

## Moose Lake News

The Hayward Lions was proud to present their 39th annual Lions Pre-Birkie XC Ski Race on Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>. This is their annual fundraiser. This Fundraiser like the Chequamegon Lions Fundraiser raises money that goes right back into our community. This has always been an excellent opportunity for skiers to prepare themselves mentally and physically for the American Birkebeiner. This race is normally is two weeks prior to the Birkie but because of -30-degree temperatures overnight a few days prior to the event, the pre- Birkie this year had to be postponed until the weekend after the Birkie or until March 6<sup>th</sup>. Once again racers had the choice to ski the classic or skate the short (26k) or long (42k) race. Both races started at Birkie Ridge, just north of Seeley where the course headed south down the skate trail to OO (short) or Gravel Pit (long), where the race then turned north up the classic trail to Fire Tower and then loop back to Birkie Ridge. I and one other EMT spent the entire day there with one of our Sawyer County ambulances. We were on duty just in case if someone received an injuries during the race. Fortunately, no major injuries were reported. Yes things were different this year with COVID. There were less skiers because of the Pandemic and because the race was after the Birkie. Skiers were spaced out to keep plenty of distance between themselves. There are some things that we have no control over, so we just must except what we are given. I must say Tom Danczyk and his Lions club members did a fantastic job with the deck stacked against them. Congratulations Lions for putting together an excellent race. We will see you next year.

Our area snowmobile / ATV club held their annual fund raiser. They call it the Poker Run. The Musky Snow ATV Country club had their event at Lost Land Lake Lodge. About 100 area riders were in attendance including myself. There were may tickets sold in advance for all the raffles that took place. They had meat raffles, many bucket raffles, 50/50 raffles wine and beer raffles. I did try my luck on some raffle tickets, but it just was not my lucky day. The event ran from 3-5 PM. There was plenty of food available and live music by the band named Social Distance. Good name for a new group. The Grand Prize which was \$1000 gift certificate from Hayward Power Sports was won by Jill Berger. It was a fun time by all. Lost Land Lake Lodge, thank you very much for your hospitality.

The sharp shooters were at it last Thursday night at Louie's Landing. Pool League got started at 6:30 with a good break by pool ace Dough Muchow. This guy can really shoot. There were only 3 teams but some of the games took for ever to get over. Twice the last ball was put in the side pocket and this is something you do not want to do. When you are playing 8 ball in the last pocket this means the pocket you shoot your last ball into the 8 ball which is the last ball to be shot must go into that pocket. This is normally extremely hard to do so everyone avoids putting their las ball in a side pocket. Well, this night it happened twice, and the game went on and went on. One game lasted 43 minutes. I did not think pool night was ever going to get over. When it was over Jack Brown and Sharpshooter, Dough Muchow took first place. Second place was stole by me and Brad Daywitt. The reason I say that is we won two games by default. Two of the teams we played accidently put the 8 ball in the wrong pocket. A win is a win. The TP award was won by Jeff Williams & Joan Linahon.

Fishing is at its finest for the Millers of Mystic Moose Resort. Sara took her husband out to show him how to fish for crappies. She also gave him a lesion on the vexilar fish finder. I am sworn to secrecy and can not say a word on the location. They informed me that they caught some huge crappies last Saturday afternoon. All fish were released unharmed. Like Joel and I have said for some time. These fish are the good spawners. They have exceptionally good genetics so let us put them back so they can

spawn in the spring. They did have a tummy full of spawn. Joel and I will be on the ice this week to see if we can duplicate what him and Sara did last Saturday. I will keep you informed.

Birthday wishes this week are extended out to Tom Off on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Effie Debias the 14<sup>th</sup>, Joan Tamm the 16<sup>th</sup>, Russ Haling, Marcia Whaley, & Tessa Rae Richter all on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Randy Ross has his birthday on the 17<sup>th</sup>. There are no anniversaries this week. That is it for another week. Enjoy the weather and stay safe. Jim Onarheim can be reached at 715-462-4448 or [jonarheim@centurytel.net](mailto:jonarheim@centurytel.net)