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Fishing Stories

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What do you mean you found it DEAD? as told by Bobber Down

So, the story goes. It's the summer of beautiful 1989 and it's me(12), my little brother Ryan(10), and our younger cousin Sean(8). We ask our aunt Lou (Sean's mom) if we can take their fishing boat out and try to get something to bite. I had just gotten my boating safety card and it was QUITE a privilege to take out any boat without an adult. She said yes, we loaded up our rods, tackle, bait, and a net and we were on our way. It was a hot day, so we decided to go across Webster's bay on Big Sandy and through the bridge to fish the lily pads on the other side. We figured the fish might be trying to hide in the shade due to the temp. Well, we were wrong. We fished for a little over an hour, but had to get headed home so we didn't get in trouble. We just had the bridge in site when Ryan said, "hey what's that sticking out of the water over there?" I quick turned the boat to investigate further. When we got up next to it all we could see was that it was a fish fin of some sort. It was actually the tale of the fish, the head was straight down in the water and all that was sticking up was a corner of the tale fin. We decided to net it, after almost breaking the net, we got it into the boat and we couldn't believe our eyes. It was the BIGGEST northern any of us had ever seen in our lives! I have a fear of fish and I was freaked out of my mind. It was beautifully colored and I thought what if this thing comes to life, I'm jumping out of this boat! We had it laying between two of the seats and I sat as far away as possible and made Ryan drive the boat so I could

keep my eyes on it. We got back to Sean's cabin and went running up to tell his mom what we caught, I mean netted, and she didn't believe us. Once we finally got her down to the beach she couldn't believe her eyes. So, we brought it home to show our mom and the same thing, she didn't believe us. After getting over the shock of netting this thing, we measured and weighed it, 42 inches and 22 pounds. We determined that it had just died when we saw the fin sticking up and it was probably just trying to kick for one last dive. We knew we were going to mount it, but where were we going to put it until we could get it to the taxidermist. Luckily, we knew the owners of Hillcrest resort at the time and asked if we could put it in their freezer until we could get it home or to the tax. When we brought it there no one at the resort could believe it really came out of the lake. They were asking where we caught it, and what we caught it on. We told them we found it dead and all they could say was, What do you mean you found it dead? I said it was floating on top like any other dead fish. We had multiple people offer to buy it for up to \$400.00. We decided as a team of three that this was a once in a lifetime fish story and we better just keep it. So my parents paid for it to get mounted, and it has been hanging on the wall of their cabin for about 16 years now. And to this day, I have never heard or seen of anyone pulling a bigger fish than that out of Big Sandy Lake, sure glad we kept it.

Where's the landing net? as told by Capt Jon

I have a fish story, it was May 13, 2001, mother's day if I remember correctly. Captain Steve Johnson, Jean (his wife) and myself decided we would try fishing the St. Louis River for some walleyes. We decided that because we didn't want to work too hard we wouldn't bring a landing net. We filled a cooler with our favorite beverages and grabbed a dozen night crawlers, fired the boat up and off we went. After a few minutes of running up river we found the spot we wanted to start fishing in. Each of us having our favorite color worm harness on we set the lines out to begin the troll. Almost immediately I said, Steve I think I am hung up, the drag started whining and then to my surprise the snag started swimming. It was then I realized I was into something pretty big. The battle went on for the next 10

minutes, I gingerly fought the fish as the rod was spooled with 6 pound test. Eventually we saw the fish, a huge walleye, it was then we all realized this was going to be difficult without a landing net. I said to Steve, "This fish is going on the wall!" He scrambled around the boat trying to find anything he could to use as a means to get the fish out of the water, it was decided he would grab it by the tail and hoist it in. I got the 30+" walleye up to the side of the boat Steve reached down and tried to get the fish by the tail, but it flopped free. Leaving me to try to get it back up so he could try again, the second attempt was unsuccessful, by now we are trying to find another method to land the fish. It was decided a 5 gallon bucket was the

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Club Calendar

October 26th.....NUASF Club Meeting
November 9th..... NUASF Social Night at Club House
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 25thNUASF Club Meeting
February 8thNUASF 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 the November 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 next 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.

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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NUASF Monthly Meeting September 28, 2017 Members Present: 35+

I. Secretary Report

A. Motion made and seconded o except report as read. Passed unanimously.

II. Treasury Report

A. Motion made and seconded o except report as read. Passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

A. Membership update

1. 159 Members w/ 21 Due

B. Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

1. Winni – Crappies 14”-15” and lots of Sun Fish
2. Devil’s Lake – 38 Walleye & 9 Northern
3. Hanska – 3 Walleye in hour and a half

C. Club House and Grounds Update.

1. New mower is working great. Also have a new trimmer.
2. Drive way repair – Project above the clubhouse is being bid. Won’t be fix driveway till completed.

IV. Other Old Business

A. Access to the MN River boat landing is getting close to an agreement. Looks like we will just have to maintain the property and will have no other expenses. Landing will be named “Meyers Timber Access” Maintained by NUASF. Sign will be posted.

V. New Business

A. Petermann’s Fishing Contest – Small turnout but very good time.

B. Ice Fishing Contest Update

1. Posters and tickets will be available at Nov meeting. Ice Castle fish house Tickets are available.

C. Dixon Lake Ice Fishing Trip – Feb 15th – 18th \$140 for room only. \$200 for rooms and meals.

D. Food next meeting – Dave Wenks Chili. Bring dish to pass.

E. Kids Fishing Contest Update – Over 200 fish were caught.

VI. Other New Business

A. Coalition for a Clean MN River requested a donation. Motion was made and seconded to give \$750. Passed U. Already had been approved by board.

B. Hillard Johnson made a great sign for the club.

C. Motion was made to give Jen Kuester cash for taking over the treasure position. She refused. Motion was made second to give her a gift certificate to Applebee’s. Passed U

D. Nov Elections – Pres, VP, Sec & Tres are all up.

E. Stove and fryer are being donated to club from a friend of Ken Kohn.


VII. Adjourn @ 8:45 PM

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best bet. I got the fish up next to the boat Steve put the bucket in the water and we tried to “coax” the fish in. It wasn’t going though. Again we made another attempt, the entire time I am telling Steve we better not lose this one it is the biggest fish I’ve ever caught! This time the fish actually went in the bucket but the bucket was now full of 5 gallons of


water and the front half of a fish. Steve yelled out, I need some help, he and I hoisted the bucket, 5 gallons of water and the fish into the boat. The fish is now hanging on my office was and has become the standing joke that this is what I got my mom for mother’s day. We still go fishing without a net, if we don’t want to “work” to hard.

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