

Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

Fishing on Moose Lake has been up and down in the past few weeks. On Tuesday morning June 18th I went out fishing with a good friend of mine. We had had some very good luck that morning. Devon Weber & his mother, father and younger brother Tristan have been coming up to Mystic Moose Resort for the past 13 years. Devon and his brother Tristan have both become very good fishing partners of mine. Tristan had to work until five o'clock on Tuesday back in Milwaukee & was not expected to arrive in camp late that evening. Devon and I went out fishing by ourselves on Tuesday.

We had many walleyes up to 15 inches, including a beautiful 12-inch perch. We caught no record setters or no fish that were worth bragging about, but we sure had a good time. We also got into a few nice size crappies. The wind was blowing a steady breeze which always helps with your fishing. We were mostly jig fishing with 1/8 oz. orange colored jigs with either half of a night crawler or minnow.

Most of the fish were found were in some of the submerged wood that is in Moose Lake. There were a few fish that we caught on rock piles or over gravel bars. Devon and I had a good time and enjoyed talking about the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball team. Their family is from Milwaukee and they have taken me to dinner several time at Miller Park. We normally meet up with each other in March, when I have been working the sport show at State Fair Park. It was getting close to 3PM when I had to drop Devon back off at the resort because of another commitment that I had that afternoon. I told him we should try to get together at another time later this summer or fall. We both agreed to try and make that happen.

After dropping Devon of I met a long time Moose Lake resident that I promised to fish with that afternoon /evening. Mike and Deb. Murrell have a cabin on Moose Lake. Mike & Deb just recently retired are both hoping to spend more time at the cabin this summer. They live in Iowa. Mike and I went out about 3:30. By 4:00 PM that afternoon the breeze that we had in the morning had stopped and Moose Lake was like glass with no wind at all. The fishing just turned off in a very short time period & It became very tough to get a bit. We did catch some fish but nothing to brag about. The largest fish was a 17- inch smallmouth off a rock pile. We were using half of a nightcrawler and a 1/16 oz jig with a bobber.

We had a good day fishing together & some very good conversation, even though the fishing had really slowed down that afternoon. We will look forward to doing it again someday. I told Mike we will have to find a day when these fish are very active again. I have always said if fish were biting every day, eventually there would not be any fish left to catch. The biggest predator that fish have, is man! That afternoon was Nature's way of controlling things even though we did release everything we caught.

Remember Moose Lake Festival is looking for volunteers, items for the White Elephant sale, the Bucket Raffles and pies for the pie auction. Mark your calendar if you already have not done so, for the first Saturday in August. This is August 3rd this year for the Moose Lake Festival. All proceeds go to the Round Lake Fire Department and the Chequamegon Lions Club. See you there!

The next Big Holiday that is coming up very soon is the 4th of July celebration on Moose Lake. Fire works will be at dusk in front of Louie's Landing. The Fire Works this year are sponsored by the Moose Lake Improvement Association, Jack Brown from Louie's Landing Bar/ Restaurant, Joel and Sara Miller of Mystic Moose Resort, Chris and Tammy Graham of Virgin Timber Resort & Alison and Brian Spindler of Louie's Landing Resort. It should be a fantastic show this year so

please don't miss it.

Last week a Memorial gift of \$200 was give to the Round Lake Fire Department from the Jim Henchel Family. Thank you very much Joan.

The annual Moose Lake Improvement Association membership meeting will be held Saturday July 6th under the tent at Louie's Landing. Start time is 9:30 AM. Tom Koehler has spent many volunteer hours working on our Flood Plain study. Tom has Ellen Faulkner who is the Senior Project Manager from Owen Ayres and Associates Eau Claire office as our guest speaker. Ellen will talk about the Dam Failure study & comment about the General Regulatory Flood Elevation. She will allow time for questions and answers after her presentation. It should be an excellent meeting. Please try to attend.

Happy Birthday this week to Mark Dahlstrom on the 27th of June, Dana Tonelli and Dee Gillund on July 2nd & Karen Blodgett (Arnett) on the 3rd of July. Happy Birthday to all.

Happy Anniversary to Wayne and Muriel Janitschke on June 29th.

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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