

CLSC newsletter

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The regular meeting of the Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club was held on Thursday, June 11th at 7pm at the Wildlife Conservation Center. 24 members and guests were present. President Sonny Ranz was absent so Past President Wayne McDunn welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming tonight. He then asked all to stand and say the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Wayne reported that tonight's sausage was made by members that attended the Sausage making class with Gerard. Wayne then asked if everyone had received their May Newsletter and if there were any changes or corrections to be made to the Secretary's Report. With none, Ken Hall made a motion and it was seconded by Rick Julian to approve the May Secretary's Report. Motion carried.

Treasurer JoAnn McDunn then read her Treasurer's Report for May 2026. With no questions or changes, a motion to accept the May 2026 Treasurer's Report was made by Linda Walz and seconded by Tammy Odegaard. Motion carried.

Gambling Manager Brenda Sokolofsky then read the May 2026 Gambling Report and Lawful Expenditures. Ken Hall made a motion to approve May 2026 Gambling Report and Lawful Expenditures of \$8,232.34 as read. Rick White second motion. Motion carried. Brenda said we are at 36% donating, so that is good for our star rating. Brenda also reported that it was smooth transition with new owners at Pit 611. We will be getting a new Gambling site in Detroit Lakes at Bucks Mills Brewing. Everything went well with City Council just waiting to sign the lease. Wayne reported that we received a \$50 fine because of a missing page for audit. Everything has been submitted and is complete now. Wayne also reported that starting next month, Brenda will add a page to her Gambling report for just donations and Lawful expenditures for membership to make it easier to understand. Food Plots: Rick White reported that so far 18 forms have been received with 70 acres signed up. He said he will honor any form with postmarks up to June 30th. There is still

time to get them turned in. We will be paying up to 4 acres at \$40 per acre.

SAUSAGE MAKING CLASS: Was held on Saturday, May 16th from 9am-3pm. Gerard reported on this event. 12 people attended and had a great time together learning how to make sausage. The day went by fast and Gerard said that Richard Zurn was his oldest student so far and also that Richard shared a story of how his mother made sausage years ago. Gerard will teach another class on Sausage Class on October 10th. Sherri will start signing up those who want to attend. Wayne said he even learned something new at this class and he has been making sausage for years. Wayne said Gerard did a very thorough job and was a great teacher. Gerard said he is thinking of doing a venison bacon class in April. Gerard also thanked Dan and Sherri for their help.

PARKING LOT PARTY: Saturday, August 29th. Tammy reported on this upcoming event. She said it will be from 2pm-7pm. There will be music by the Haymakers Band from 3pm-6pm and a light meal will be served. We want to celebrate another great year and also our new parking lot! There will be more information shared next month on this event.

SUMMER BBQ RAFFLE: Tickets are available tonight take some to sell also. See Brenda after meeting. \$5 each. Drawing is on July 9th at 7pm at Club house.

PARKING LOT: It is DONE! And about a month before we thought. Thank you, Dylan for working on this project.

YOUTH FISHING TRIP: Was on Saturday, June 6th. Rick Julian and Joann McDunn reported on this event. 24 youth rode the bus to Lake of the Woods to SpringSteel Resort. The bus left at 5am from Orton's in Audubon. It was a great day on the lake and very calm water. Rick's boat caught 20 fish they could keep and on JoAnn's boat they could keep 17. The kids brought home 67 fish. Dan McDaniels said he had grandkids that went and also some kids from DL that had never gotten to go fishing before. He said that they

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Members to request flowers for deceased
members.*

were so excited when they got back and couldn't stop talking about their fun day. They said it was the best day and they would always remember it! That is what it is all about-Dan's story said it all. Next year there is discussion of doing an afternoon launch.

Wayne McDunn reported that Jay Carlson had stopped at Board meeting again about Heartland Trail. Jay asked if we could show our support as a club for this project. Sonny Ranz signed a Resolution of support for extension of the Heartland Trail of the Lakes Area of Southwest Becker County. This project is of no cost to us but wanted to show our community that we are behind the trail coming to our area. Wayne also reported that the Mini Split was delivered and set up this week and the new security system is also set up and running, just need to shut the door. Thank you to Melissa for working on both of these projects.

Rick Julian reported on how good everything looks after the Audubon Fire Dept. helped us with a controlled burn.

The club received Thank You's this month from Sawyer Nelson and LPA Raiders Fishing Team. Wayne then reported we received donations of \$500 from Scheels Gives Back Program and a \$50 Memorial in honor of Hunter Standfield. Many thanks to them.

Tammy Odegard reported that on June 25th at 2pm there is a parade at the Veteran's home in Fergus Falls. She is looking for anyone that wants to be in our float. Past President Rick Sletmoen lives there and we want to surprise him. The club also made a donation in his honor to their Activity Program. Tammy also reported that possible in July our fire pit area would get a face lift.

Clean up next month will be I.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Julian and seconded by Melissa Gooselaw. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

CLSC Secretary, Sherri Zaeske

THANK YOU DRIVEWAY SERVICES

of Detroit Lakes for doing an amazing job on our new parking lot. It turned out beautiful.

Summer BBQ Raffle - July 9th Drawing

Get tickets from Board Members

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Lic #00264.005		6/10/2026 1500 TICKETS PRINTED \$5 EACH	CORMORANT LAKES SPORTSMAN'S CLUB Summer BBQ Raffle Thursday, July 8th, 2026 Drawing at 7:00pm 18587 Sportsman's Road, Audubon, MN PRIZES: 1st Place: Quarter Beef 2nd Place: Half Pig 3rd Place: \$250 Poultry Package 4th Place: \$100 Gift Certificate (Heart O Lakes Meats) 5th Place: \$100 Gift Certificate (Hoffman's Meats) 6th Place: \$100 Gift Certificate (Keller's Meats) 7th Place: \$100 Gift Certificate (Central Market) Must be 18 years old or older Need not be present to win.
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What's Wayne Cooking?

Please join us again for monthly meals cooked by Wayne McDunn!

Dinner served at 6:30 pm - July 9th

Meeting begins at 7pm. Burritos and Red Sauce, Chips and Salsa

Upcoming Events

- July 9th Dinner at 6:30pm, General Meeting at 7:00pm
- Aug. 4th Board Meeting at 7:00pm (Date change)
- Aug. 13th Dinner at 6:30pm, General Meeting at 7:00pm
- Aug. 29th Parking Lot Party 2:00-7:00pm, Music 3:00-6:00pm

With
Sympathy

Deepest Sympathy
to the families of
Leroy Fullerton, Diane Trieglaff
and Stephen Fagerlie

Thank You's

Dear Members of the Cormorant Sportsmen's Club,

I would like to sincerely thank you for the generous sponsorship for Archery. It is a sport that

I have participated in since 3rd grade and will continue all the way through high school. I truly appreciate the community support and everything you guys do.

Thank you - *Sherri*
Nelson



LPA RAIDERS FISHING TEAM

HEART O LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP 8TH PLACE

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT WE RECEIVED FROM ALL OF OUR SPONSORS IN 2025. YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR STUDENT ANGLERS WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND HELPED MAKE THE SEASON A SUCCESS!

EVENT #1 - LAKE LIDA

1ST PLACE - EASTON AND AARON, JR, 2ND PLACE - CARSON, 3RD PLACE - BRODY, 8TH PLACE - ADDISON

EVENT #2 - BIG CORMORANT

1ST PLACE - BROCK AND CARTER, 2ND PLACE - LUCAS AND KAESON, 4TH PLACE - AUSTIN AND GRADY

EVENT #3 - STAR LAKE

2ND PLACE - LUCAS AND GRAYSON, 3RD PLACE - CARSON AND AARON, JR

EVENT #4 - NORWAY LAKE

1ST PLACE - DAWSON AND GRADY, 5TH PLACE - MICHAEL, 6TH PLACE - LUCAS

CORMORANT LAKES SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

OFFERING GUN TRAINING COURSES SINCE 1982

Since 1982, the Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club has been offering Certified Youth Firearm Safety Instruction. Hundreds of youth and adults have been certified in Firearm Safety through the Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club efforts.

In the state of Minnesota a person must have this certificate in order to obtain a hunting license. Students ages 11 and older can attend a classroom-based firearms safety certification course and receive their certificate. The firearms safety certificate becomes valid at age 12.

The Firearms Safety class consists of a minimum of four separate class sessions (students must attend the entire class for which they sign up), learning the safe handling of firearms, hunter responsibility and wildlife conservation. Students then complete the additional Field Day.

The Field Day consists of seven required scenario-based training opportunities. These scenarios allow students to learn and demonstrate commonly accepted principles of safety in hunting and the

handling of firearms. It includes shooting a .22 caliber rifle on a range.

In recent years, a Hybrid course has become available, where students may complete the course online, but the Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club (CLSC) offers a in-person course only. Club Course organizers feel this is a more accomplished way to conduct the course, as the certificate goes with the student for life.

The CLSC holds their classes every spring, with sign-up time usually in March.

Instructor Gus Zaeske says, "We have been very lucky over the years to have such dedicated Instructors for our Firearm Safety program here at the Sportsman's Club."

And as we celebrate our Nation's 250th birthday, we also celebrate our Second Amendment, the right to keep and bear arms. We take this right seriously and we honor it by being as responsible as humanly possible and sharing this knowledge with the next generation. God Bless America.

TRAINERS

Teaching the youth safe firearm training, developing hundreds of safe, ethical, responsible shooters is something the Club is very proud of. But they could not do it without the Certified Instructors and their assistants. The CLSC would like to Thank all who have served in this role over the years.



CLSC takes Area Youth on Annual Pilgrimage to Lake of the Woods

On June 6, 2026 the Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club sponsored a fishing trip to Lake of the Woods for 24 area youth under the age of 15.

A chartered bus departed Audubon at 5:00 am for the big lake. The weather was great, being outside, with a partly cloudy sky and temps in the 60's, but we had no wind to help us fish. Our boat chose to anchor and vertical jig. Five boats were chartered for a half-day trip on the lake from Spring Steel Resort.

Even with fishing being slow, my boat must have landed around 40 sauger and walleye in our three hours of fishing. 20 were larger enough for us to keep. We had a lot of bait stealers taking the minnows, but not the hook. Rebaiting kept our captain busy. Overall, the group of 24 was able to keep 67 fish to take home.

Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club would like to THANK YOU to the Spring Steel Resort for hosting us again this year and this year's Chaperones, We could not do it without you! Plus, a Big "Thank You" to the former Sybil Lake Sportsman's Club for their donation to our Youth Events, which helped underwrite this event.

Kids who would like to take the trip next year, sign-up usually start at the end of April.





Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club America's 250th Anniversary Party



Saturday, August 29, 2026
3:00 PM to 7:00 PM
At Our Clubhouse
The Haymakers Playing



The Haymakers are a trio from Deerpark Lakes who play a variety of music spanning many generations

- Door Prizes
- Meat Baffles/Horse Races
- Games
- Picnic Food (Hot, Cold, Offering)
- Selling Beer/Wine Coolers & Soft-Drinks
- Bring a Lawn Chair
- Everyone Welcome
- Announcing Our 2023 Sportsman of the Year



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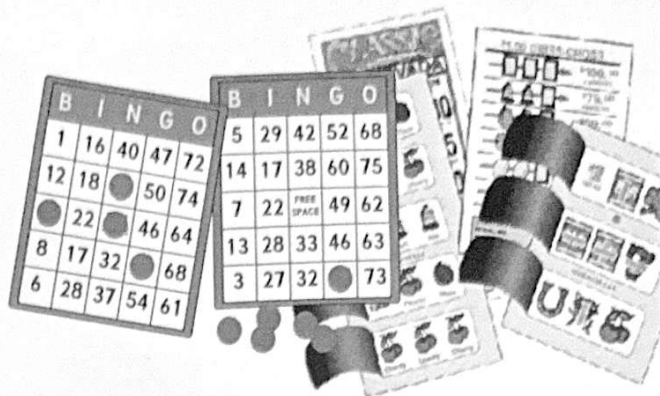
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