



Minnewawa

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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2020 Spring/Summer Newsletter

Greetings to all members! Sorry again for the very lateness of this newsletter. I hope that everyone had a nice winter.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is coming up quick on **JULY 11, 2020 at 10 am**. The Club House address is 20322 Goshawk St, McGregor, MN 55760. We will have elections on 4 – 3 yr board positions and 1 – 1 yr board position. These 4 people are up for re-election for 3 yr terms Kevin White, Pat Kuschke, John Montour and Chuck Quale. Rachel Besser resigned yearly this year and has 1 yr left on her term. We hope to see you there. We will do our best to social distance and feel free to wear a mask.

Ice Fishing Contest

The Annual Ice Fishing Contest was a success again this year! All prizes were given away. First fish went to John Scheffler. There was a tie for the Pan Fish to Bill Pierce and Matt D (sorry I did not get a last name). The Northern went to Jim Stipe. The Walleye went to Ryan Puncochar. The raffle drawing winners were 1st place \$2000 Craig Rawlings, 2nd place \$750 Don Schei and 3rd place \$250 Gabel Dewey. Congratulations to all the winners. Once again, a huge THANK YOU to Banns for hosting and Kris Rinta and friends for heading up this big event. We appreciate everything you do.

Kid's Summer Party

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the board decided to cancel the Kid's Summer Party this year. Most of our volunteers for this event are in the high-risk category and we wanted to keep them safe as well as the community. At the time the decision had to be made, there were a lot of unknowns. There are still a lot of unknowns. We thought it better to be safe than sorry. We look forward to having the event next year which is would be held on the 3rd Saturday of July.

Kid's Christmas Party

The Annual Kids Christmas Party held on December 14, 2019 was a success as always. There will treats, gifts and pictures with Santa. Things were changed up a little this past year. Santa and Mrs. Clause were ready when the kids arrived so there was little to no waiting this year. There was a lot of positive feedback on this. The flow of families in and out was smooth and the building was not so crowded all at one time. As of right now, we are planning on holding the Kid's Christmas Party on the 2nd Saturday in December which is December 12, 2020 from 11 am to 1 pm. Bring the kids out for nice get together. If you can volunteer with this event, please contact Kathy Vorlicky at 651-210-2542. If this event ends up being canceled due to an outbreak of COVID-19, please watch for an announcement on the lighted sign at the clubhouse or on our Facebook Page. That will be the quickest way to get the information out to you.

Concession Stand

The concession stand is going up for sale. Anyone interested should give Gary Vorlicky a call at 651-325-7445.

Trap Range/High School Trap

We had 12 teams shooting this year. It is a shortened shooting season 14 weeks instead of 18 weeks. The trap range is available for private shooting as well. It can be opened for trap shooting or rifle sitting in. If you are interested in privately going out to the range, contact the Range Master Kevin White at 218-426-4819 to schedule a time to do that.

The MAC Bird Busters HS Trap team did have a Spring season this year. Today is the last day of the season. The season ended up getting shortened to 5 weeks instead of the usual 8 weeks. The Championship and State Tournaments were canceled due to COVID-19. We will not know how the kids did in the conference we get assigned to until July 10, 2020. The scores so far have been pretty good so far. This season, we have had 4 kids to date shoot 25 straight Charles Arvidson, Abram Perrine, Tucker Korpi and Landon Sorensen. We have 9 Seniors graduating this year. We want to wish them all congratulations and good luck wherever their paths take them.

Gambling News

The charitable gambling was doing very well. We still have a 4 out of 5-star rating from the Gambling Control Board. Halfway through March, we had to pull all our gambling out of all our sites as the bars closed due COVID-19. There was no gambling in April or May. On June 1st, gambling slowly started up again with the opening of outside dining and then inside dining has now started to open. With the limited capacities at our gambling sites, gambling is going slow compared to before the shutdown. We know that it will pick up again as our sites are able to open to more capacity in the future. Kathy Vorlicky and Suzy Lavalla are doing a great job keeping on top of everything and helping our sites. Thanks for all your hard work ladies!

Currently, we have pull tabs at Bann's, Red Rock, Big Sand Bar, Big Sandy Lodge, Eagle Point, Prairie River and Jackson Hole. There has been E-Tabs added recently to Bann's, Big Sand Bar and Jackson Hole. There is still no Bingo allowed at any sites. 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. Thank you to all our sites for all their hard work also!

Gambling Donations

Here is a list of some of the donations we have made from July 2019 to February 2020. We have had to table all donations since the shutdown until gambling resumes. We could not do that without the support of our gambling sites and of those who visits these sites and play pull tabs, Bingo or E-tabs. We want to thank everyone for their continued support.

Youth Safety Training

ALS in Remembrance of Don Sather

McGregor School Library Books

MAC Birdbusters High School Trap

Salvation Army

Tri-Community Food Shelf

McGregor School 4th and 5th grade ski trip

Sandy Lake Little League

Aitkin County Environmental Days

McGregor School Elementary Yearbook

McGregor School Socially Emotional Learning Curriculum

Something Cool Inc.

Aitkin School Grad Blast

McGregor School Post Prom

Board Information

Current Board Members:

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

Membership Dues

Lastly, just a reminder that all membership dues for 2020 are due on January 1st. If you have not paid your dues for this year yet, you can use the form included with this newsletter to send in 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. Please send them in and ask a friend to join. Check out our Facebook page for information and pictures from events.

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.

Sincerely,

Angela DeWitt
President

Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club Membership

Please Print:

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: (H): _____ **(C):** _____

Email: _____

Contact me to help out with: _____

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