

## Noose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

By the time you read this there should be many deer hunters moving into the area for at least a weekend of deer hunting. Some people that I know will be here for the entire week. A good friend of mine from Georgia, will be arriving on Thursday. Mike Phillips has stayed with us several years at Mystic Moose Resort. This year, Joel, and Sara the new owners of Mystic Moose were already filled up, so Mike had to make his reservation elsewhere. Another Friend of mine Mark Bader from southern Wisconsin will arrive also on Thursday to hunt until the first part of next week. Both men love the area that we live in. I hope they have good luck. Mike Phillips may also bring a couple of his friends along. It is always safer to hunt with someone else.

I spoke to Jack Brown from Louie's last Sunday evening and he said that he and one other person watched the Packer game on Sunday all by themselves. There was no one else in the bar. Things have really been quiet, and that is the way it has been all week at Moose Lake. Jack is waiting for some hunters to show up, just to liven the place up a little. Jack wanted to remind everyone that he will have his normal hours the week of deer hunting except for Thursday. On Thursday he will be closed so he can spend it with his family. Charlie's will be open their normal hours for the remainder of November. Thursday – Sunday. 4 -9 PM. This will include Thanksgiving. Charlie's will be closed as usual during the entire month of December. In January starting on New Year's Day, they will be open Thursday – Sunday 4 PM until 9 PM. I did not hear back from Mark at Y-Pines.

Here is a little more on deer hunting. The Sawyer County deer harvest as of Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> recorded 681 deer taken. 371 were bucks, 310 were doe. Of this amount 226 were shot with a bow and 455 with a crossbow. As you can see the crossbow is becoming extremely popular to hunt with.

Sales continue for bonus antlerless deer tags at one per person, per day, until the unit sells out or seasons end. Deer authorizations cost \$12 for residents, \$20 for nonresidents, and \$5 for youth younger than age 12. As of November 16, Sawyer County has only 164 private land antlerless bonus tags available. No tags are available for public land.

Every year the DNR encourages hunters to help families in need through the Deer Donation Program. Wisconsin's Deer Donation Program first began in 2000. Hunters have donated more than 92,000 deer, totaling more than 3.7 million pounds of venison which was distributed to food pantries across the state. Deer Hunters can donate their deer at one of the participating meat processors or, when they purchase hunting licenses, make monetary donations towards the program. This will help cover venison processing costs. Make sure to call ahead to the participating processor to make sure it can accept the deer. For more information this, visit the DNR website at [www.dnr.wisconsin.gov](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov).

I was informed by the Hayward Rod & Gun Club which is located three miles east of Hayward on County Road B, that they are hosting its annual rifle sight-in days for the public The final two days will be Thursday and Friday November 19 & 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., regardless of weather. The sight-in fee is \$6 per rifle. Experienced club members will assist with sight-in efforts. There is a mask requirement. The club also has a fundraiser rifle raffle for a Ruger .308 Win. American Predator bolt action with 4-12x scope. Raffle tickets cost \$10/each or 3/\$20. The drawing is at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, and the winner need not be present. For more information, call (715) 634-4912.

Even though the Moose Lake is open I have not seen anyone out fishing. I think open water fishing is over for the season. My stepdaughter Cindy was out fishing a week ago with a friend of hers. They fished from shore below the Moose Lake dam and fished the Teal River. They did catch some fish, but nothing to brag about.

Pool League will begin the first Thursday after deer hunting starting at 6:30 at Louie's All are welcome. If you think about it, bring a dish to pass. It is always nice to have some snacks. This way Jack does not have to always provide. No professional players please.

A word of safety. Please check your CO detector as soon as possible. We are now in the heating season and I want to make sure everyone is safe from this deadly gas. Carbon monoxide is a killer that has no odor, smell and is colorless. Faulty heating equipment can give off this deadly gas. Please check your detector today! Stay safe my readers.

Birthday greetings this week go out to Karen Kazmierski who will have her birthday on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Pat Duray and Jordan Good both have their birthdays on the 21<sup>st</sup> & Carla Sorenson on the 22<sup>nd</sup> along with Chuck Halbleib on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Happy birthday to all. There is one anniversary this week. Greetings are extended to, Jerome and Rose Johnson on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November.

That is all we have for this week. Please send your articles of interest to [jonarheim@centurytel.net](mailto:jonarheim@centurytel.net) or call me at 715-462-4448. Mask up and keep your distance everyone and Stay Safe!