

## Moose Lake News

This past Saturday the DNR reported 36 wildfires. This is the time of the year, that we must be careful with fire. The Wisconsin DNR has pointed out that the number one cause of wildland fires in Wisconsin is Debris burning. People must be more careful with any outside burning. Incendiary (arson), trains, equipment use, campfires, lighting & children playing with matches also account for many fire causes. Our dead grass and brush are highly flammable during this time of the year. Low humidity that we have during this time contributes to a dangerous situation. Debris burning is a major problem when people start to clean their property after a long winter.

Yes we can get a dumping of snow but until that happens we must be extremely careful. No outside fires at all until the fields and forests green up with new fresh vegetation. Please use the proper container to dispose of your smoking material.

Each year I try to give you a reminder of the following. Composting is always your best option. Burning debris is your last option. But in case you need to do outside burning please note the following. In the Moose Lake area. We have two locations where a fire danger sign will be posted for your information. Pine Point Rd. & County Hwy S and County Hwy S and Moose Lake Rd. Burning conditions are rated as follows,

**Low:** Fires will start from an open flame, spread slowly and in the absence of wind tend to go out. This is the safest time to burn.

**Moderate:** Fires start from a match or embers. They can spread quickly in dry grass or leaves. Burn with extreme caution!

**High:** Dangerous conditions. Fires start readily from a match or spark, spread quickly and spot readily. These fires can be difficult to control and burning is not recommended.

**Very High:** This is a dangerous condition. Fires start easily, spread very rapidly, can cause a crown fire, and start many spot fires. These fires are also difficult to control and burning is not recommended.

**Extreme:** This is a very explosive condition. Fires start easily, burn fiercely, and start crown fires very readily. These fires are difficult or impossible to control during the day. Any type of outside burning is not recommended. This also may be declared a Red Flag day. Outside burning is not allowed at all.

Fires can be prevented. Please do your part and keep Moose Lake safe.

Pool League this past week only had 6 players. Everyone had a great time, but it was short night. First Place was won by Roger Winters and Brad Daywitt. Second place was awarded to Tom Koehler and Jack Brown. The TP award was taken by Gary and Joan Linahon.

Jack's son Matt Brown came up from the Madison area where he lives to visit his father for the weekend. Matt loves to fish. so, he could hardly wait to get out on the ice Saturday morning. Matt reported to his dad that he had a good day on the ice and did catch some nice crappies.

As a reminder to everyone panfish is the only fish that is open now. For and other species you must wait until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Fishing License expire the 31 of March so make sure you renew your license by the end of the month.

Birthday greetings this week are extended to Tex & Pat Mania on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, Fred Duray on the 27<sup>th</sup>, Dave Galles on the 28<sup>th</sup>, Rich Good the 29<sup>th</sup> & Wendy Duray Olson on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Happy Birthday to all. There are no anniversaries this week.

That is all we have for this week. Remember, be careful with fire outdoors. The fire danger may stay high despite some rain. Stay safe my friends. Jim Onarheim can be reached at 715-462-4448 or [jonarheim@centurytel.net](mailto:jonarheim@centurytel.net) We need your news.