



# Minnewawa

## SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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## 2020 Fall Newsletter

Greetings to all members! Sorry for the lateness of this Newsletter. I hope that everyone had a nice Summer.

### Ice Fishing Contest

The Annual Ice Fishing Contest is coming up very fast on February 13, 2020 from Noon – 3:00 pm. Again this year, Kris Rinta and his crew will be running the contest for us. Raffle tickets should be out soon. Tickets tend to sell out quick so make your plans and get your tickets at Bann's Bar, Willeys Bait and many other locations in McGregor. Grand Prize this year is \$2000.00. Let's hope for good ice this year! Anyone that would like to help with this event can reach out to Kris Rinta through Banns.

### Kid's Summer Party

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Summer Party due to COVID-19. We are hoping that this virus will be under control so that we can have it next July 2021.

### Kid's Christmas Party

Unfortunately, we have canceled our Christmas Party due to COVID-19. With cases on the rise in Aitkin County, we felt we needed to do our part to try to keep our community safer. We also wanted to make sure that Santa and Mrs. Clause stayed safe and healthy too in order to deliver gifts for children on Christmas.

### Concession Stand

We would like to sell the Concession Stand. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Gary Vorlicky at 218-486-4906 to get information on it.

### Trap Range/High School Trap

The trap range has been shut down from the winter. The clay throwers do not work very well when it gets cold outside. We have also winterized the building out there to safe on heat. The rifle range will be open as long as we can get to it. Once the snow starts coming, snow plowing might become an issue.

The trap season was a little irregular this year with COVID. It started later and was shorter. There were still 12-14 teams this year. There were some additions that seemed to go over well. Teams shot against different teams each week for points. There was an individual distance shooting competition people could pay extra to participate in too. It was a big hit. We hope that trap season can start on time next year and be the normal number of weeks.

The high school trap had a fall league. We had a bigger team than usual this fall with 37 shooters instead of the usual 25. It took a little juggling towards the end once fall school sports started back up but we made it. As of right now, the Spring League is on schedule to start as normal in April 2021.

We were able to do 3 youth gun safety field days this year for about 45 kids with the DNRs help and other volunteers. This is such a great opportunity we can offer to the young shooters at our nice facility. We get a lot of compliments about the program and our facility. We hope to be able to do more than three classes next year.

If anyone would like to help at the range or with either Tues Trap or High School Trap, please contact the Range Master Kevin White at 218-426-4819. Help is always needed and appreciated.

## **Gambling News**

Kathy Vorlicky and Suzy Lavalla are doing a great job staying on top of everything for us. Thank you ladies for all your hard work. It is greatly appreciated! The charitable gambling is recovering some from our sites being shut down for several months. We have a 1 out of 5 star rating from the Gambling Control Board due to our donations being down. As our funds have been slowly increasing, we have been starting to make some donations again. Hopefully we will get our star rating up again soon. We have Electronic Bingo in a couple of sites now – Bann’s, Prairie River, Jackson’s Hole and Big Sand Bar - and that has taken off. Currently, we have pull tabs at Bann’s, Red Rock, Big Sand Bar, Big Sandy Lodge, Eagle Point, Prairie River and Jackson Hole. Bann’s has just started up BINGO on Sunday evenings again. Please visit these businesses and tell them thank you for their support to the Minnewawa Sportsmen’s Club. Without these businesses, we would have no money to donate back to the community.

## **Board Information**

Current Board Members:

Angela DeWitt (President), Gary Vorlicky (Vice President), Jack Brula (Treasurer), Rachel Besser (Secretary), Chuck Quale, Anthony Pierce, Jim Ryan, Kevin White, Pat Kuschke, John Montour, Suzy Lavalla

Lastly, just a reminder that all membership dues are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> every year. We have several people paid ahead. If you did not pay your dues for **2020** (yes 2020 not 2021), you will have a Membership Due Form with your newsletter. If you do not have a membership form in your newsletter, then your 2020 dues have already been paid. Those that owe membership dues can use the form included with this newsletter to send in with your renewal or you may go to our website: <http://www.minnewawasportsmensclub.org/> and pay online.

Without membership dues and fundraisers, this club would not survive and without a club, there would be no gambling. Please send your dues in and ask a friend to join. Check out our Facebook page for information and pictures from past events.

Please stay healthy and safe during this pandemic as cases increase around us.

If you have any questions regarding meetings, trap league and/or events, feel free to leave a message at the Club House at 218-426-3917.

**Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club Membership**

**Please Print Legibly:**

**Type of Membership:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Family \$25**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Single \$20**    \_\_\_\_\_ **Business \$100**

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