

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

The deer gun season was a great success in our area and throughout Sawyer County accordingly to many of the hunters that I talked with. Hunters saw many deer, and several found that buck that they were looking for. The 2020 deer muzzleloader season came to an end on December 9th. Moose Lakes John Myhre shot two eight point bucks this year. He shot one during the archery season and one during the muzzleloader season. Both deer field dressed at about 175 lbs. Congratulations John. There will be an antlerless deer hunt from Dec. 10-13. See DNR regulations for more information.

The Moose Lake Improvement Association (MLIA) board of directors met last Saturday morning at Louie's Landing. The meeting covered a variety of items. Dean Broberg gave a report about replacing gravel/rock at the end of each concrete boat ramp at the Club House & Wolf Island boat landings. Each year this material gets washed out at the end of each concrete ramp by people power loading their boat unto their trailer. We must replace this material each year, so people do not drop the tires of their boat trailer into this hole when backing up. He informed everyone that the gravel that he ordered this year was a lot larger in size than what we have used in the past few years. Some of this gravel/rock is up to 4 inches in diameter. Hopefully, this rock will stay in place a lot longer than what we have used in the past.

Tom Koehler reported on the Little Moose River picnic shelter and boat dock repair. Because the shelter is in the National Forest, we had to get permission from the Forest Service to go ahead with this project. Permission was granted. The board feels that they will replace the dock next spring and remodel the shelter next summer.

The board also discussed refurbishing the Osprey nesting platforms. The board will be working with the US Forest Service in developing a plan to refurbish or replace the two Osprey nesting platforms that are located on the lake. The board hopes to have a plan in place by this spring.

The MLIA is working with Sarah Unz and Dina Byrnes who are our new Loon Rangers for Moose Lake. We want to determine if it would be practical to place a few Loon nesting platforms in strategic locations around the lake. The population of loons are very sparse on our lake because of the dark water. The dark water makes it hard for the loons to see their food. Loons are site feeders and need to see their food in the water. The stained water makes it difficult for them to catch their food. The nesting platforms may encourage the loons to stay and nest on Moose Lake.

Jack Brown at Louie's is sorry to report that the Potluck dinners this winter will have to be canceled. The Wisconsin COVID 19 restrictions that are now in place will not allow Jack to have the Potluck dinners. We want to make sure everyone is safe and hopefully this Pandemic will go away soon. Speaking of Louie's, the annual Christmas Eve get together with Tom & Jerrys and snacks will also have to be canceled. Louie's will be open Christmas Eve day but closed that evening along with Christmas Day. Louie's will be open New Year's Eve Day but closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Musky Sno and ATV club have been working on the trails in the Moose Lake area. They have been doing a lot of brush clearing and the replacing of information signs. The lack of snow is doing one good thing for our trails that cross many of our lakes. The cold evenings are making for some good ice which will make it safe for our sleds to cross the lakes once we do get that snow fall. Many years, I have seen only 1 or 2 inches of ice then we get hit with a major snow fall. The heavy snow cracks the ice pushing water up through the cracks making for a lot of slush and unsafe conditions. Be patient sledders it will snow.

Our MLIA President Tom Koehler would like to share this with you. "As some of you know, Michelle and I had a house fire last November. We were not adequately prepared as fires always "happens to others". Be sure you have at least a couple of fire extinguishers that can reach at least as high as your ceiling. Make sure you know how to operate them & make sure you also have working smoke detectors".

Pool League started last Thursday evening December 3rd. There were only 6 players for the first night, but everyone had a great time. When all shots were taken, first place went to Jack Brown & Roger Winters. Second place was awarded to Tom Koehler and Dean Broberg. The TP award or a roll of toilet paper, in case you forget what TP stood for, went to Cliff Earle and Brad Daywitt. It was a good time had by all.

Birthday greetings this week are extended out to my good friend Rob Sparhawk on Dec. 9th, Maty McFerson & Tory McFerson both on the 10th. Lynn Durand (Tamm) & Jana Reeg-Steidinger both on the 15th. Muriel Janitschke on December 16th. Happy Birthday to all. There are no anniversaries this week.

After this coming week if we do not have any snow I will expect all of you to do a snow dance. Just so the kids will have snow for Christmas. The most important this the kids will be concerned with is having enough snow for Santa. This will also make the snowmobilers happy.

Well, that is it for another week. I hope you all have at least started your Christmas shopping is not this is your reminder. Stay Safe everyone!