

## Moose Lake News Deer Hunting update, by Jim Onarheim

The Deer gun Hunting season this year started off with a Bang in the Moose Lake area Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were many hunters in the Moose Lake area hopping to bag that record buck. Some people told me they just wanted to bring home some venison. There were many deer hunters with antlerless deer permits hunting in our area. This means a hunter may shoot an antlerless deer if they wish. Many hunters are always looking for that trophy buck. Most hunters will wait until the end of the season to use their antlerless permit should they not get that buck. All antlerless permits for Sawyer County this year were sold out.

Jack Brown at Louie's keep track of many of the deer that were harvested around Moose Lake for me. I will start with Jack Browns buck which was a 4-pt. or what is called a fork. He shot him just behind his bar. Moose lake resident Dave Wells son Brad shot a fork buck also. Brad is a big-time hunter. Brad is now 19 years old and has been hunting ever since he completed his hunter safety course. Brad loves to hunt turkey along with bow & rifle hunting for deer. Mike Kaehler who was staying at Mystic Moose Resort shot a 6-point buck. Mike grew up on Pine Point Rd. with his parents and brother. Mike has stayed with Barb and I at Mystic Moose for several years. He continues the tradition every year with his brother and son at Mystic Moose. Mike Mathson shot a 5-point buck on Saturday the opening day. Terry Weaver shot a 6-point buck. Moose Lake fishing guide Daryl Neibauer bagged a nice 7-point buck. Matt Metcalf shot a smaller buck which was spike or 2-point deer. Ryan Ross the son of long time Moose Lake resident & Fishing guide Jerry Ross shot a beautiful 9-point buck with an inside spread of 14 ½ inches. Ryan lives in St. Cloud Minnesota with his family. Ryan loves to deer hunt and especially with his dad. He bagged his deer on Saturday morning of the opener. Congratulations Ryan!

We always hold the best until last. Tom Tadysak was in the right spot and the right time on Monday morning Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. He was hunting alone just a few miles from Moose Lake when he shot a beautiful 10-point buck. His deer had a 16-inch spread inside the antlers. Congratulations Tom. Most of you may know Chris Petersen who lives and works in the La Crosse area, but he and his wife Michelle & family have their vacation home near Moose Lake on River Road. Chris has a twin brother Brice Petersen who lives in Clear Lake Iowa. Chris said that he and his brother are pheasant hunters. Brice being from Iowa lives in excellent pheasant country. Chris informed me that he wanted to get Brice interested in deer hunting so he invited him up to his vacation home at Moose Lake to deer hunt back in 2013. Brice likes the sport, so he has been coming up here ever since. Chris is more of a serious hunter than Brice, but Brice always has all the luck. Brice shot his first deer which was 8-pointer in 2013. This past hunting season on Sunday afternoon Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> Brice was thinking about heading back home. After some conversation he decided to stick around for another hour or so. A short time later he heard this noise coming through the woods when he saw this buck coming his way. He pulled up and then shot his second deer in in 8 eight years. It was a beautiful 8-point buck, which had an inside spread of 19 inches. Wow what a trophy. This is something he can be proud of. Congratulations Brice. This deer was the largest Moose Lake deer that I have heard of. Chris, I guess luck was with Brice again.

Keep in mind if you still want to hunt deer, the muzzleloader deer season runs from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 9<sup>th</sup>. Many hunters only hunt this season because it is more challenging. With the muzzleloader your rifle only holds one shot. Accuracy is very important.

Last Friday two men just had to be the first ice fisherman out on Moose lake. Yes, there was about 2 ½ - 3 inches of ice in front of Louie's Landing and these two guys had to walk out to fish in 14 feet of water.

No life jackets either from what I heard. They did make it back to shore safely after catching several crappie's, perch, and a few walleyes. I think I will have to wait until we get a little more ice.

A while back I wrote about Moose Lakes talented Mark Tamm. Mark is a very professional wood craftsmen who makes toys for young children out of hardwood. With Christmas just around the corner this is a perfect time to place your order for your children or grandchildren. In fact, I placed my order for our five grandsons last Sunday. Mark has quit a variety of items to pick from. If you are interested you can give Mark a call at 715-462-4883. He lives on county Hwy S next to Charlies Fine Foods.

Pool League will start on Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Louie's Landing at 6:30 PM. Dust off your pool cues and show up at Louie's this Thursday.

Birthdays wishes this week are extended to Carys Sanders and Joe Dwyer who both have birthday's on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mary McCormick, and Jack Sorenson both on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Anita Halbleib and Marion Off both on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December, Bonnie Miller birthday is on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday to all. There is one anniversary this week. Good friends of ours Joel and Sara Miller will have their anniversary on Dev. 5<sup>th</sup>. Happy Anniversary.

This is all the Moose Lake news for this week. Keep your information coming my way to make it just a little easier for me to write the column. Thank you. Have a great week and Stay Safe!