chub. Just remember in the fall the baitfish will be

bigger so you want to use a bigger bait if at all possible. You can also use a crawler in the fall. Tie up a lindy rig with a crawler and sometimes the crawler is a deadly bait.

We now know where to catch walleye, perch and northern in the fall, lets talk

## **Club Calendar**

October 1st ......NUASF Club Meeting (Note: Date Change) October 9th .....NUASF Social Night at Club House October 29th .....NUASF Club Meeting November 12th ....NUASF 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) about one of my favorite fish to target in the fall: crappie. They are schooling up this time of year in the deep water, off humps and deep-water drops. You can cruise around on the edge of the deepwater drops or humps and look for the



schools of crappies on your depth finder. When you find them just throw out a marker and try and stay on them. Vertical jigging is the key here. Drop down a 1/32, 1/16, or even as heavy as a 1/8 oz. jig tipped with a crappie minnow and let the fun begin. In the fall these fish are active, if you get the bait to them they will bite. When you are jigging for those crappies you just never know what you will bring in, walleye, northern and even some rock bass will be schooled up in that deep water.

So there you have it: fall fishing in the Northland, the best there is.

Good luck fishing!



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## From the President .....

#### By Jason Kuester

First I would like to Thank everyone that showed up at Peterman's Fall Fishing Contest. It was on the Minnesota River just off of the bottom road by Hwy 4. Everyone had great time fishing and grilling down by the Minnesota River. All proceeds from the event go to the EE Mecklenburg Scholarship. Thanks for the good time Pete!!!

It is that time of the year again, where we start talking about cold weather, ice fishing, and ice houses. Speaking of ice houses, Ice Castle approved us to get another Ice Castle Ice House from them. We will be starting the process of picking up the ice house, ordering tickets/ posters, and starting radio ads. The ice house will be a 6.6" wide x 14' long similar to other years.

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 ir@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.

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 and ideas. If you know someone that likes to fish or just wants to be a part of a great club, bring them along to a meeting. 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!!

Pictured is John Kuester. Courtland, winner of the boat and motor.

Additional winners are: Paul Kruse, New Ulm, \$1,000; Jean Keicker, New Ulm, \$500: Jason Hempl, New Ulm. \$250. Jeff Nielsen, New Ulm \$100.

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#### Monthly Meeting Aug 27th, 2015 Members Present: 45+ The Bockfest Boys I. Secretary Report **Entertainment Shows** A) Motion made by Jim Hulke and seconded by Orv Rannow to except report as read. Passed unanimously. "43 years in the business of **II. Treasury Report** music entertainment" A) Balance: An Upper Midwwest original Hotdish of music with crowd engaging 1) Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Tom Simonson to except report as read. Passed originals, ethnic music and popular music from the last 60 years **III. Old Business** Scott Sparlin, agent. P.O. Box 488, New Ulm, MN 56073 507-276-2080 e-mail sesparlin@gmail.com A) Membership update. 1) 166 - 16 due B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report. American Surplus STLF 1) St James – 4-6# Northern & Manufacturing 2) Boundary Waters 4-5# Bass. Home of the Original 3) Mississippi (St Cloud) Several small mouth. Ice Castle Fish House RV C) Club House and Grounds Update. Montevideo, MN FISH HOUSES 320-269-5428 1) Jason did some driveway work, he is also talking w/ the county about some work to the creek above. Township paid for a larger culvert below our driveway. You can camp in a Fish House, 2) Land purchase account has over You can't fish in a camper! 3) Thanks to John Rolloff and Ron Ludewig for mowing the grounds. 4) Pro-Kinship for Kids may come and talk to us about what they did this past year. **Gary Sprenger** 5) Club grounds cleanup will be held Oct 9th & 11th **IV) Other Old Business** Construction A) None V) New Business Light Carpentry • Drywall Taping & Texturing A) Petermann's Club Fishing Contest will be Sept 19th - Noon to whenever. Specializing in Drywall Repair B) Randy Berg called and will make a donation to the Scholarship fund in memory of Jr. Gary Sprenger, Owner C) Boat Ticket sales Update New Ulm, MN 56073 • Phone 507-359-9358 1) Will need to sell many more tickets to make a profit. 2) Will be at Dave's Place - Need help Wed & Friday 3) Will be at Dranttel's Saturday – Ron L. needs help 4) KNUJ has donated several ad spots. MANKATO TENT & AWNING D) Ice House Raffle Tickets - Try to have them ready soon. Price on house may be up. www.mankatotent.com Motion made by Dick P. & seconded by Dave Meck to purchase the ice house and to increase number Cell: 507-317-7379 Work: 507-645-5115 Of Tickets sold to 900. E-mail: jesse@mankatotent.com Fax: 507-625-5111 E) Scott Sparlin - River Blast Update Come and help set up Thursday night before Blast and Sat. for take Jesse Spiess, Manager Down. 1021 Range Street • Mankato, MN 56002 • Div. TTF Industries F) Studtmann Adaptive Resource Kids Fishing Update 1) About 20 club members show up to help 2) Studtmann's will be coming to a meeting to give a slide show M & B 3) Received a check from the Fisher family р Shop 4) Received a thank you from ARS G) Kids Fishing Contest **MANKATO** 1) Received a wonderful thank you from the mother of a child who participated 507.546.3377 Michel Schroder NEW ULM 507.276.6091 2) 252 Kids Registered & 160 fish registered H) Thank you was received from St Paul's school children - River Rangers outing. **18 NORTH PAYNE NEW ULM MN 56073** I) Food Next meeting arranged by Jim Hulke & Mark Dauer Just 5 miles from Lake Winnibigiosh's Third River access. Dixon Lake offers clean. cozy cabins with A/C and cable TV. Dixon Lake and Winnie have great fishing: crappies, sunnies, walleye, large mouth bass & northern. Bar and Restaurant. Great family resort. J) Next Month's meeting will be moved to Oct 1st VI) Other New Business A) River Rangers - Zoo Mobil will be coming to River Blast Friday afternoon B) Thank you from Pro Kinship was read. C) We will place thank you in the Journal for all businesses that help us with the Kids Fishing Contest. D) John Rolloff gave the club a check for collections he received for running the food booth at Cashwise. www.dixonlakeresort.com dixonlakeresort@gmail Open year around, ATV trail. VII) Adjourn @ 8:55 Hunting: bear, grouse, ducks, geese & deer. or just give us a call 1-218-659-1612 Ice fishing and spearing Page 3 NUASF Members. . . Fishing & Hunting Outfitters stop in at the B&L BAR for a free bottle of Schell's Original or Mr. O Mr. K Mr. D Grain Belt Premium or Premium Light Eric Olson

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