

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

You could not have asked for a better weekend than this past Easter weekend. Saturday was the warmest day we have had, so far this year. The TV stated that it was 72 degrees in Hayward at 3 PM. I got several things accomplished outside that day. Sunday it was time to attend church and be with family. I hope many of you enjoyed the weekend as much as we did.

The loons are back. Moose Lake has at least one pair of loons hanging around the open water in front of Mystic Moose Resort. The older loon which some of us call Lonesome George is back also. He is a very large male Loon that has been around for years. He is always by himself and seems to always be the first loon returning in the spring and is always by himself. I think that he may have lost his mate several years ago and never mated with any other loon. My wife Barb has said that she has read that loons mate for life. This may answer why he is by himself.

On Friday I drove around part of Moose Lake checking ice conditions. The West Fork of the Chippewa river is open from Pine Point Rd. bridge all the way to the dam. There seems to be still a fair amount of ice in front of Louie's Landing, but it is going fast. The ice in front of all the Moose Lake boat ramps is gone, but only out for a short distance.

I inspected the docks at all of the boat ramps and only found one problem. I reported it to Dave Sanders because it was at the Club House boat ramp. He said he would take care of it prior to the filling of the lake. The ice is starting to darken throughout the lake. That is sign that it won't be to much longer before the ice is all gone.

As some of you know Lake Hayward is completely open. I spoke to a friend of mine who on Saturday the 20th took his canoe down the Namekagon River, through Lake Hayward and taking out at the dam. He said it was a very enjoyable trip.

Reed lake which is located across from the Robbins Nest Restaurant on Hwy B had black ice on it Saturday afternoon but Sunday morning when I went by the ice was all gone. It was wide open. Several area smaller lakes in the area have also lost their ice.

As I passed through the Round Lake Narrows Little Round Lake had quite a bit of open water near the bridge and it was working its way back toward the center of the lake. I did see two loons on Little Round also. It sure is a sign of spring when you see the loons.

Pool League at Louie's Landing is over for the year. The last shots for the season were all taken last Thursday evening on the 18th of April. Doug Muchow & dean Broberg took home the First Place, award. Second place went to Brad Dewitt and Terry Barnhill. The TP award was taken home by Don Rossiter and Tom Koehler. There were 4 teams playing that evening.

A friendly reminder to everyone that with dry dead grass now showing throughout our county, **my recommendation** is that all outside burning should be stopped until our fields and forests green up. With the wind along with low humidity that we normally get at this time of the year, this can cause a very explosive fire danger. We want to stay as safe as we can when the fire danger can change so rapidly. Like I have said in the past we are responsible for any damage that we create from our negligence with our outside burning.

The only fix to reducing the fire danger is for things to green up. That may take a few weeks for that to happen. Please be patient. Thanks for your fire prevention.

I have talked to many people about getting their boat ready for the fishing opener which is Saturday May 4th. Many people are getting the urge to get out and perhaps start to catch some large panfish. Many people normally try to get out prior to the opener but because of the ice conditions that may not happen unless you get unto a small lake. Fishing license can be

purchased at any sport shop or even on line. Don't forget to buy your license.

Pan fish season is open, game fish season opens on May 4th and muskies don't open until the end of May. Please see the DNR fishing regulations for more information and details.

There are no birthdays this week, but we would like to wish a Happy Anniversary to the

following. Roger and Faye Winters on the 25th of April & Chad and Wendy Olson on the 27th.

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 & Stay safe!

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