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MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BAIT SWAP TUESDAY AT THE LEGION

Our May membership meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, the 25th, at the Legion hall on Market and 6th starting at 7:00 pm.

We have a lot of items to discuss that include; the selection of the final kiosk design that we'll construct at the Neshonoc landing. Thanks Brad for doing the legwork on this project. We also will need to finalize the details on the upcoming Kleeba Challenge, choose a

candidate for our scholarship program, look at some charitable donation ideas, and continue on the setups for the Logger family night, and the upcoming chapter picnic.

We'll also have Patricia Todd, from Employment Partnerships, give us a short presentation on providing people with disabilities employment options in our communities.

Afterwards we'll be having a bait swap.

If you have a bunch of baits you don't use, or carry doubles, and triples, of certain baits, here's your chance to unload them. We haven't had a bait swap for awhile, and if it goes well we'll make it an annual event.

We have plenty to cover at this meeting. Plan to come down and voice your opinions, and don't forget your baits!

See you Tuesday!

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE LOGGERS SATURDAY, JULY 17TH

Mark your calendars for our annual night at the Lumberyard with our La Crosse Loggers.

Game night is Saturday, July 17th, against Wisconsin Rapids starting at 6:05 pm.

We have a reserved section in right field on the Wipfli fan deck. It's next to the mezzanine and offers all you can eat and drink.

Details on this outing will be worked on at upcoming meetings.

This is a family outing, so feel free to bring family members, watch quality baseball, and have a great time!

I'm sure we'll play baseball bingo again.....

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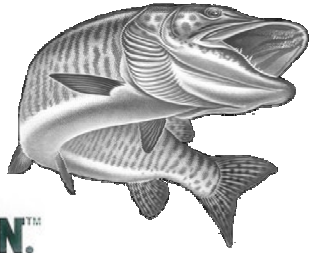
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CHAPTER NEWSBITS

Bob Nontelle, and Don Breitzman, are looking for 2 more members to share a cabin with them at this years Lake Vermilion Gil Hamm International tournament. Members Dan Ciechanowski, and Tim Wells, are on their team, but they need 2 more to round it out. Contact me at 608-792-7722 and I'll get you the Hamm info and put you in touch with one of those guys on cabin details.

The donor letters are ready for next years banquet. If you'd like to get some early, please contact me and I'll get them to you. We still need to decide if we're planning on keeping the trophy sponsorship set up the way it is now, or to change it.

We'll be hosting the Kleeba challenge in 2010. Mark your calendars for June 18-20!

The 2010 Gil Hamm Chapter challenge will be held August 21st through the 28th on Lake Vermilion. The fishing contest will be the 25th -28th. Entry cost is \$25 per 6 man team. We can have as many teams as we can get. Lodging and more details to follow. Let's see if we can get a few teams to go and represent God's Country!

A new chapter banner is being constructed. It will be full color and will replace our old black and white one. Thanks to Jim Mazzone and Chris Smith for working on this project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP MEETING And BAIT SWAP

Tuesday, May 25th

7:00 pm

Legion Hall

KLEEBA STATE CHAPTER CHALLENGE

June 18th-20th

Pine Point Campground

Holcombe Flowage

CHAPTER RECEIVES 3 SCHOLARSHIP APPS

We've received 3 applications for our annual scholarship drive to help a local student going to college in the field of conservation.

We'll make a decision on the finalist at the May meeting. The scholarship is open to all college bound seniors in our area and to club members outside the local

area.

Thanks to Brad Foss for running this each year. He sends out information to the local Wisconsin and Minnesota schools telling them about the \$500 grant that is available to the seniors.

Congrats to those members that have graduating seniors this year!



KLEEBA STATE CHAPTER CHALLENGE AND CLUB CONTEST DETAILS

This is our year to host the annual Larry Kleeba Chapter Challenge.

It will be held over the weekend of June 18th-20th on the Holcombe Flowage, headquartered out of Big Swede's Resort on Hwy. 27.

We do have members that have other places to stay, but we have reserved campsites at the Pine Point Campground. We have sites 45-48, which are down by the water, and site 38, that is next to the beach but has a dock. The camping is covered by the club as is the Saturday lunch from noon to 2:00 at Big Swede's.

Because we are hosting the Kleeba, we've moved the Wiltinger memorial outing to September.

Fishing contest hours for the weekend will overlap somewhat. The Kleeba contest hours will be 6:00 am Saturday through noon on Sunday, except for the 2 hour break for the Saturday meal at Swede's. We'll still have our individual fishing contest with hours that'll run from Friday noon to Sunday noon, minus the Saturday break. Scoring will be per the International scoring system for both contests.

Teams will consist of 6 people for the Kleeba. Contact me if you've put a team together, or we'll set up teams at the registration the night before.

Our chapter will be on the individual system with the top angler receiving a \$50 Gander Mountain gift certificate.

Let's see if we can put together some teams and try to bring home the Kleeba traveling trophy!

The Saturday break will allow us the time for a meal, group photo, and fellowship. The meal will include burgers, brats, salad, beans, beer, and beverages. We plan to run a raffle to help offset the cost of the meal. Volunteers to help with the meal, sell raffle tickets, and register teams on Friday night will be needed. Registration is from 6-9:00pm at Swede's. Otherwise, if you have a team contact me before that Thursday and we'll get you pre-registered.

Thanks in advance to those members that're helping out with the Kleeba setup. It's looking like it should be a lot of fun.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the setup committee members and they'll answer them for you.

JORDAN WEEKS PROVIDES NESHONOC LAKE STOCKING OPTIONS

Jordan Weeks attended our March meeting and let us know our stocking options for Lake Neshonoc.

With the tough economy, the state wide stocking budget has been reduced. This might mean that we'd have to pick up the costs of stocking because Neshonoc is not considered a high priority lake due to the recent introduction of fish, and the fact that we still don't know the status of the population.

Jordan explained that the DNR will plan to net when the water temps reach 50 degrees. The problem, he explained, was the fact that the existing fish are not yet mature enough to patrol the shorelines like the older, mature fish will.

Because of this, it's difficult to figure the fish per acre ratio.

Jordan has asked for 743 fish, and will keep us posted on the stocking developments. If possible, he'll try to let us know when the netting will happen, although it's usually spur of the moment.

Thanks to Jordan for taking the time to visit our chapter and letting us know where we stand on the stocking issue.

In a worst case scenario, we might have to wait to again restock, but we could always put the budgetted money to forage for fingerlings, purchasing a smaller number of fish, or helping the DNR with beneficial projects.

Stay tuned for more updates.

KLEEBA CHALLENGE SET UP COMMITTEE

The following members have volunteered to help with this years Kleeba Challenge; Leif Tolokken, Brad Foss, Bob Nontelle, Scott Cornish, Jim Mazzone, and myself.

We need to have one more meeting

after the May membership meeting to work out who'll work the registration table, and the dinner on Saturday.

If you'd be interested, contact any of the setup committee members and we'll get you involved!

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TUESDAY, MAY 25TH

AMERICAN LEGION 7:00 pm