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## THE RUMOR MILL

Rumor: Catfish sting with their whiskers.

Reality: All catfish and bullheads have four pairs of whiskers, or barbels, lined with sensitive nerve endings, similar to taste buds. They allow the fish to taste and smell its way through dark and muddy water where it hunts for food. The sting many anglers have felt comes from the sharp spine on the leading edge of the dorsal fin and two pectoral fins. When alarmed, the fish raises and locks these spiked fins in an upright position. A catfish can't actually stab with these fins, but if you grab one carelessly you can poke yourself. It's no different from getting poked by a bluegill and, as with other sharp-spined fish, the puncture often gets infected, causing it to smart for several days. There is no venom in the spine of the catfish or bullheads anglers catch. However, one member of the catfish family does have venomous spines. The madtoms -such as the tadpole madtom, checkered madtom, and stome cat-are tiny minnow-sized catfish that grow only a few inches long. Madtoms are the only fish in Minnesota that have poison glands. When attacked, a madtom can inject its venom through the spines in its fins into the mouth of a predator. Although deadly to a fish, the venom is no more dangerous to humans than a mild bee sting. To hold a catfish or bullhead, place your palm on its belly and slide your thumb under one pectoral fin and your forefinger over and index finger under the other pectoral fin. You can also hold a madtom safely in the cup of your palm. Just don't squeeze.

## THE LUNGS OF THE EARTH

Swamps and ponds-The Lungs Of The Earth- are a link in the great cycle of evaporation, condensation, rainfall, and seepage. Another work of the shallow waters of the earth is to support a tremendous amount of valuable life. There is a whole phase of life that is dependent on swamps and on the peculiar vegetation of swamps. Wildfowl and very important fur-bearing animals are decidedly outstanding examples. Those who do not know what swamps are become impatient with the loss of ground and try to improve matters by digging a ditch, so that the rain will not be stored up, but will run away before it has had the chance to fulfill any part of its mission. The work of reclaiming these richest spots on the surface of the earth, the work of selling these very centers of the earth's wealth for a mess of pottage that is generally not even a mess of pottage, is the work of men who either are fools themselves or are making fools of others. Drained swamps in northern Minnesota -drainage failures! -are causing millions of dollars of damage annually. What were once reservoirs of water, have become reservoirs of flame. The unscrupulous drainage engineer of today is the greatest of all con men. He is selling the American gold brick-Something for Nothing-to the Americans themselves. It is the most attractive gold brick in the world. It is also the rottenest at the core.

A sign of the times, a bleak look at what is happening to our country today? Is it now? Believe it or not, this article was written by a gentleman named Donald Hough in October of 1923. How ironic that a warning sounded seventy two years ago still rings true today.

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## TAKE A KID FISHING

On Sunday, June 11th, we will again be hosting Take a Kid Fishing, this year at Clear Lake. This will take place between 1:00 and 4:00 P.M. We need your help. If you have a boat and can bring it to take some of the kids out on the water, it would be a big help. The fishing pier should be in place by that time so most of the kids will be able to fish from there. It is still nice to have the kids get out on the water. We also need help supervising the kids on shore. After we are done fishing for the day we will be serving lunch for those who are in attendance. If you can help, be out there a little early.

## RIVER CLEANUP

This years River Cleanup was a little harder to do because of the high water. We did manage to find quite a bit of garbage and trash. Some of it was stuff we could not get out last year. A lot of it was new. We just don't seem to be able to get people to stop dumping along the river. There were also several spots where people did oil changes, just draining the oil onto the ground and throwing the filter aside. It must really be some sort of low life character to pull a stunt like that. There were also quite a few tires along

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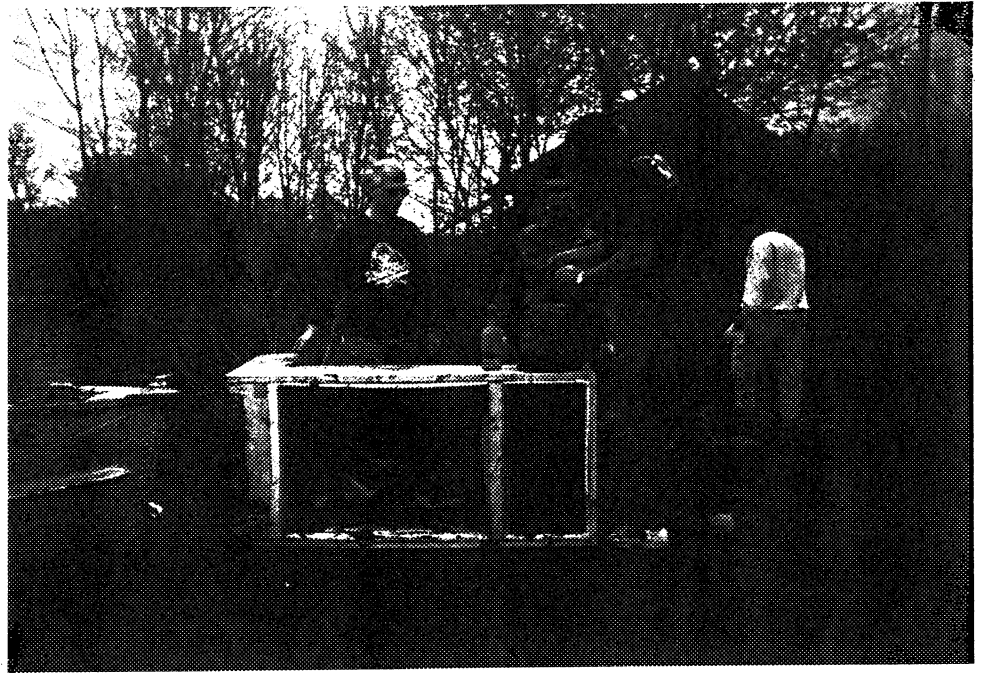
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the banks and in the river. Something has to be done. This is a never ending source of garbage that we have to pick up. Maybe tire dealers should start requiring an old tire be turned in with every purchase of a new or used tire. Or require a deposit to be paid that would be refunded when the old tire is turned in. If someone didn't turn their tires in to get the deposit back, that money could go to groups like ours, to pay for getting rid of tires that we have picked up.

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The old Highway 15 in Nicollet County has been blocked to prevent vehicles from driving in and dumping. This will save us quite a bit of work every year. A special thanks to Greg Smith of the PUC Electric Distribution Department for the use of the auger truck to dig the holes for the posts used to block the road. Also thanks to Jeff Folkens for volunteering to run the truck for us that Saturday morning. There was a good turnout, and some new faces. We served a wonderful lunch after we finished. Thanks to everyone who helped, especially the people from 3M.

## CLEAR LAKE UPDATE

I haven't heard much about the fishing, or lack of it at Clear Lake this spring. The weather hasn't really been good enough to get me out on the water. I think it has also slowed the fish up and kept them from moving into their prespawn feeding. The lake does look good though, with the water level staying quite high. By the time you reach this, the fishing pier should have been installed at Clear Lake, as it was sitting on shore the day that I wrote this. In case you hadn't heard, the pier is made of recycled plastic. We will be using the same material to build the handicapped accessible walkway will connect the shore and the pier. This will be a welcome addition to the County Park area.

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Clear Lake. In anyone has been fishing on any of our area lakes, be sure and let me know how you did. That way I can get a report in the newsletter and let the rest of the members know where the fish are biting, and what they are biting on.

## From The President

Well here it is right before the "Opener" when I'm writing this and all I can think about is "get the net". The next club meeting will be at Clear Lake weather permitting. Chuck Enter, Chuck "Cisco" Nelson, Kim Olson, Mike Deinken, Jim Hulke, and myself were out to inspect the sand in front of where the walkway and pier are going to be situated and every thing looks good. Instead of building up the walkway we are simply going to put in more sand to support it. Don't forget to bring a new prospective member to the next meeting it will be a great way for them to see first hand some of the good work the club does.

Our Riverbank cleanup was a success and media coverage by channel 4 WCCO TV should help the cause along. Tony Miller NUASF, CCMR, and 3M employee, was a great deal of the reason the event ran so smoothly and came off without a hitch. NUASF member Glen Setterholm's wife Carol, also helped prepare a great meal following the event. Thanks to all who helped that day in whatever way, you are truly appreciated. CCMR needs your help bartending at the Blues Fest, if you haven't had a chance to sign up call the office at 354-2346, if you can help one of the three days June 2-4.

Don't forget "Take a Kid/Adult Fishing" day on Sunday June 11th at Clear Lake. We will need boats and shore volunteers.

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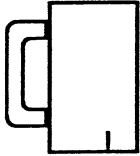


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May 25th—Meeting-Clear Lake County Park-7:30 PM

June 11th—Take a Kid Fishing-Clear Lake-1-4 PM



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