

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Its official the new season is underway, complete with new officers. We have a lot to accomplish this year especially in the fundraising area due to the hard hit we took as a club at the Sportsman's Banquet. Any ideas for new fundraisers or how we can improve our current ones, please pass on to our officers. While the fundraisers help to make improvements to our club and pay taxes, they also contribute to the community with such events as the Kids Fisheree and Kids Shoot. These events are much anticipated by the kids as well as their parents. Lets do all we can to insure that we don't have to eliminate these great events. As president I want to continue to provide a fun-safe place for everyone to come. While I plan to donate as much of my own time, for it to be a successful club we need everyone to do their part. Mark your calenders the first big event is the Kids Fisheree, we plan on seeing everyone there.

Steve Licht, President

NEW BOARD

New Board

Board of Directors elected for 3 years: Jeff French- newly elected, Joe Herda and Dave Calamia- reelected

Alternates: Chet Tuinstra 3 year term, Don Voss 2 year term left, Dale Burrright 1 year replacement term

Board of Directors for 2008

Steve Licht – President
Jeff French- VP
Joe Herda – Treasurer
Jim Herda – Secretary
Denis Karnosky – Sergeant at Arms
Steve Abernethy
Dave Calamia
Scott Helgestad
Mark Miller

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Just a reminder there will be separate card mailed out this week to let everyone know **General Family Membership Dues are due at the January meeting.** Membership is \$50 for the year.

If dues are not paid by the Feb meeting there will be a late fee added each month.

The card can be mailed back with the completed information and club dues or turned in at the next meeting, January 8.

CLUB NEWS

Winter League

Winter League starts December 26. It will run for 12 weeks on Wednesday nights with the club opening at 4 PM. The total cost for the league is \$150 which includes prize money. The club will be open **every** other Sunday for the winter. The first open Sunday will be January 6 2008.

Kid's Fisheree

The 2008 Kids Fisheree has been set for May 18.

Thank You

A Big Thank You to **Jerry Miller** for the most excellent meal at the Dec meeting. *The cook for January will be Joe Ebbers*

DNR UPDATE

From Dale J. Hochhausen,
Wisconsin Conservation Warden
To report violations or ask questions
call me at 262-878-5612

New statewide rules enacted November 2007 to prevent the spread of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia or VHS:

VHS is not a threat to people but it can easily spread to healthy fish that eat infected fish or absorb water carrying the virus.

1) You must drain all water from bilges, ballast, live wells, bait buckets and other containers before you leave the bank or shore of any water. This does not apply to bottled drinking water or beverage containers.

2) You may not leave the bank or shore of any waterbody with any live fish or live fish eggs, including leftover minnows. Once you leave the waterbody (including frozen waterbodies), drain all water and dispose of the minnows at the cleaning station, trash receptacle or take home for disposal.

Minnows can be taken home if the minnows are left back in a vehicle that is not parked on the ice or shoreline of the waterbody. So if you can leave the bulk of your minnows in the vehicle and return to the vehicle to stock up on minnows as you run out. However, once the minnows are possessed on the water or on the bank/shore of a waterbody, the minnows may not be transported away from the area alive.

3) You may not use dead fish, fish eggs or fish parts for bait. Except if you are fishing in Lake Michigan or Green Bay; fishing in the same water where the bait was collected; or the bait is preserved by a method that does not require refrigeration or freezing. Fish or eggs preserved in a salt or brine solution would be legal.

4) You may not use or possess live fish or live fish eggs as bait if bought outside Wisconsin.

For more information go to the WI DNR website or contact Doug Welch at (262) 884-2364 or myself at (262) 878-5612.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec. 26 Winter League Begins
Jan. 8 Club Meeting @ 7:00pm

The Club is open on Wednesdays at 4 and open *every other* Sunday for the winter. The first open Sunday is January 6 2008.