

CLSC newsletter

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The regular meeting of the Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club was held on Thursday, March 12th at 7pm at the Wildlife Conservation Center. 26 members and guests were present. President Wayne McDunn welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming tonight. He then asked all to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you to Wayne for heating up left overs and Linda for dessert. Wayne asked if everyone had received their February Newsletter and if there were any changes or corrections to be made to the Secretary's report. With none, Linda Walz made a motion and it was seconded by Meg Balvitsch to approve the February Secretary's Report. Motion carried.

Treasurer Roxy Bauer read her Treasurer's Report for February 2026. With no questions or changes, a motion to accept the February 2026 Treasurer's Report was made by Rick White and seconded by Tammy Odegaard. Motion carried.

Gambling Manager Brenda Sokolofsky read the February 2026 Gambling Report and Lawful Expenditures. JoAnn McDunn made a motion to approve the February 2026 Gambling Report and Lawful Expenditures as read. Gene Walz seconded motion. Motion carried. Brenda reported that she has hired 3 new workers to help with gaming. We are now listed at 3 ½ Stars for our donations.

LUKE GANDRUD YOUTH FISHING

DERBY: Was held on Saturday, February 21st, 1-3pm on Lake Ida. We had about 99 kids attend this year - so one of our smaller turn outs, but still good for a cold windy day. There were 53 fish caught and the kids had a great time. It was a special day having Luke's siblings at the derby and also 2 nephews that came from out of state. A big thank you to all who helped make it a very smooth day! And

a big thank you to all our sponsors!

Wayne reported that we are still waiting to hear back about Wood Duck Houses and that Dylan Hanson is working on getting 4 bids for the parking lot extension of blacktop. Rick White picked up ballots to be counted.

FOOD PLOTS: Rick White will be in charge of Food Plot sheets again this year. We will be paying up to 4 acres at \$40 per acre. Deadline to return form is June 30, 2026. Contact Sherri 218-841-0972 to have one mailed to you or pick one up at club at meetings or Wild Game Feed.

SPRING STAG: Will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026. Tickets are available tonight after meeting if you still need one. Social hour begins at 5:30 and dinner is served at 7pm. We need lots of help for this event, let Wayne know if you can help out. Must be over 21 to attend - hope to see you there.

The club received Thank You's this month from LPA School and Lake Park Rescue.

Clean up next month will be H.

Rick White read results from election:

President: Sonny Ranz
1st VP: Dylan Hanson
2nd VP: Melissa Gooselaw
Secretary: Sherri Zaeske
Treasurer: JoAnn McDunn
Gambling Board: Chuck Odegaard
Board 3 year terms: Shawn Lealos, Edwin Koepf
Board 2 year terms: 2 leaving Board early -
Linda Walz, Meg Balvitsch

Wayne mentioned the passing of one our Past Presidents: Wayne Jacobson. He will surely be missed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gene Walz and seconded by Edwin Koepf. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

CLSC Secretary, Sherri Zaeske

CORMORANT LAKES SPORTSMAN'S CLUB OFFICIALS

OFFICERS

President - Sonny Ranz
701-306-4511
1st Vice President - Dylan Hanson
218-850-0086
2nd Vice President - Melissa Gooselaw
701-212-0791
Secretary - Sherri Zaeske
218-841-0972
Treasurer - JoAnn McDunn
701-936-3369
Past President - Wayne McDunn
218-556-3100

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meg Balvitsch (24) - 218-234-5299
Linda Walz (24) - 218-850-0256
Tammy Odegaard (25) - 218-849-3403
Jill Mohn (25) - 218-234-8627
Edwin Koepf (26) - 218-591-9079
Shawn Lealos (26) - 701-793-8406

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Gambling Manager
Brenda Sokolofsky - 701-799-7613
Building Manager
Dan Myers - 218-234-1216
Newsletter - All Members
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GAMBLING COMMITTEE

President - Sonny Ranz
1st Vice President - Dylan Hanson
Past President - Wayne McDunn
Elected - Chuck Odegaard
Appointed - TBD

MEMORIAL FLOWERS COMMITTEE

Tammy Odegaard - 218-849-3403
Sherri Zaeske - 218-841-0972

Please contact one of the Committee Members to request flowers for deceased members.

*With
Sympathy*

*Deepest Sympathy to the
families of*
Cecelia Grieser, Wayne Jacobson,
Judy Eilertson, Charles Willette,
and Robin Friendshuh

ANNUAL YOUTH FISHING TRIP

SPRINGSTEEL RESORT, WARROAD, MN
LAKE OF THE WOODS, SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2026



Trip departs from Orton's
Audubon, MN at 5:30 am
Returns at 6:00 pm

Lunch is provided

Contact Sonny Ranz to
get signed up!
701-306-4511

(Limit of 20 children ages 12-15)

FOOD PLOTS

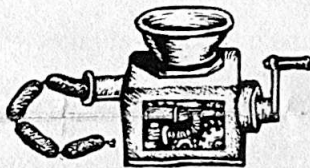
Forms available in April.
Turn-in deadline is June 30th!



Wild Game Needed

Contact Wayne McDunn at 218-556-3100 if you can donate any wild game for the Wild Game Feed! Can be picked up or dropped off at the CLSC Club. Please make arrangements with Wayne. Thank you!

Sausage Making Class



Sausage making class with Gerard Faith.
Saturday, May 23rd, 9am-3pm, Limit to 12 people
\$20 or Club Member, \$40 for non Member. Lunch is provided.
Contact Sherri to sign up 218-841-0972



What's Wayne Cooking?

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

Dinner served at 6:30 pm - April 9th

Meeting begins at 7pm.

Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Corn and Dinner Roll

Upcoming Events

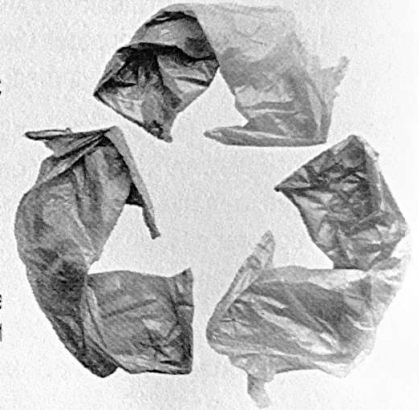
- April 2 Board Meeting at 7:00pm
- April 9 Dinner at 6:30pm, General Meeting at 7:00pm
- April 10 Registration Night for Youth Firearm Safety Class 6-8pm
- April 18 Wild Game Feed Social at 3:00pm, Dinner at 5:00pm
- April 20 1st Class for Youth Firearm Safety
- May 7 Board Meeting at 7:00pm
- May 14 Dinner at 6:30pm, General Meeting at 7:00pm
- May 23 Sausage Making Class 9:00am - 3:00pm

CLSC Plastic Recycling Continues

For the past few years, members of the Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club have been a part of the program to recycle plastic bag/firmware to be re-manufactured into plastic-wood products. Originally, for every 1000 pounds collected, NexTrex would provide a plastic bench, CLSC is now working to provide benches to local organizations/groups who are assisting them in keeping plastic out of the landfill. Collection boxes are located on the deck of the Clubhouse. In addition to the club, you can drop off your plastics at the Cormorant Community Center, Sunnyside, and at Cormorant Lutheran church. Collection boxes are inside at these locations.

Plastic collection update:
As of December 2025, CLSC has collected and turned in 18,013 lbs of plastic - a touch over 9 tons.

Gus Zaeske and Rick Julian, CLSC Project Coordinators, have over 1000 pounds more to turn in once the program is up again. They are changing rules on earning a bench - more on that later. For now keep the plastic coming!!



FIREARM SAFETY CLASSES



The Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club will be offering Firearm Safety Classes. Registration will be held Friday, April 10, 2026 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Lakes Sportsman's Club House. The first class will be on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Classes will be Mondays and Saturdays. Testing Day will be Saturday, May 9, 2026.

Students must be 11 years old or older or will be turning 12 this fall to take the class. Students must attend all classes and pass both the written and field test to receive their certificate. *If you would like your son or daughter to enroll in the class or you have any questions, please call Lorry Zaeske at (218) 841-2233 or plan to attend registration night.*

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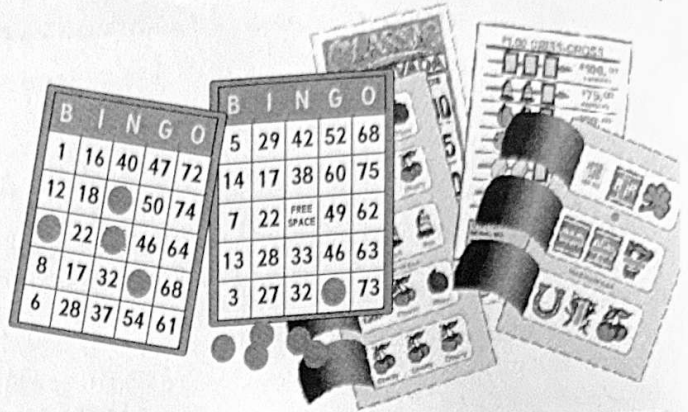
Reminder

OUR NEWSLETTER IS SENT OUT ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. Same day as our board meeting. Please have everything you want in the newsletter into Precision Printing two weeks prior to this date. Thank you!

BOARD MEETING: APRIL 2 AT 7:00PM • GENERAL MEETING: APRIL 9TH DINNER 6:30PM, MEETING 7:00PM

Electronic Gaming At All Locations!

- **The Cormorant Pub, Cormorant, MN**
*Pull Tabs Daily, Friday Meat Raffle & Horse Races at 6 pm
Gun Raffle Drawing Held 1st Friday of Every Month*
- **The Pit 611, Audubon, MN**
*Pull Tabs Daily, Sunday Bingo & Meat Raffle Oct.-April at 2pm
Thursday Meat Raffle during Summer Months Steak Fri at 4 pm*
- **Parallel 46, Cormorant, MN**
Pull Tabs Daily



All Gaming Profits Stay Local, Right Here in OUR Community!

GUN RAFFLE - CORMORANT PUB
Purchase your tickets at the Bar!



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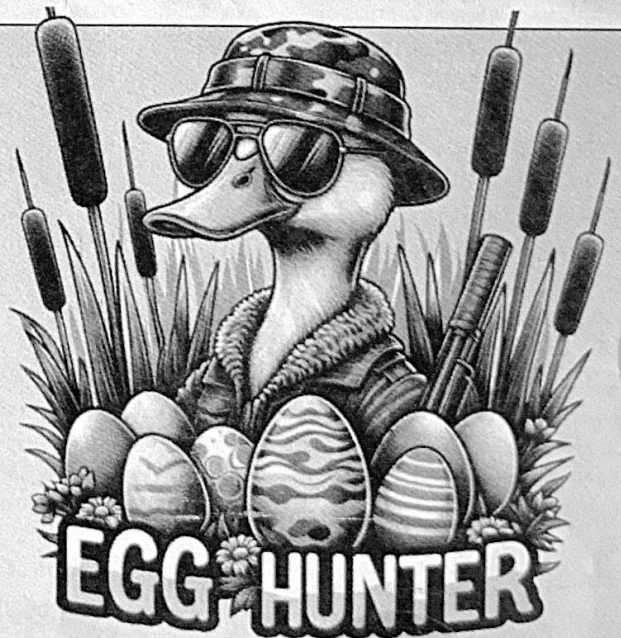
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C.L.S.C. HOLDS ANNUAL LUKE GANDRUD YOUTH FISHING DERBY 2026 ON LAKE IDA

On a chilly Saturday, February 21 morning, volunteers began drilling holes for the Annual Luke Gandrud Youth Ice Fishing Derby. Despite the not so friendly temperature, Sportsman's Club member were thankful to be able to be on the ice. Over the past several years, more often then not the event has had to be canceled, for one reason or another. So just to be out on safe solid ice was a blessing. Volunteers quickly turned the area out front of the Ida Lake Public Access into a Fisher-kids Village. Complete with a makeshift restaurant serving hot dogs, chips and beverages, all free to guests. Kids registered and received free poles, bait, tackle and a participation gift and quickly found their way to what they hoped would be a lucky fishing hole.

The bell rang at 1:00 pm and the derby began. 92 kids competed and 53 fish were caught. Fun was had by all!
A big "Thank You" to the Derby's Co-Sponsors: BTD Manufacturing, Central Market, Dewey's Septic Services, Lakes Area Landscaping, Lake Park Hardware Hank & Bait, KLN, H.T. Enterprise, Quality Baits, Mosquito Maniac, The RoadHouse, Thorsteinson & Sons Construction, Lakeland General Store and Lakeland Dock & Lift, Parallel 46, Lakes Fika, Scheels Sporting Goods Store, Leighton Broadcasting and Lakes Country Connection.

"Give a child a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach them how to fish and you feed them for a lifetime"



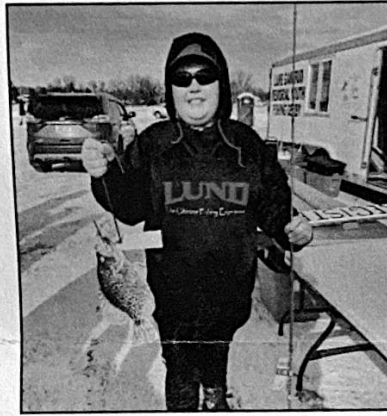
Game Fish, Kellen A., 1 lb 14 oz. Walleye



Game Fish, Holdynn A., 1 lb 6 oz. Northern



Game Fish, Sawyer I., 1 lb 5 oz. Northern



Pan Fish, Tristan, 1 lb 2 oz. Crappie

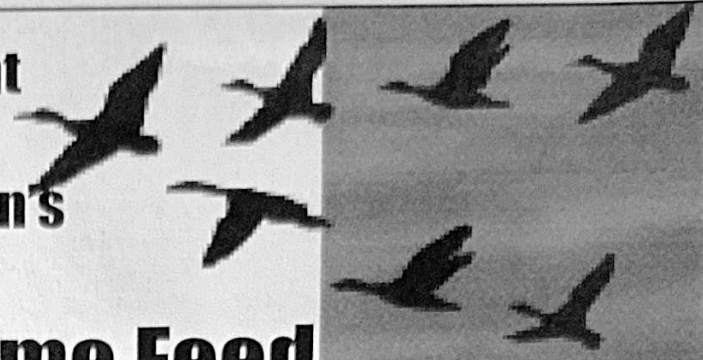


- ### YOUTH FISHING DERBY WINNERS:
- 1ST—8" Eskimo Auger – RON DOW
 - 2ND – MAREUM HD CAMERA – TAMMY LUNDSTROM
 - 3RD – ESKIMO HUB HOUSE – MIRIAH KARB
 - 4TH – GUIDED FISHING TRIP – RANDY ERICKSON
 - 5TH – ARTIE FOX HAT – CORY BORCHERT
 - 6TH – ROD/REEL TACKLE – MATT VAREBERG
 - 7TH – TACKLE PACKAGE – KERRY EVENSON
 - 8TH – CUSTOM ROD – BRITTINEY DAHLSAD
 - 9TH – ICE FISHING PACKAGE – DARYL FUNK
 - 10TH – CUSTOM ROD – CHAD LEE
 - 11TH – WINTER FISHING KIT – KEVIN SHERBROOKE
 - 12TH – BAIT BUCKET W/SCOOP – KARLA EVENSON
 - 13TH – SMALL TACKLE PACKAGE – RHONDA STITCH
 - 14TH – FINICKY FOOLER TIP UP – MATT ROSING
 - 15TH – ICE FISHING ROD – LETESHA ANDERSON
 - 16TH – ICE FISHING ROD – JEFF SAMUALSON
 - 17TH – ICE FISHING ROD – TODD BRANNDEN
 - 18TH – ICE FISHING ROD – MELISSA MCDUNN
 - 19TH – ICE FISHING ROD BOILING POINT – LORRY ZAESKE
 - 20TH – ICE FISHING ROD BOILING POINT – SHARON BRIEL
 - 21ST – ICE FISHING ROD BLACK ICE – MIKE BORGEN
 - 22ND – ICE FISHING ROD BOILING POINT – JOHNEE FLAIG
 - 23RD – ICE FISHING ROD BOILING POINT – KAREN FUNK
 - 24TH – ICE FISHING ROD BLACK ICE – ROXY BAUER
 - 25TH – PARALLEL 46 GIFT CARD – ERIK GOHL
 - 26TH – PARALLEL 46 GIFT CARD – AL BERQUIST
 - 27TH – PARALLEL 46 GIFT CARD – CAROL DODGE
 - 28TH – PARALLEL 46 GIFT CARD – LEAH RINIKER
 - 29TH – PARALLEL 46 HOODIE – SHAVER SOKOLOFSKY



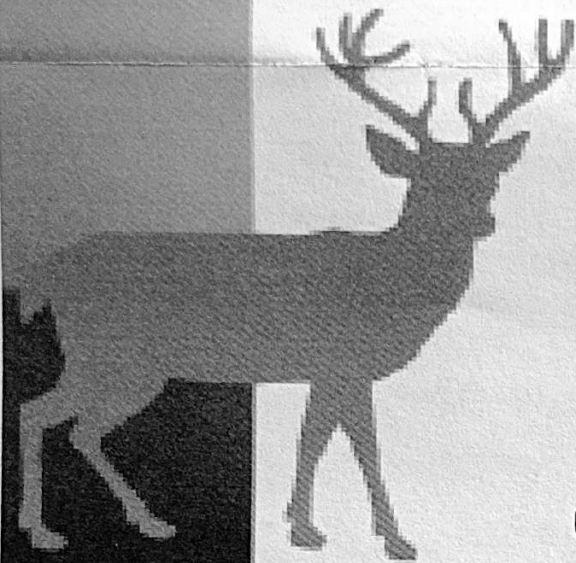


**Cormorant
Lakes
Sportsman's
Club**



Annual Wild Game Feed Saturday, April 18, 2026

Your 2026 Paid Membership Is Your Ticket To Get In!
(Memberships will be available at the door.)



Charitable Gaming All Day!

Cormorant Lakes Sportsman Club · 18587 Sportsmen Rd, Audubon, MN 56511

Social Time & Horsd'oeuvres Starting at 3:00 PM Wild Game Dinner Served at 5:00 PM

A Wide Variety of Wild Game Dishes. Venison, Elk, Duck, Goose, Fish and Much More!

**Individual: \$20.00
Couples: \$35.00**

**Family: \$45.00
Youth: \$5.00**

**Business: \$40.00
Associate: \$30.00**