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Clubhouse and Property Improvements



Note the new sign Jim Junttila found for the clubhouse

Every day in the Keweenaw is great so you hardly notice that another year has gone by. But there is a little snow on the ground and winter 2013 is here.



Tom Kehoe assisted by Mike Dudenas constructed a shooting shelter for the Club's shooting lane

Tom also repaired and painted the picnic tables in the picnic area adjacent to the clubhouse. Larry Butala along with Roy Keranen installed new lights in the kitchen and a counter top for the sink in the laundry room. Gus and Butch Haapala completed the snow fence around the shooting lane and added a stabilizing wire to ensure it stays in place. Howard Klann donated a large flag to the club. We will put a metal pole in the spring to fly the flag. Jerry Fehrmann refurbished a very old Marlin shotgun that was donated by Larry Butala. It will be put on display at the clubhouse.

Gun & Sports Show

Winners of the Annual Fund Raiser Raffle:

- 1st: Tikka T3 Lite .270 rifle with scope and case (Freeman Firearms) – Kelly McGrath
- 2nd: Remington 870 Express shotgun 12 ga pump (Freeman Firearms) – Henry Hill
- 3rd: Crossbow package (Harter Enterprises) – Daryl Lampala
- 4th: Jonsered 2245 Chainsaw with case (Harter Auto supply) – Jared Butala
- 5th: ACE Hardware \$200 Gift Certificate – Ben Rhoades
- 6th: Cabela's Fishing Rod and Reel – Brad Carlson

Thank you to the club members selling raffle tickets and thank you to all that purchased tickets. Proceeds from this raffle along with the additional revenue generated at the show helps to fund our club activities such as the kids fishing derby and several community projects.

Our exhibitors had 75 tables and did a great job displaying their wares to the 1000+ paid visitors to the show (children under 12 are free). We thank them for their participation in insuring another successful show.



Micah Pieti accepting prize won in the BB shoot at the show from Clarence Fisher

Our excellent chefs, Mike West and Jerry Lamppa along with Phil Keranen again provided a great lunch featuring their very popular sloppy joes.

And as usual, our bake sale led by Shirley Lamppa and Janet Dudenas, offered an amazing array of baked goods and treats to our visitors. Thank you to all who donated to this successful event.

A most appreciative thank you to the club members doing all the heavy lifting to make the show successful. Starting with

Larry Butala for organizing the show, those doing table setup, those staffing the club table and raffles, kids games and the cleanup crew at the Colosseum—Thank You. Their names are Jim Roberts, Doug Edwards, Clarence Fisher, Mike Dudenas,



President Larry Butala presents a rifle to winner Ed Fabian. The rifle was donated by Northern Heating and Plumbing and Wilmers Heating

Ed Fabian, Ron Lahti, Dick Mintken, Bruce Olson, Tom Kehoe, Carl Gretzinger, Marie Butala, Karl Parks, Gus and Butch Haapala, Roy Keranen, Jerry Vairus, Jerry Fehrmann, Cliff Perreault, Bruce Harter, Dave Sheffer, Charles and Donna Ryan, Marge and Vern Axford, Jim Junttila, Ray Douglas, Marlene West, Nate Perreault and Larissa Keranen.

We don't forget the local businesses that donated prizes for our newspaper coupon drawings and our hourly door prizes – Thank You.

The Gun/Sport show for 2013 will be on Friday August 16 and Saturday August 17 at the Colosseum in Calumet. If you know of a vendor/exhibitor that is interested in the attending the show, have them contact Mike Dudenas at 906-281-1557 (mdude@pasty.com) for information.

Barb Perreault has been a regular exhibitor at the gun/sport show. She recently celebrated 50 years in her Jelly and Jam business. Thank You and Best Wishes.

Mike will also have major raffle tickets for you if are not contacted by a club member selling tickets. Thanks to Bruce Harter and Roy Keranen for outstanding sales skills leading to a sellout of the 2012 major raffle tickets.

Club Meetings

At our Annual meeting on January 17, 2013, held with the regular monthly membership meeting at the Copper City fire hall the following club members will be presented for officer/director positions for 2013:

PresidentNeed Nomination
 Vice President Cliff Perreault
 TreasurerGreg Nakkula
 Secretary Mike Dudenas

Directors through 2015 – Cliff Perreault, Jerry Lamppa, Jim Junttila, Greg Nakkula

Director through 2013 – Roy Keranen

Note that our current president, Larry Butala has accepted a new position in Marquette and cannot accept a nomination. Thank You Larry for your leadership the past years. Also, Clarence Fisher has declined a nomination and will retire from the board. Thank you Clarence for your excellent support to the club and your help in planning and insight on critical club issues.

Jim Roberts will also retire from the treasurer position. Thank you Jim for developing the monthly financial reports and excellent control of our expenses.

Directors that have been previously approved and will continue on the board are: Through 2013 — Mike Dudenas, Ron Lahti and Jim Roberts

Through 2014 – Vince Niemela, Jerry Vairus, Mike West and Bruce Harter

Just a reminder to our members living away from the Keweenaw, please join us at a monthly meeting when you are visiting. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month starting at 6PM. From December to April we are at the Copper City fire hall and from May to October at the clubhouse on Phoenix Farms Road. The meals are great and the speakers are great talking about items of interest to outdoor enthusiasts.

Community Activities

Our kids fishing derby continues to be a popular attraction with 151 kids fishing on July 21, 2012 at the Swedetown pond. 25 club members were there to register the boys and girls, put on worms, attach bobbers and hooks, measure fish, prepare lunch and award prizes.

Austin Yilitilo and Brandon Godin were 1st and 2nd amongst the boys and Mikayla Thomas and Emily Lanhala caught the largest fish for the girls. They received a fishing rod and reel prize. Other kids won several rod and reels, tackle boxes and other prizes in the raffle drawing.

Thank you to the derby donors for their support of kids having fun fishing: UP Whitetails of the Keweenaw, Eric Smith, Vollwerth's, Louie's Foods, Walmart, Burger King of Calumet, Harter Enterprises, Disney Worms, Pat's IGA, Victoria's Kitchen, Calumet Mercantile, John Jilbert, Keweenaw Auto Body, Americinn of Calumet, Watersmeet Fish Hatchery, Daily Mining Gazette and A1 Toy-Lets (We apologize to A1 for our failure to recognize them in our newspaper thank you.



Drew Bjorn's 13&3/4 perch won the top prize of \$50 donated by Sprenger Electric

Thank you to Al Butke and Dan Dube for bringing their Master Walleye Circuit boat and allowing the kids to check out the boat while answering their questions. Thank you to their sponsors: Our Lady of Mercy Nursing Home, RC Mechanical, Quality Hardware of Lake Linden and Bay Electric for donating prizes for the kids.



Al Butke and Dan Dube with a prize winner

The 2013 kids fishing derby will be on July 20th at Swedetown Pond. Bring your kids and grandkids for a great day of fishing fun.

CKSC also prepared and entered a float in the June Pasty Fest parade in Calumet and the July 4th parade in Gay. It is great fun sharing candy donated by Calumet Mercantile with the kids of all ages along the parade routes.

Club members and officers continue to regularly attend Regional DNR meetings and UP Sportsmens Alliance meetings to share Keweenaw Sportsmen concerns and in turn



Roy Keranen preparing float for parade

bring back issues of importance to our members such as deer predation, winter deer habitat, hunting and fishing regulations.

Volunteers cleaned up a section of highway for the Keweenaw road site project. The club also supported the Copper Dog sled event, made a donation to the Keweenaw Sheriff Toy Drive and the Keweenaw Lions Club.



Thank you to Paul Lehto, Calumet Township Supervisor, for sharing in planting hybrid blue gills in the pond shown putting fish in the pond with Derby chairperson Jerry Lamppa.

The club recognizes in a special way and thanks Cliff Perreault for his organization of a benefit for a fellow club member to help pay for his cancer treatments. Thank you Cliff for your generous donation of your time and efforts to help a friend

Please renew your 2013 membership promptly. Complete and mail the renewal form with your check or money order to:
Calumet-Keweenaw Sportsmen's Club
P.O. Box 283
Calumet, MI 49913

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

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Please check preferred annual membership category:

- Individual or Gift\$ 15
- Student/Senior (65+) 10
- Family (Husband & Wife) 25
- Deer Feeding Friend (Includes Membership & Club T-shirt) 40
- Habitat Helper (Includes Membership & Cap) 75
- Conservationist (Includes Membership & Golf Shirt)100

Annual Membership Dues \$ _____

Deer Feed Donation \$ _____

General Club Donation \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

At our monthly dinner meetings our cooks make sure that everyone has plenty to eat and we regularly have extra food. Thank you to Mike West, Jerry Lamppa, Clarence Fisher and Mike Dudenas for preparing a take out box and delivering them to members who cannot attend meetings.

The Calumet-Keweenaw Sportmen's Club along with the Lake Linden Hubbell Sportsmens Association and the UP Whitetails of the Keweenaw are sponsors for the Deer Hunters Roundup radio program K-Bear 102.3. The program is conducted during the November rifle season and the ads get the word out about our clubs. Additional ads from the roundup help us to advertise the kids fishing derby and the gun/sport show.

Supplemental Deer Feeding

There is some bad news to report in that deer feed is now \$433 per ton. Fortunately we had feed left over from the mild winter on 2011-2012 and will combine that with a purchase of 16 tons to allow dispersal of the normal 22 tons that is used in a normal 200+ inches of Keweenaw winter snow. This expenditure depletes our deer feed fund. Our fund raisers have not been able to keep up with the cost of grains for the supplemental deer feed. We thank our donor members for their generous support along with the Keweenaw Community—UP Whitetails of the Keweenaw, Paul Lewis, Gene Arntsen and the Mosquito Lake Culture Club. Other generous donors to the deer feed raffle conducted at the Gun/sport show were Northern Heating and Plumbing, Wilmers Heating, Jim Spehar, Frank Kastelic, Janet Dudenas, Ken Aho, John Hill, ACE Hardware, Clarence Fisher, AmericInn, Dave Sladek, Paul Moilanen, Ojibwa Casino—Thank You for their support.

Thank you to Ken Rowe for donating loading bars and helping Jerry Fehrmann, Mike Dudenas and Jim Roberts install them in the deer feed storage trailer. This will strengthen the roof and prevent leaks from snow loading.

A special note of thanks to our deer feeders that get out there every day no matter what the weather conditions. Give them a hug when visiting one of the club's feeding sites.

As noted our deer feed fund is empty. Local club members will work hard at selling raffle tickets, conducting deer feed raffles and requesting donations. The club welcomes member and community support to provide the needed nutrition for our deer herd when the Keweenaw is blanketed in snow. If you can include a deer feed donation when completing the attached membership form, the Keweenaw deer herd thanks you.

In Memoriam

Several members passed away in 2012:

Art Simila, a member going back to the 50's. Art was an active supported of the club. He was on an "Honor Flight" to Washington DC a few weeks before his death. Art's description of the trip to a membership meeting when he returned was very emotional and showed Art's deep respect for his country. It made a lasting impression on everyone in the meeting.

Thank you for the donations to the club in Art's memory.

Harold "Johnny" Johnson contributed freely to the club with his many talents and leaves a legacy with his projects with the last being the ramp access and deck to the clubhouse.

Laura Anderson was another strong supporter of the club and very generous in guiding donations to the Building fund which allowed the procurement and relocation of the clubhouse to our property on Phoenix Farms Road.

Mike "Stringy" Strucel was a native of the Keweenaw who truly loved being out in the Keweenaw, hunting, fishing and exploring. Thank you to those contributing to the club in his memory.

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