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FISHING YEARS GONE BY

by Kevin Dahlke Courtesy of: <http://myfishingpals.com>

Many of us anglers these days can look back from the days we were kids and smile from all of the memories that we have. Those days may not be able to be relived, but these days are the days that we will never forget as we grow older. From the many days of fishing with our school buddies to those many excursions with dad and gramps to the water.

There were many trips that our buddies would show up on their bikes with the fishing rod strapped to the bikes frame and the tackle box in their hand. Of course the closest lake was around five miles away but at those times we really didn't care how far it was as we were going fishing.

After peddling for what seemed like an eternity, we could see the lake in the distance and knew that there were going to be fish caught when we got to our secret spot. This was our best place to fish and you always hoped that nobody beat you there. This place consisted of a culvert that went under the highway and the sunfish that lived in there were very nice sized fish.

The key to fishing here was to aim the cast to go into the culvert, but you had to cast as far as you could possibly cast. With the hook baited and the bobber set to the magic depth, you would eye up your target and get the angle just right and launch that cast as deep into that culvert as possible. As soon as the bobber hits the water, down it goes and the battle is on to get that trophy bluegill out of their deep dark homes.

The two of you would look at each other and start laughing hysterically at the size of these fish and how we were catching them. We weren't in any type of backwater type of lake with the tranquility of the breeze blowing or the birds chirping. We were fishing next to a major road with cars zooming by us not more than ten feet behind the guard rail. As the afternoon would wear on you know that you had to be home for dinner and would strap everything back onto our bikes and off we would go back home after a very fun filled day.

Then the weekend would come and it was time to go visit grandma and grandpa for a couple of days. They really enjoyed having fresh fish for a meal and grandpa had a great spot that

would give us plenty of opportunities at catching a few meals. Run out to the garden with a bucket in hand and a digging fork to dig up a bunch of worms for the days fishing trip. After digging up a few dozen worms, load the rest of the gear in the truck and head for this honey hole.

This was one of those areas that you hoped that someone doesn't beat you there as it is another shoreline fishing spot. This area was a channel that came off of the main lake and wasn't to deep but also had some weed growth in it as well. Staking out our spot we would get all setup and get ready for a fun filled day of catching fish.

Gramps would help you get your fishing rod and bait setup and would tell you to cast over to that spot over there. The bobber would hit the water and as soon as it would standup, down it would go. There was cast after cast that would play out the exact same way over and over again. The bucket was filling up very quickly between gramps, dad and me as the fish were biting like they were having their last meal.

Then there is that time when the bobber goes down and when you set the hook it doesn't feel like a sunfish that is on the line. The fish is fighting and your mind is wondering as to what you have on the hook. Now gramps, dad and everyone else that is fishing there is watching you. Gramps is telling you how to fight this fish as we don't want to lose it whatever it is.

As it comes to shore the bobber is getting closer but no one has seen the fish yet. A few feet away you are pulling the line in and there it is, the biggest dogfish that you have ever seen. What a great fight this fish gave you and there was no way that you were going to touch this fish as it was the ugliest thing that you have ever seen.

As the afternoon wore on, catching all of these fish seemed to get a little boring after a while and I would start searching for other creatures that were living there. This is when I came across a little painted turtle and asked Dad if I could keep this little guy. Went and got another bucket and filled it with water and now I had a new little friend. We had our fair share of fish and looking

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Club Calendar

September 27th NUASF Club Meeting
 October 11th..... NUASF Social Night at Club House
 October 25th..... NUASF Club Meeting
 November 15th..... NUASF Social Night at Club House

November 29th..... NUASF Club Meeting
 December 13th NUASF Social Night at Club House
 December 20th (**Note: Date Change**) NUASF Club Meeting



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From the President.....

By Jason Kuester

It is time to sell tickets... We need everyone to do their part and sell raffle tickets for the 2018 Ice Castle Ice House!!! You can pick up your tickets the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like some tickets, please contact Ross Nelson 507-766-0765 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 on February 10, 2019.

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 14th.** 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.

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!!

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at our catch, we knew that it was going to be a long night of filleting fish and many meals were going to be frozen and also a fish fry was in store.

There are many memories that have been made over the years and many more that are still to be made. But these memories that are from my childhood seem to be the best by far since at those times things were so simple and there wasn’t much for complexity at those times as well.

Those early days of spending time with gramps are missed very much these days. Being the first grandchild of four, there was a much stronger bond between him and I and being we had such similar interests, we got along so well together and spent many days fishing and walking in the woods. These days of memories are never to be lost but they are very missed from time to time when grandpa comes to mind and I can relive those many trips together through all of my memories.



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NUASF Monthly Meeting August 30, 2018 Members Present: 25

I. Secretary Report - Approved as read.

II. Treasury Report - Approved as read.

III. Old Business

A. Membership Update (Ken S): 150 Members, 21 Due.

- Looking for a new membership coordinator. Any volunteers?

B. Area Lakes and Rivers Report:

- Lake of the Woods, north side – lost rod and reel 28 inch walleye
- Devils Lake, lots of Walleye
- Crystal and Loon, Walleye pulling plugs
- Minnesota River, Catfish and Crappies

C. Club House & Grounds News:

- Scott & Mike sweeping and vacuuming clubhouse
- Driveway graded
- Underground power is in
- Tony and Scott mowed
- Land for sale by Clear Lake?
- Overhead cable left over, recycled the wire
- Tony Miller using popcorn machine Sept 9th
- 2 trees laying on lawnmower shed, Pete and Meck to take care of it.

D. Other Old Business: Nothing

IV. New Business

A. Peterman’s Fishing Contest – Saturday 9/22, starts at noon

- Bring meat for the grill
- Date changed to 9/22

B. Ice House Tickets Available

- Fish house is here, 1000 tickets

C. Cub Scouts are going to tour History Learning center

- 9-15-18 @1:30 to learn about fishing and the river.
- Jason going, looking for volunteers.

D. Kids Fishing Contest Results (Jim H.)

- 184 registered
- 143 caught – Walleye, Carp, Catfish, Suckers
- 72 dozen night crawlers, 273 prizes
- Thanks to all volunteers!!

E. Other New Business:

- **Fishing 1-2-3 Update (Scott S/Mike S) –**
 1. Final Class at Studtmann’s Pond was held on Thursday August 2nd. It was a great success and a great turnout by participants and volunteers. Thank you to the club members that took time to volunteer!
- **NUASF is now on Facebook!**
- **Scott Sparlin, New Ulm HS fishing class to be late April**
 1. Motion for supplies, 1st by Keith R, 2nd by Jim L.

V. Food for next meeting - Keith Rolloff

VI. Meeting Adjourn @ 8:35 PM

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