

## Moose Lake News

Hayward I feel is setting a record with its summertime population numbers. I am sure you have noticed the large crowds in the city of Hayward not only on Saturday afternoon but even during the week. When I left for church around 9:15 Sunday morning, Robins Nest had about 15 people standing outside waiting to get in for breakfast. After church I started looking for a place to have breakfast for myself. I tried every restaurant in town that I could think of. There was a waiting line at every restaurant. After making several stops, I decided to waste some time shopping for some fishing tackle. After 1 ½ hours I did eventually find a restaurant that had one booth open at 1 PM. I spoke to Jack Brown from Louie's Landing Sunday afternoon. He has been overwhelmed with customers, especially on the weekends. We wait for this kind of business all winter long so I guess we should not complain.

One thing that has happened last year and this year is the millions of anglers that normally travel to Canada every year are forced to fish our lakes in Wisconsin, Minnesota & elsewhere. That is if they want to go fishing. This is because of the border closing. This is part of the reason why we have so many people in our area. It apparently is the same all-over northern Wisconsin. I was reading an article about the problem that northern Minnesota is experiencing. With the amount extra pressure that they are experiencing on their lakes. Wisconsin and Minnesota lakes are having more fish harvested because of this extra pressure. This may hurt our fishery to a strong degree. Something that may take many years to recover from. Talking to a friend of mine we both agreed that emergency rules on harvest totals should be put in place by the Wisconsin DNR to protect our lakes. Much of this additional pressure may be coming from these anglers that normally travel to Canada for his/her annual fishing trip. Hopefully, the Canadian border may open soon. COVID has taken its toll in a variety of ways on our life and now with our natural resources. We are now enjoying the strong tourism economy that is happening now, but eventually we will, have to pay of it.

A week ago, I was out fishing on Moose Lake. I was using my new electronics that I just purchased. It has excellent detail of all structure and the bottom of the lake. I could see a detailed view of eth fish cribs that are in Moose Lakes. I found many of our old fish cribs that have been in the water for over 15 years. I could count the number of logs that were remaining on these deteriorating cribs. Two logs on one side with 3 on another side. One log on another crib with 2 ½ on another side. The problem was they did not hold any fish. The fish were gone. Perhaps not enough cover for them. These fish use the cribs as a hiding place from the larger predator's fish. The MLIA put several new fish cribs in the lake a couple of years ago. They looked good and all in one piece. They did have some fish near them but not as many as I thought there should be. This time of year, these fish seem to be in very secretive places. They may be in the brush around rocks or just find cooler water somewhere. It was a remarkably interesting day playing with my new electronics which I do love.

I spoke to Jared Burton the new owner of Charlie's restaurant. Jared and his father are working extremely hard to complete an exceptionally large project of remodeling and repairing some of the things at the restaurant. As you can notice from the road they have removed a large amount of soil from the NW side of the restaurant. This area will have a retaining wall built to support the wall of a 20 X 30 foot outside patio. There is also a lot of remodeling going on inside the building. This summer every contractor throughout the state of Wisconsin is terribly busy. They have enough work to last them throughout the winter. So, Jared and his father are tackling this project by themselves. They hope to

complete this major renovation by early fall. Many of us are getting anxious but all I can say now we will keep in touch with Jared and pass on any information that I get to you ASAP.

The MLIA will be meeting with the National Forest Service the end of July to start work on the repair of Shelter & dock that is located up stream on the Little Moose River. The MLIA is also waiting for a response from the Wisconsin DNR on the approval for the new hazard buoy to be located between the mainland of Moose Lake and Big Grassy Island.

The ladies were playing Pinochle last Thursday at Louie's Landing. Eight ladies attended the card playing event which started at 11AM with a fine lunch for everyone. Once everyone got their tummies full it was time to battle it out. Wit eight ladies playing it apparently was a lot of fun. When it was over Carlene Dalesandro won first place and Connie Miller won second. Last place or the lady that took home all the dimes was Sara Miller.

Ten people attended a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary party for Bill and Barb Nielsen at Garmisch Inn & Restaurant on Lake Namakogon last Sunday evening. They had a beautiful meal and a lot of good conversation. Congratulations Bill and Barb on 40 years together.

Birthday greetings this week are extended to Wayne Janitschke, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, Doug Laier & Caleb Ryan Richter both on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday to all. We have one anniversary this week. Anniversary greeting go to Larry and Dorothy Briggs will be celebrating on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Happy Anniversary.

Well, that does it for another week. Everyone stay safe and keep the news coming my way. Enjoy your week.