

Moose Lake News

By Jim Onarheim

Saturday March 30, 2024, Lakewood's Resort sponsored their annual 2024-SWA-BAY-ASH-EMS and Groomer appreciation party. If you are wondering what those letters stand for. SWA stands for Sawyer, BAY- Bayfield and ASH- Ashland counties. Despite not having any snow this year, which gave us a poor snowmobile year, the Rasmussen Family, because of their generosity, still wanted to go ahead with their annual party. Several Moose Lake area snowmobile / EMS enthusiasts attended the party. The event started at 1 PM and ended about 3:30 PM which was held at Lakewood's Resort on beautiful Lake Namekagon. The crowd was a little smaller than usual, but the group had an exciting and wonderful afternoon.

While we were waiting to eat our well-prepared meal all that were in attendance had time to look over all the great prizes that were donated by thirty-five very generous area businesses. The drawing for these would take place a little later at the party. How this worked was, tickets were sold for \$5 a piece or five for \$20. A number was given to everyone that came through the door. This number was then written on their name badge. This number was their number for the afternoon. There were four different categories that people could buy tickets for. The wonderful thing about the money that was taken in, which was well over \$2000. Would be donated back by Lakewood's to all the area snowmobile clubs. No money was kept by Lakewood's. What a generous move by Lakewood's Resort. Thank you very much.

The prizes included twenty-two baskets, that in my opinion had a value of at least \$50 to \$75 each. Tools, bottles of wine, liquor, clothing, gift cards, and more. There were also forty gift cards that were taped to the glass on nearby door, which also were drawn for. There were also six large value prizes that people could buy tickets for. Some of these items were valued at over \$100. There were four meat raffles and several 50/50 cash raffles. After I and my friend Rob Sparhawk looked at all the wonderful prizes it was time to eat.

The food that was prepared by Lakewood's Famous Chef and kitchen staff was delicious, as usual. Horderves to start things out, with a good variety. The main course included deep fried shrimp with many diverse types of sause. Barbeque baby meat balls, chicken wings, with five different types of sauces. Also, green salade, potato salade, three other dishes that I cannot put a name to, but they were good. Garlic toast. Roast beef sandwiches were special. No one went away with an empty tummy. I wish I had a name for all the several types of dishes that were served. I apologize. One week ago, for me, was a tough time to start my diet. I cheated a little that day. Do not tell Barb.

After the meal it was time to start drawing tickets to see who the lucky winners were that took home some of the wonderful prizes. Moose Lake residents took seven prizes from the lower price baskets. My friend Rob is not a drinker, but he won two bottles of liquor along with many other items. Russ Smith was lucky to win a nice set of tools which included a set of sockets along with several other tools. Bruce Vanfleet also scored with a nice gift. I took home an emergency first aid kit to put in my glove box in my truck. WOW! It was valued at \$2. I gave it to Barb. Oh well last year I cleaned up. You cannot win all the time. In closing I personally would like to thank the Rasmussen family for this wonderful appreciation party. PC and Carrie thank you very much. Please pass it on to Phil and Kathy.

We are winding down pool league for the year. Last Thursday, the 28th, some players wanted to call it for the year, but the majority still wanted to play. It was decided to play April 4th the 11th and then finish on the 18th of April with our final night. As usual you can come and go as you, please. On one can make it every night. On that last evening, we will have a nice meal that will be paid for by the league and then finish with playing some pool games which should be interesting. This is a special type of pool game that should be real fun. We will see. Brad and Mike Willims are working on that. Last Thursday, the 28th of March, we had enough players to make up six teams. When it was over, Brad Daywitt and Sherri Resh took First place. Second place went to Mike Williams and Terry Barnhill. The TP award was given to Russ Smith and Holly Christison. A fun night once again and getting done early, about 10:30.

Birthday greetings this week are extended to Scott Gilkey on the 4th of April, Linda Seeger on the sixth, Amy Picchietti and Beth Miller both have birthdays on the eighth. On the 9th of April Bunny Chaleen and Lou Grayson have their birthdays. Happy Birthday to all Moose Lake area residents. There are no anniversaries this week.

Stay safe everyone and enjoy our wonderful week. Please send your items of interest to my new e-mail address emta984@gmail.com or call my landline at 715-462-4448 or my cell at 715-577-8880. Moose Improvement association website is <http://mliahaywardwi.org> The Town of Round Lake Web site is <https://www.townofroundlakewi.org> and the NEW Round Lake Fire Department website is <https://townofroundlakefire-rescue.org>