

## Moose Lake News by Jim Onarheim

Jack Brown owner of Louie's Landing just returned from his Elk Hunting trip in Meeker Colorado. Jack went with Tim Leith who has a cabin on Moose Lake just off Wolf Island Rd. & Tim's brother Brett and their nephew Adam. The four of them left on Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>. Meeker Colorado which is located west of Denver or just over the Continental Divide in the mountains.

Jack said that they hunted every day during their trip. They were there 7 days. The Meeker area has one of the largest herds of elk in all of Colorado. Jack said that Dave Mania was also hunting in that area at the same time. Jack told me that the weather was very bad with a lot of snow and cold temperatures. They woke up every morning to single digit temperatures and high temperatures around 28 – 30 degrees.

Jack and his group were a little disappointed because during the entire week they did not see any elk. Jack had a Bull tag. He felt because of the early snow and cold temperatures this may have had something to do with it. They did see many Mule Deer and lot of other wildlife. They really enjoyed themselves, but it would have been nice to bring some elk meat back.

Jack did say that Dave Mania possible shot a Bull Elk. I tried to get in touch with Dave to verify this, but I could not reach him by phone prior to writing this article. I told Jack I guess if you want to see elk you will just have to drive around the Moose Lake area. Even though we can't shoot any of our animals it is nice just to view them. Jack said the area out there is just beautiful. He hopes to go back again sometime.

Fishing is winding down on Moose Lake especially because the water level on our lake is receding. There have been a few people still trying to catch a few walleyes and crappies, but it sounds like it is just about is over for the summer season. We will have to wait for ice fishing.

I have talked to a few people that have been Musky fishing on other lakes in the area. They have told me that a few fish have been seen, but it was hard to get them into the boat. Trolling crank baits have been the best.

As the water temperatures cool off it is not only mandatory to have a life jacket in our boat while out fishing, but we should be wearing it. When water temperatures get below 50 degrees' hypothermia can set in very quickly, if we were to fall into the water. Even if we are a good swimmer the cold water has a very fast effect on our body, where we become very weak and loose coordination. I'm sure at some time in your life you have experienced your hands and fingers getting very cold where we lose coordination & strength in our fingers. If you have ever experienced this just imagine this happening throughout our entire body. You may not be able to save yourself unless you have a PFD (Personal Flotation Device) on. So please wear one. It will also keep you warm.

Mark your calendars for the Spider Lake Church Country Fair taking place on Saturday, November 23, from 9AM – 2PM, at the Spider Lake Church (Highway 77 East at Lower Twin Lakes Road). Find one-of-a-kind handmade Christmas gifts for that "hard-to-shop-for" person on your list! Shop a wide assortment of homemade items including pies, cakes, candies, jams, jellies, and noodles. You'll also find crafts, homemade frozen meals and trinkets & treasures. Come hungry as lunch will be served!

Just a reminder that there will be potluck this winter at Louie's Landing. The dates will be listed, later in the Moose Lake column. Pool League will also start the Thursday after Thanksgiving at 6:30 at Louie's Landing.

Birthday greeting this week go out to Cortney Briggs on October 31<sup>st</sup> and Dorothy Briggs Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. There are no anniversaries this week.

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. It's very hard to come up with news without you. Have a great week enjoy the fall weather. Stay safe!

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