

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

I arrived back in Hayward Sunday evening March 24th about 9:45 from the last sport show of the season. The Northwest Sport Show in Minneapolis started on Thursday March 21st and concluded Sunday the 24th at 5 PM. In January I thought that I may have this weekend off, because one of our other Hayward Lakes members asked to do the show this year with his family. I have done the show for the past 12 years either by myself or with another member helping me.

On or around January 25th a good friend of mine who has a resort in Kodiak Alaska asked a favor of me. Randy Blondin and his wife Teri have Kodiak Charters and Safaris located in Larson Bay on Kodiak Island Alaska. They have a 19-year-old daughter who has a beautiful voice and has stated to record her songs. This past weekend she was scheduled to record her first album in California. They asked if I could run their booth for them at the Minneapolis show. As some of you may know I could not say no. This was the second time in many years that I was promoting another location instead of Hayward.

I have spent many days at Randy and Teri's place in the past, so I know their operation very well. Randy is a Commercial Fisherman beside running his resort. He also does a lot of crabbing. This is where he sets crab traps out as perhaps you may have seen on the Deadliest Catch TV show. I have done crabbing with him on the Alaska Sea and is very exciting but can be dangerous.

Early last week (March 18th prior to me leaving for the show I received a call from the Hayward Lakes office. I was told that the person who was going to do the sport show for Hayward Lakes became ill and was in the hospital. Sherry Beckman our Executive Director told me she was going to send out e-mails to the membership to see if someone would be available to do the show. There were no phone calls from anyone showing interest. Jack from Louie's and Joel from Mystic Moose were both busy. Many people were on vacation and trying to find someone the last minute just it made it difficult for people to change their plans.

I told Sherry that I would take the Hayward booth to the show and set it up. The good thing about all of this was the Hayward booth was straight across the isle from the booth that I was going to be in. I said that I will try to do both booths if possible. One thing I told Sherry was, that I would make sure there was always vacation guides and our area literature set out on the table. Trying to run two booths was a real challenge but I made it through the weekend. We talked to many people from all over Minnesota and several people from Wisconsin and Iowa. There was many part-time Hayward resident who were there at the show. Everyone I talked to is getting spring fever and were getting excited about coming back up to there cabin. It was a great weekend but I'm glad to be back in Hayward. I'm looking forward to doing a couple of ambulance shifts this week in Hayward and Winter. It is just good to be home. I did sell a couple of Alaskan vacations also for my friend.

Well this past weekend perhaps is the end of the snowmobile season for this year. Jack Brown said the trails are really, beat up. The season is over. We always will have the possibility of getting one or two real good snow storms at this time of the year, but we then will have to worry about the ice on the lakes. As many of you know several of our trails cross many of our lakes. Some ice is starting to break up on the north shore lines of these lakes. Be careful.

Pool League is winding down. Pool will be all over at the end of this month. One thing to remember is Louie's will be closed April 1st to the 15th of the month. In last weeks news I wrote that they would be closed until the end of April but that was incorrect. They will reopen on

Tuesday April 16th. I'm sorry for any inconvenience.

Pool League results are as follows. First Place went to Doug Muchow & Joe Dwyer. Second place Don Rossiter and Dean Broberg. The TP prize went to Jack Brown and Roger Winters.

Well that is all we have for this week. Remember if you have any news items please give me a call or send it to me by e-mail, 715-462-4448 or jonarheim@centurytel.net so I can include it in the column. Have a great week, enjoy the melting snow and stay safe.

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