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of Freshwater Fisheries



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Hot Fun In The Summertime!



The Fish Winnipeg Youth-at-Risk Fishing Program

Thanks to the generous support of our media and corporate sponsors, over 600 kids will spend a summer day fishing in the city and receive a free rod and reel combo. Look for a full report in the fall issue of *Fish News*.

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FISH FUTURES

PROJECT REPORT

Conservation and Enhancement of Manitoba's Freshwater Fisheries

River Interpretive Tour Program - City of Winnipeg
Fish Futures Project Funding for 2006 - \$4,000

Fish Futures is funding a River Interpreter position for the City of Winnipeg. The job of River Interpreter is to educate the public about the value of the fisheries in the Red and Assiniboine rivers. The River Interpretive Tour program has been providing historical and ecological tours of the Red and Assiniboine rivers for the past thirty years. You can book a tour date/time by calling 986-5663.

Henteleff Park Foundation Inc.
Fish Futures Project Funding for 2006 - \$3,000

Fish Futures is funding, in partnership, the installation of a fish-friendly culvert and the construction of riffle structures on Normand Creek. The culvert will facilitate fish passage and encourage spawning. The riffle structures will stabilize the mouth of the creek with rock, and this will help prevent sediment-loading in the creek.

Normand Creek is a small, seasonal tributary to the Red River in south-central Winnipeg. It is being impacted because a dirt pathway and road were constructed without the proper culverts. Pools form in the spring when the water recedes because the culverts are blocked, and this prevents water and fish from flowing back into the Red River. The creek is also being hurt by garbage dumping, the removal of native vegetation, and the erosion of its banks.

Fish Futures supports fisheries projects in Manitoba. Funding applications are mailed in January, and the deadline for applications is the end of March. If you or your group want to receive a funding application, please e-mail your particulars to Joel Hunt, the Projects Committee Chair - jhunt@gov.mb.ca.

Dr. Ken Stewart Scholarship in Aquatic Biology and Conservation

Scott Kolochuck received \$2,500 from Fish Futures to study water quality in farm ponds in the Portage Plains, related to land forms, land use, and water use by humans.

Elaine Shipley received \$2,500 from Fish Futures to study present water quality and changes in water quality in Lake Manitoba over the last fifteen years. She is looking for evidence of a relationship between man-made development in the Lake Manitoba watershed and changes in water quality.

XTREME BANQUET II

A Letter From Jerry Kruczek, Chairman - Fish Futures Banquet Committee

Dear Fish Futures Supporters,

This year's Banquet was another huge success! The feedback from our guests is that "a great time was had by all".

The Early Bird Lounge was a new addition to this year's event. Many guests walked away with some amazing deals on the special silent auction items, available only in the Early Bird Lounge. The Minnow Race was also new this year. It drew large crowds to cheer on their favorite minnow. The level of excitement around the tank was intoxicating.

John R. Toone welcomed a crowd of over five hundred guests, and hosted an excellent evening of draws and auctions. Dr. Ken Stewart was on hand to present Scott Kolochuck and Elaine Shipley with the Dr. Ken Stewart Scholarship in Aquatic Biology and Conservation.

I had the extreme pleasure of presenting Andrew Klopak, President of LUND Boats, North America with our Major and Long-Time Contributor Appreciation Award for his countless years of unparalleled support of the Fish Futures Banquet.

This year's Banquet raised approximately \$60,000.00 for the conservation and enhancement of Manitoba's fisheries resource. Please look for project updates from the Committee in upcoming issues of *Fish News*.

The Banquet is an evening of fun and friendship, sharing stories, and it is full of prizes, awards and exceptional deals, but it is a little like Christmas, we have to enjoy the celebration, but also be reminded of the true purpose of this event. The money raised will fund initiatives that will protect, preserve, and enhance our fisheries for future generations to enjoy.

Please join me in thanking all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this event happen, and all the guests who so generously supported Fish Futures. You are our partners (many of you long-time partners), and I thank you for believing in Fish Futures.

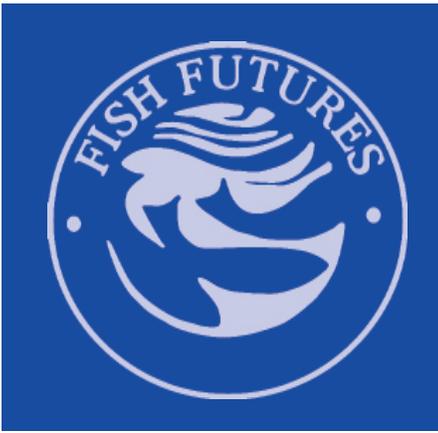
I encourage you to support our partners, so that together, we can help to sustain a healthy fishery throughout this province. This year's Banquet sponsors include:

Lund Boats Canada Inc., Johnson Outdoors Canada Inc, Manitoba Lodges & Outfitters Association, Crowduck Lake Camp, Laurie River Lodge and Resort, Dobel Insurance, The Keg, Yamaha Canada Inc., Winnipeg Sport and Leisure, Nueltin Lake Lodge, Budd's Gunisao Lake Lodge, Barrett Marketing, Honda Canada, AVO Marine, Craig Stapon, Rodgers Fishing Lodge, Webber's Lodge, Healey's Lodge, Bombardier Canada, Enn's Brothers, Kississing Lake Lodge, Wiens Furniture, Manitoba Fisheries Department, Walleye World Custom Rods, Normark Canada, Pure Fishing, The Fishin' Hole, S.I.R. Sporting Goods, United Army Surplus, City Cats Guiding Service, York, The Hotel, The Winnipeg Football Club, Nautilus Fitness Canada, Advance Electronics, Plano Molding Company, Stearns, Lucky Strike, Molson Brewery, Mid-West Garments, City Press Ltd, Meyers, Norris, Penny, Mariner-Neptune Fisheries, Maxxum Music, Willow Wolfe, Sellors and Associates, Nu-Sun Cinema, Jim Scribner, Salt Water Connection, Ducks Unlimited, Pellar Estates/Cascadia Brands, Flex Fish, Instaframe, and the Royal Crowne Banquet and Conference Center.

Have a safe and fun summer!

Sincerely,

Jerry Kruczek
Chairman – Fish Futures Banquet Committee



*"Working Today
for Tomorrow's Fisheries Resource"*

What is Fish Futures Inc.?

Fish Futures Inc. is a non-profit, registered charitable organization dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of freshwater fisheries through:

- Sponsorship, development and encouragement of research projects.
- Habitat preservation, enhancement and management projects.
- Public education to increase awareness of the value of freshwater fisheries and the need for conservation and enhancement of fish stocks and habitat.

Fish Futures is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of members of the public and representatives of government, industry and the scientific community.

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FINANCIAL RUN-OFF

Farmers Fear \$1-Billion Property Value Loss from New Water Protection Law

Bill Redekop – Winnipeg Free Press – May 8th, 2006 – Page A4

“Manitoba farm leaders are frantically trying to convince the province to change new legislation designed to save Lake Winnipeg that could cost farmers more than \$1 billion, according to some estimates”

“Farm groups like Keystone Agricultural Producers are holding secret meetings with the province”

“The Water Protection Act stems from findings that phosphorous and nitrogen levels in Lake Winnipeg have increased 10 and 13 per cent respectively since the early 1970s.”

“The fear is algae growth could become so great as to kill Lake Winnipeg. Algae eventually decomposes, which uses up oxygen in the water, which kills food sources for fish, which eventually triggers massive fish kills.”

9 MILLION LITRES OF RAW SEWAGE FLOW INTO RED

U of M Blames Plumbing Error for Problem

Aldo Santin – Winnipeg Free Press – April 20th, 2006 – Page B3

“From August until late March, sewage from 15 buildings, including a 300 student residence, flowed directly into the Red River”

“the incident has been labeled an accident and no provincial charges will be laid against the university or the firms involved.”

CALL OF THE WILD

A Tory MP Wants a Non-Partisan “Outdoors Caucus”

Colin Campbell – Maclean’s – April 3rd, 2006 – Page 17

Conservative MP Garry Breitkreuz explains the group’s mission “to entrench in law fishing, hunting, trapping, and shooting sports as acceptable, traditional, environmentally sustainable outdoor heritage activities”.

“We’ve been too defensive,” Breitkreuz says, about Canada’s approach to hunting and fishing – things that are “vital components of our culture and heritage. We’ve got to start promoting one of the real strengths of our country.”