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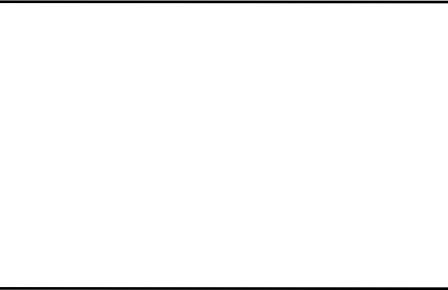


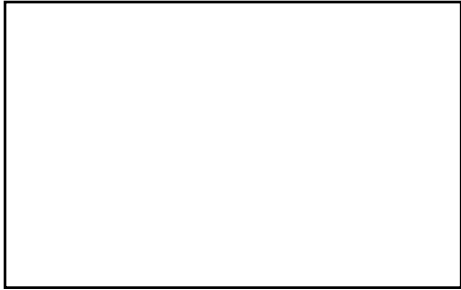
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Muskie--There Ain't No Such Thing

As Told By The Fisher and Courtesy of My fishing Pals

<http://myfishingpals.com/minnesota-fishing-stories>

When I first moved to the Nort' I was a young man but already had many fishing seasons under my belt as my dad started his boys angling as quickly as they could cast a line. I started boating lots of walleye and pike in addition to the more familiar largemouth, smallmouth, and crappie I had grown up catching since childhood.

I had a friend who kept telling me about this other fish, vicious fresh water barracudas that ate 5 pound carp for lunch. He would remove his hat and speak in reverent hushed tones out of respect for his Holy Grail of fish - the muskie.

Although unsure about his enthusiasm, after all I had never seen this brutal beast of the fresh water, the stories he told were ones that grabbed and kept your attention. Stories of broken rods, wounds requiring stitches, ducks and even small dogs being taken under as a mid morning snack. A fish that hunted mammals for lunch--WAY COOL.

My friend was impressive to say the least. I didn't know any one else who used pool cues to cast out 80 pound test braided no stretch line attached to 200 pound test piano wire leaders connected by cross lock swivels to a 10 inch chunk of wood weighing the better part of a pound equipped with treble hooks large enough that they resembled a coat rack. And as if that weren't enough, the giant blocks of wood he called "jerk baits" were only worthy of casting if they were fluorescent orange, charteruse lime, or some form of firetiger mix. You needed sun glasses or a welders mask just to look in his tackle box.

One fine day I was asked if would like to take a musky fishing trip. The trip would consist of two days fishing at approximately 8-9 hours a day. The time was the last week of October. Who could ask for more--the deal was on !

Our first day out was met with great anticipation as he kept telling me stories that fueled the imagination. However, after four hours of chunking a 2 X 4 with no results I began to wonder about this "Shamu of the North". After nine hours we called it a day. NOTHING--ZIPPO--not a fish, not a strike--NOTHING !! My friend shrugged and said, "that's musky fishing. We will try again tomorrow".

The next morning we started again. Geesh--my arms were really sore. Six hours later we still had absolutely nothing to show for our efforts. As we started down a broken rock shoreline I took on serious doubts about my friends sanity. I looked him in the eye and with a raised voice said, "THIS IS STUPID--MUSKY--THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING". He didn't answer. He just slowly sipped a drink of coffee and hurled his tree of a lure toward the boulder strewn shore.

As we reached the inside turn of that rock shore I made a cast toward a log jam in about eight feet of water and started my retrieve. As the lure reached the boat a giant fish charged past the bait, cut sideways in the water drenching me in its spray, and smashed into the lure from the side. I yelled and jerked. Couldn't honestly say that it was "setting the hook". Mostly just held on. By some miracle the line didn't break and my buddy got her in the net. After a quick measurement (47 inches), weigh on the scale (31 pounds), and a few pictures the pig was released unharmed. WOW--was I pumped. I was shaking like a leaf and stuttering like a 16 year old with a new credit card at a Thorne Brothers Grand Opening.

The feeding window had been thrown open ! About 10 minutes later I hooked, fought, but lost a fish that was in the mid 40 inch range on a live sucker. Twenty minutes after that I hooked, landed, photographed and released another musky that was 44 inches long on the same jerk bait the first fish came on. WHAT A DAY !

The rest of that evening and trip home my musky fishing buddy served me up Thanksgiving Dinner sized slabs of humble pie smothered in sides of, "I told you so, I told you so".

Now, having just mouthed off about how "This is stupid" and "These fish don't exist" only a few minutes before this magical hour occoured forced me to choke down huge portions of the humble pie/told you so mix. But I must say, humble or not, this pie was some of the sweetest and most satisfying I have ever had the pleasure to eat.

Jason "The Fisher" Pence


Club Calendar

November 30th..... (Officers Vote Night) NUASF Club Meeting
 December 14th NUASF Social Night at Club House
 December 21st NUASF Club Meeting
 January 11th NUASF Social Night at Club House

January 25th NUASF Club Meeting
 February 8 . NUASF Social Night/IFC Prize Meeting at Club House
 February 11thNUASF Ice Fishing Contest at Clear Lake
 February 15thNUASF Ice Fishing Trip to Dixon Lake
 February 22nd NUASF Club Meeting



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From the President.....

By Jason Kuester

We will be holding elections at this meeting. We are asking that everyone attend this meeting to make your vote count. The term is up for (Ross Nelson Secretary), (Jen Kuester Treasurer), (Gary Sprenger Vice president), and (Jason Kuester President). If you would like to run for these positions please bring it up at the next meeting, or call me at 507-381-2041 or email at jr@newulmtel.net I called everyone that is up for election and we are looking for someone to step up as a Secretary and Treasurer. Ross will help to make it a smooth transition. Jen will help with the books but would like a person to go to the meetings. Gary and I will continue unless someone would like to run for these positions... I am thinking that this will be my last term as president. I would like to see someone step up to this position. I will help guide them and still be very active in the club!!

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 15th.** 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 \$140.00 per person for three nights, or \$200.00 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 11th 2018. 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 month's 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.


Fall is here (maybe winter) 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 October 26th, 2017 Members Present: 35+

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 Dave Mecklenberg and seconded by Jim Liebl to except report as read. Passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

A. Membership update

1. 156 Members w/ 17 Due

B. Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

1. Minnesota River – 15 Drum

C. Club House and Grounds Update.

1. Mower – Be careful check the oil before use. Snell will check the mower still under warranty.
2. Club Boat – Prop keeps getting damaged and will need repair or replacement.
3. Tony Miller will take care of lawn above the clubhouse and Orv R will check the leaves clubhouse roof

IV. Other Old Business

V. New Business

A. Ice Castle tickets are available. KNUJ Farm City event Nov 3rd, 4 volunteers stepped up to sell tickets.

B. Lake Hanska Association annual meeting coming up, not sure of the date. Can take our tickets to sell.

1. Motion by Jim Liebl and seconded by Ken Sutherland to donate to the L. Hanska Assc Passed Unanimously.

C. Parade of Lights will be on Nov 24th. Ron and Wes Ludewig will drive the fish house in the parade.

D. MN River Congress will be held Nov 16th in Jordan. Anyone interested should come.

E. Ice Fishing Contest Update

1. Posters being improved and worked on. Contest tickets will be sent out with our next newsletter.
2. Walt's Bait Shop has been very good to us. Rods & Reels, Vexilar and other prizes at a great price.
3. Prize collection coordinator is Pat Roiger. See him to help. Tom Simonson will get the food license.

F. Dixon Lake Ice Fishing Trip – Feb 15-18, 20 members have already signed up. \$50 deposit to Jason K.

G. Food next meeting provided by Orv Rannow. Bring dish to pass.

VI. Other New Business

A. Motion was made by Gary Sprenger and seconded by Jeff Nielson to purchase a leaf blower. Passed U


B. Fall cleanup at the clubhouse will be Nov 9th, come out at 4:00 or sooner.

C. Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Wes Ludewig to place ad on Sleepy Eye Sportsmen Club fishing contest poster. They in turn will do the same for us. Pass U

D. Nov Elections – Pres, VP, Sec & Tres are all up. Ross will not be running for Secretary this year. Jen will still be willing to be Treasurer but would like someone to read report at the meetings.

VII. Adjourn @ 8:30 PM


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