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MINNESOTA IS TOP CLASS IN BASS

By Explore Minnesota

By Greg Breining

Some of the best bass fishing you can find, you'll find in Minnesota. Yes, in Minnesota, the walleye state. Yes, in Minnesota, where nary a bass fisherman speaks with a southern twang.

Granted, walleyes may be the state fish. And Minnesota doesn't cough up 10-pounders in the bass department. (The state record largemouth bass, caught in 2005, weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces). But, for numbers of bass, and amount and variety of fishing waters, Minnesota is hard to beat.

"It's really amazing," says Steve Quinn, an editor of In-Fisherman magazine. "Often we'll have visits from lure-company representatives and they are literally blown away by the action. How many you can catch in a day is far greater than in some of the states that are known for bass fishing."

"Quality and quantity," says National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame angler Al Lindner. "I've fished all over the country. There's no comparison to the overall average bass fishing - our lakes are loaded with them, all sizes."

Largemouth bass occupy the shallow lakes of southern Minnesota's farm country. Big bass swim Minneapolis lakes within sight of downtown skyscrapers. The state record was caught on the fring-

es of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Largemouth also live in almost every large lake in central and northern Minnesota's resort areas, such as Brainerd, Park Rapids, and Grand Rapids. For that reason, it's easy to combine bass fishing with a family vacation of golf, sightseeing and other recreation.

Overlooked in the Land of 10,000 Lakes are 69,000 miles of natural streams. Many of these waterways harbor hard-fighting smallmouth bass - and some big ones at that.

"We have huge smallies swimming in some of the most scenic settings imaginable," says author and fishing guide Tim Holschlag. Many of Holschlag's repeat clients travel from other states to spend a day or two casting flies to smallmouth bass on a wild Minnesota river or the wilderness lakes of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. "So many big fish in such uncrowded, beautiful settings," says Holschlag, "does it get any better?"

Going bass fishing in Minnesota isn't hard. Any resort can put you in touch with an experienced fishing guide. If you'd prefer to go out on your own, you won't have trouble, either. Minnesota has pursued an aggressive program to provide public access to state lakes and streams, so nearly all good fishing water is easy to reach. Many lakes have fishing

docks for shore-bound anglers. Many of Minnesota's state parks provide good bass fishing close to campgrounds and activity areas such as hiking and biking trails, so nonanglers can have fun too.

Best time of year? Fishing is often hot when the season opens in May through early June. (Season dates vary across the state, so check regulations on DNR website.) Good fishing usually lasts well into fall.

Given the wide variety of bass waters in the state, tackle and tactics vary. In the fertile waters of southern Minnesota, where weed growth is heavy, opt for buzzbaits, spinnerbaits and worm rigs with heavy line and stiff rods. But in the clear water of many northern lakes, light lines and more subtle presentations often work better.

For smallmouth on the state's streams, light baitcasting or spinning tackle with small plugs and jigs work well. Medium-weight fly tackle with popping bugs and streamers is also effective.

If anything, it's becoming easier to catch big smallmouth in Minnesota. Why? As anglers realize Minnesota's smallmouth are an angling treasure, catch-and-release has caught on and is showing results. "It amazes me how good our fishing continues to be," says Lindner. "The other day I caught four."

Club Calendar

May 25th ..... NUASF Club Meeting

June 15th ..... NUASF Social Night at Club House

June 29th ..... NUASF Club Meeting

July 13th ..... NUASF Social Night at Club House

July 27th ..... NUASF Club Meeting

August 10th ..... NUASF Social Night at Club House

August 16th .....NUASF Kids Fishing Contest Riverside Park

August 31st ..... NUASF Club Meeting

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## From the President.....

By Jason Kuester

I hope everyone had a great Fishing Opener!!!! I'm sure there will be a few stories at the next meeting about the big one that got away. So bring your stories along with your hot fishing spots and share them with your friends at the next meeting!! Your secret hot spots are safe with us!!! If you find yourself without a boat this summer the club has two that are available for our members, remember it is first come first serve.

### I have great news!

We will be selling **900 Ice Castle tickets** at \$20.00 per ticket in books of 10. Prizes are as follows, 1st Place-Ice Castle, 2nd-Place-\$1,000.00, 3rd Place-\$500.00, 4th Place-\$250.00 5th Place-\$100.00.

Tickets will be here by the June meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like some tickets, please contact Ross Nelson 507-766-0765, rnuw@newulmtel.net or Ken Sutherland 507-276-1534 ken.sutherland@ci.new-ulm.mn.us or myself at 507-381-2041 jr@newulmtel.net

**Note:** If you take the tickets you will be responsible for selling them or turning them back in at or before the Ice Fishing Contest in February.

It's defiantly 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. Thanks in advance for your help!

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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NUASF Monthly Meeting March 30, 2017 Members Present: 45+

### 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 \$ Motion made by Scott Sparlin and seconded by Jim Liebl to except report as read. Passed unanimously.

### III. Old Business

A. Membership update

1. 161 Members w/ 33 Due

B. Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

1. Washington – Lots of people fishing.

C. Club House and Grounds Update.

1. Floor needs to be cleaned. Orv Rannow will take care of it.
2. Orv R. said he will build a shed to cover the wood pile so it will stay dry.
3. Jim Hulke said he will purchase our old generator. Motion was made by Glen Rasmussen and seconded by Scott Sparlin to sell the generator to Jim. Pass Unanimously.

### IV. Other Old Business

A. Scott Sparlin -

1. Fishing 1, 2, 3 – It is all set with the city. Already have 30 people signed up will except another 10 people. Will also have an outing at Studtmann Pond. Wrote out a grant to POGGS Foundation to cover fishing licenses for parents in hardship cases.
2. Water Action Day at the capital. We made an impact. Motion was made by Orv R and seconded by Jim Hulke to cover the cost.
3. MN River Congress Day will be held May 18th in Redwood Falls.
4. New member signup sheets are being redone by Master Graphics.

### V. New Business

A. Stone Award plaque will be presented next month to Wyman Forbrook. Wasn't ready.

B. Boy Scout director Mark Bullen gave a presentation.

C. Tom Miller talked to the club about the reasons he resigned.

D. Kids Fishing Contest – Date set for Aug 16th. Jim Hulke will take care of the permits, food, ect.

E. Jason Kuester Update.

1. Lost Dog & Fox Park cleanup was taken care of my Ron Ludewig.
2. Ice Castle Fish House – We will redo same as last year.
3. River Canoe access – Should we move forward or not. Motion was made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Dave Mecklenberg to move forward. Pass unanimously.
4. Winter access on Clear Lake – Kim Olson will speak with the Berg's. Motion was made by Kim Olson and seconded by Scott Sparlin to explore all options.

### VI. Other New Business

A. Scholarship Fund will be awarded this year.

B. Food for next meeting will be provided by Jason Kuester.

C. Nothing is happening with our club house land purchase.

D. Jason K suggested we switch to Midwest Bank. Motion was made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Scott Sparlin to Switch to Midwest Bank. Passed U

VII. Adjourn @ 9:00 PM

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