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Sunfish Ice Fishing, Tips & Techniques

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Sunfish are fun to catch no matter what your age. They're usually easier to find and catch than most other species of fish. Sunfish make a great meal too.

If you want to catch more Sunfish the two most important keys are location and presentation. You could have the most appealing bait in the world but if there aren't any fish around it's going to be a looong day. And, not catching a thing while everyone else around you is catching fish can be really frustrating. What you present to the fish is just as important as finding them.

The information found here is best used along with some investigative work done by you. Finding out what the Department of Natural Resources says about a lake and talking to local anglers, especially at the bait shop, can save you a ton of time finding the fish and knowing what they're biting on.

Sunfish can be ice fished at any hour of the day but changing light conditions in the morning and evening usually triggers more activity and feeding. Sunfish Ice Fishing Location

In early winter Sunfish can be found in the same places they were just prior to ice up. Look for them in shallow weeds

and just off the weed line. Especially when the weeds are combined with shoreline breaks and points.

By mid winter the Sunfish will have moved off the structure, usually to the nearest deep basin. Start by looking for them suspended in the basin near the structure and at the same depth of the structure. Sunfish follow food so as the zooplankton and minnows move, so do the Sunfish.

Late winter they'll begin to move in closer to the bays and weed lines. Sunfish spawn in shallow, dark bottom bays after the ice is out. You'll find them moving closer to these spawning areas as spring approaches.

Before we switch gears and talk about presentation, remember locating Sunfish is only half the battle. Don't just drill one hole. Instead drill several holes and find the fish.

Using modern electronics can also help you find fish faster. Depth, fish and structure can all be seen using a flasher (Vexilar or Marcum).

Sunfish Ice Fishing Presentation

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Club Calendar

February 25thNUASF Club Meeting
March 5th -7th..... Annual Willmar Studtmann Memorial
Ice Fishing Contest
March 10thNUASF Social Night at Club House
March 31stNUASF Club Meeting

April 14thNUASF Social Night at Club House
April 28th.....NUASF Club Meeting
May 12th NUASF Social Night at Club House
May 26thNUASF Club Meeting

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From the President

By Jason Kuester

CONTEST NEWS! What a great day for a contest! I was glad to see that the weather forecast was wrong!! There was over 850 people fishing and enjoying the day on Clear Lake Sunday February 14th. I want to express a great Thank You to everyone that helped with this contest. This contest would not be a success without everyone volunteering, selling tickets, collecting prizes, and organizing the event. Great job everyone!!

We just got back from a great trip to Dixon Lake Resort. I would like to Thank Todd, Karen, Roger, and Sharron for all their hard work. They did an awesome job keeping all 28 fishermen happy. We look forward to seeing them again next year! If you have any questions about their resort, give them a call at 1-800-362-7298.

NOTICE!!! Saturday March 5th is the 7th annual Willmar Studtmann Memorial Ice Fishing contest. It will be held at Studtmann Pond in Courtland from Noon to 3pm. (Studtmann Pond 557 Mary Lane Courtland, MN) There will be Kids prizes and prizes for the biggest fish. All proceeds go to the EE Mecklenburg Scholarship Fund. This event is open only to club members and their families. What a great way to spend an afternoon!!! We usually have around 25 members and their families on the pond. If you have questions or need directions to the pond call Mike Studtmann at 507-995-3074.

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, High Island Lake, and the Minnesota River. Please thaw out your fillets before you bring them! Thanks

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 throughout the summer for more people to come up to Canada fishing. 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 off of the ice is March 7th.

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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New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen Monthly Meeting

January 28th, 2016 Members Present: 50+

I. Secretary Report

A) Motion made by Scott Sparlin and seconded by Jim Liebl to accept report as read.
Passed unanimously.

II. Treasury Report

A) Balance \$ - Motion made by Orv Rannow and seconded by Jim Liebl to accept report as read.
Passed unanimously

III. Old Business

A) Membership update

1) 168 w/ 23 due

B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

1) St James – Good sized Northern Pike

2) Lake Hanska – Small walleye & perch

3) Sleepy Eye – Many house on the lake 36" & 41" Northern caught

C) Club House and Grounds Update.

1) None

IV) Other Old Business

A) None

V) New Business

A) Eric Olson Lake Diefenbaker Report – Hunter and fishing were very good this year.

B) Ice Fishing Contest Update

1) Prize collection is going very good

2) We will have a prize subordination meeting on the Thursday before the contest.
(2/11 @ 5:00PM)

3) Keep pushing contest ticket and Ice Castle Raffle tickets.

4) Signup sheet for food booth at the front desk.

5) Ice House ticket sales will need help selling at Running, Napa & Cashwise
in the coming days.

C) Winter Ice Fishing trip to Dixon – See Ron Ludwig if you still wish to go.

D) Friends of High Island Contest – 130 people registered & 2 fish were
caught. NUASF were well represented. We should consider sponsoring some
door prizes at the contest and for their fund raiser.

E) Food for next meet – Fish dish night. Bring fish and dish to pass.

F) The ticket booth Ken Sutherland was looking at was sold.

G) Club Fish houses need to be brought out to Clear Lake for the contest.
Volunteer please.

H) Oxygen levels Clear Lake are still OK. Will be starting up the system and
placing thin ice signs when needed.

I) Tom Simonson – He is working on some changes to our website.

VI) Other New Business

A) Scott Sparlin Round Table Report

1) Gov Dayton gave a speech on water quality. He attend several different
fishing related events.

B) Scholarship was given to the American Fisheries Society

C) Hanska Fire Department is having an ice fishing contest on Lake Hanska.

D) 7th Annual Willmer Studtmann Club Fishing contest will be held
March 5th – Noon to 3:00

E) Board meeting will be held in March.

G) 3M matching gifts must be submitted by Feb 28th

VII) Adjourn @ 7:40

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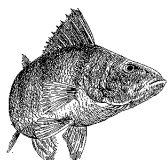
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