

Moose Lake News

The Fire danger has gone back up to High as of this past weekend because of the high winds the relative humidity has dropped to 18 to 25 % throughout northwest Wisconsin. When the wind increases in speed and the relative humidity lowers the fire danger increased rapidly. Hopefully, Sunday evening April 18th we will have gotten some rain which will lower the Fire danger. This time of year, the fire danger goes up and down like the thermometer. Rain one day with wind the next. This rain that falls one day can almost dry out overnight. This dead grass that is exposed can then ignite very rapidly. I ask you to be careful until everything greens up which may take two to three weeks.

Don Rossiter informed me that the Moose Lake clean up went very well last Saturday. There were approximately 7 crews that were spread out over the area. A good share of the area was not too bad as far as wastepaper, cans, and bottles. Everyone met at Louie's at 9 AM and by noon things were completed. Don Rossiter would like to thank everyone that participated in this year's roadside cleanup.

Just a reminder to all pool players that we are planning a year end pool party at Louie's on Thursday April 29th at 6:30. We will be playing a few games of pool just for fun having a nice dinner and just enjoying ourselves. All Pool players that played this year are invited.

The Moose Lake Hazard buoys are in place. Last Friday Doc Grayson and Joel Miller got together using Joel's flat bottom boat. This boat is large and wide to handle several buoys at one time. Everything is in place and floating. Doc and the MLIA would like to thank Joel for his donation of time and effort with this project. If anyone is interested in adopting a hazard buoy please contact Tom Koehler President of the MLIA Tom informed me last week that we did receive confirmation of the cost of the new buoys to be placed this year. The current cost, including the buoy, shipping cost, miscellaneous hardware and lettering is \$225. Tom would like to apologize for his previous "ballpark" number.... (always dangerous when you rely on my memory..) If you would like to get in on the random drawing for this year's buoys, just let Tom know. Tom's phone number is 715-462-9497.

Lately I have been working with other board members of the Hayward Lakes Visitors and Convention bureau preparing for the Governor's Fishing Opener which will be held in Hayward this year. The event was to be here in 2020 but because of COVID it was postponed until 2021. The event will start off on Friday afternoon April 30 with a Northwoods Fish Fry that will be prepared by Cheryl Treland. This will be held at the National Fresh Water Hall of Fame starting at 11 AM and run until 2 PM. The meal is free for all. There also will be free tours of the National Fresh Water Hall of Fame. Friday evening will be our opening banquet which will be held at the Seven Winds Casino. The Wisconsin Fishing Opener begins on Saturday so most people will be fishing the Chippewa Flowage during the day on Saturday. Our Governor, Tony Evers should be in attendance Saturday morning. And through the lunch hour. There will be a lunch for all in attendance at Trelands Resort. There will be more fishing in the afternoon with a Saturday evening banquet at the Casino. There will be many auction items to bid on seeing that this is a fund raiser for the Wisconsin Indianhead Country. The purpose of the event is to get recognition to the Hayward area to help promote tourism for this area. Wisconsin Indianhead Country has only two salaried positions with all the rest being volunteers. Having a fundraiser like this event is just one of the ways for them to raise money to support tourism for NW Wisconsin.

The statewide turkey season opened Wednesday, April 21 with Period A, and bonus harvest authorizations are still available for several periods and zones. This spring season runs from April 21 through June 1, which includes six, seven-day periods running Wednesday through the following Tuesday.

Do not forget to purchase your 2021 fishing license. The season opens May 1st. I purchased my License last week online. It is extremely easy to do it this way. I had no problem. Anglers can chase panfish prior to May 1st. Trout and largemouth and smallmouth bass are catch-and release only. Good luck fishing.

Birthday wishes this week, go out to Howard Lueschen on April 22. Anniversary greetings are extended to Daryl & Terra Neibauer on the 24th, Roger and Faye Winters on April 25th. They will be celebrating 40 wonderful years together. Congratulations! Chad and Wendy Olson anniversary in on April 27th. Congratulations to all.

That all we have for this week. Get that boat ready, it is getting close to May 1. You do not want to miss the opener. Have a great week and stay safe. Please send me your news items. jonarheim@century.net or call me at 715-462-4448 END

EXTRA, copy if you can use it.

Outdoor writer Steve Suman states that when fishing for "Largemouth bass relate to vegetation throughout the year and depth is dependent on where you find grass. Coontail and milfoil grass around structure such as wood or near points are good staging areas. Lures that mimic baitfish, such as spoons, swimbaits, and spinnerbaits, will produce.

"Smallmouth bass are near similar types of structure and rock. Crankbaits and other lures that mimic baitfish are good options this time of year.

"Crappies are still mostly in 20 feet in the main basins, with no reports of them moving shallow just yet. Jigs and minnows, Beetle Spins, and small jigs are the current favorites.

"Bluegills mostly remain in about 20 feet in the main basins and anglers report success with worms, ice fishing tackle, and small jigs such as a Bimbo Bugs.