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Extended Winter is Big Story

The big story for the Keweenaw this past year is the extended winter. December 2012 was relatively easy but then that changed for the worse in January 2013. Snowfall by month: October 2013-1", November 23.50", December 20.50", January 2013-92", February 70", March 50", April 55", May 2" totaling 314" for the season. The length of the winter severely impacted our deer herd. Lots less deer were seen in the summer months and throughout the hunting season. Successful deer hunters were down this year compared to last year but there were several nice deer taken in the Keweenaw. However the outlook for 2014 is bleak with very few 1-1/2 year old deer expected. The start to the 2013/2014 season is certainly not good with snowfall already more than 1/2 a normal Keweenaw winter: October 2", November 26.50" and December 126.5" with the YTD at 155".



On December 14th we had to bring up a large snow blower and then shovel to get into the clubhouse to move kitchen supplies to Copper City for the Club's winter meetings Note the new flagpole next to the ramp. Really looks great with flag flying.

Thank you to Cliff Perreault, Phil Keranen and Brian Lassila for shoveling the roof of the clubhouse in March 2013.

Clubhouse and Property Improvements

Mike West led the project resulting in an opening between the kitchen and the main room at the clubhouse. This will make serving meals much easier. A new counter-top, cabinets and a pull down curtain were installed. Thanks also to Tom Kehoe for his assistance. Final trim work, along with installation of an exhaust fan, are on the project list for the summer of 2014.

Thanks also to Ken Bracco for donating a wonderful welcoming sign for the clubhouse.



Above: New opening looking from the kitchen into the main room of the clubhouse

Right: New opening looking from the main room into the kitchen



Jerry Fehrmann refurbished and donated old shotguns to the club. One is a 1894 Marlin 12 gage pump shotgun and the other is a 1885 Spencer single shot 12 guage. They look great but are inoperable.

Gun & Sports Show

Winners of the Annual Fund Raiser Raffle:

- 1st Ruger American .243 w/scope - - - - -John Loukus
- 2nd Remington 870 20 gauge - - - - -Jan Quarless
- 3rd Parker Enforcer Crossbow - - - - -Elwood
- 4th Echo Chainsaw CS450 w/18" bar - -Dennis Bastion
- 5th \$200 Gift Certificate ACE Hardware - -Dr Phil Barry
- 6th Fishing Rod and Reel - - - - -Clarence Fisher

Thank you to all the club members and their efforts in conducting another successful show. It requires a lot of work to organize, setup, manage all the activities and cleanup for the show. Unfortunately after a 10 year run of great shows, there will not be a show in 2014. 2013 attendance was down about 20% from past years. The show was earlier in August than usual and the weather was the best days of the summer with people heading to the local Lake Superior beaches. Over the years we have made friends with many great people supporting us with their variety of products and we sincerely thank them for making a decade of successful and prosperous shows. Hopefully shows will return in the future with new leadership and suitable show dates. The Club will have its annual fund raiser raffle with the drawing at the clubhouse on August 23, 2014. Watch for more information on the activities at the clubhouse.

Club Meetings

Check the club's website to see what's for dinner and who is speaking after dinner for the monthly membership meetings at our website: www.keweenawsportsmen.org.

AT the annual meeting held with the regular monthly meeting on January 19, 2014 at the Copper City fire hall, members will vote on these nominations for club Officers:

- PresidentNeed Nomination
- 1st Vice PresidentCliff Perreault
- 2nd Vice PresidentBruce Harter
- TreasurerGreg Nakkula
- SecretaryMike Dudenas
- Directors through 2016 — Roy Keranen, Mike Dudenas, and Ron Lahti

Community Activities

It is hard to say who has more fun at the Kids Fishing Derby sponsored by the club at Swedetown pond-the club volunteers or the kids. On Saturday July20th, 32 club members provided for a great day of fishing and treats for



Isaac Bennett won the \$50 grand prize for catching the largest fish.

162 kids. Kids took home 36 new rods, tackle boxes, T Shirts, coolers, hoodies, a goodie bag and one took home a bicycle donated by Paul Malnar. Mark Butke and Dan Dube not only brought their walleye tournament boat but also the worms provided by Portage Health Systems along with prizes of rods and reels. Dave Crouch brought 7 rods from the Quality Hardware and presented them to 7 youths. Frank Kastelic brought more rods and fishing supplies. Harter's supported the purchase of several rods. Toni's Country Kitchen baked some really delicious cookies. UP Whitetails of the Keweenaw, Carol Bessolo, Nancy Sherk and several others made cash donations. Mike Bausano from Calumet Mercantile donated candy, Ward's Husqvarna donated a back pack, Swede's from Copper Harbor donated several prizes and Monkey Business donated shirts.



Alex Heinonen had the largest fish for the boys

The club made donations to the Keweenaw Sheriff Toy Drive, Copper Harbor Splake tournament, UP Whitetails predator hunt, Hunter safety class and local benefits. In addition to our regular road side cleanup, Club members



Brianna Lutz had the largest fish for the girls

Greg Nakkula, Dick Mintken, Bruce Harter and Mike Dudenas helped cleanup brush from the shore of Boston Pond with the Copper Country Walleye Association. Thank you to Mike Bausano from Calumet Mercantile for the candy donation that club members handed out to the kids at the Pasty Fest and Gay 4th of July parades. A Michigan petition for a citizen initiated law called the Scientific and Wildlife Conservation Act is sponsored by the Citizens for Professional Wildlife Management (CPWM). The proposed act would protect the Natural Resources Commission's ability to name game species, protect free licenses for active military personnel and include funding for rapid response activities to keep Asian carp out of Michigan waters. Please sign a petition when you are asked. This citizen legislation is needed to counter out-of-state radical anti-hunting animal rights groups, led by the Humane Society of the United States, that launched two referendum drives in Michigan to overrule Michigan's wildlife biol-

ogists on game management decisions. See the CPWM website for additional information—www.citizenswildlife.org. Buck LaVasser, the creator, photographer, editor and star of the immensely popular outdoor TV show titled "Discovering" (WLUC-TV6 Marquette) has retired. Several surgeries and extensive rehabilitation have prevented him from returning to the show. U.P. Whitetail Association Inc. is sponsoring a fund raising raffle to honor Buck's contributions to UP Sports people and to help with his medical bills. Raffle tickets are available from the Whitetails website—www.UPWhitetails.com



Dave Sladek brought a generous donation from the Elks National Foundation and the Copper Country Elks and then stayed to pass out drug awareness reminders to parents and youths.

Supplemental Deer Feeding

As noted earlier, the Keweenaw deer herd suffered this spring even though the club dispensed 27 tons of food. The additional feed purchased was only possible through the generosity of a few club members allowing the club to buy additional feed when our truckload of feed was gone.



Please renew your 2014 membership promptly. Complete and mail the renewal form with your check or money order to:

**Calumet-Keweenaw Sportsmen's Club
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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 \$ _____



Ned Huwatschek with help from Richard Schaffer, Tom Hall and Ron Lahti prepare a fish boil dinner for the October meeting

Unfortunately the mills stopped making deer feed in April and deer were still in the yarding areas. The club has ordered a truck load (22 tons) of feed for delivery on January 6, 2014, the first day that supplemental feeding is allowed per DNR regulations. Thank you to Mike Hohner for donating a pistol used in a September raffle for deer feed resulting in an \$1100 increase for the deer feed fund. Clarence Fisher and Keweenaw Automotive also donated prizes for this raffle. Some good news is that the price has dropped down to \$377 per ton but the feed purchase will still empty the club's deer feed fund. When renewing your membership, please consider a donation to the deer feed fund.

In Memoriam

Several members passed away in 2013:

Jim Roberts — Jim was the Club treasurer from 2008 through 2012. He did an outstanding job organizing the financial files and then providing detailed monthly reports. Jim proposed the annual budget and then tracked performance ensuring the club's cash was used as approved.

Ken Sevon — Ken enjoyed helping in the kitchen preparing meals and socializing with club members. Serious health issues the past few years kept him away from attending meetings but he maintained his membership and contact with club members.

Lawrence Mukavetz — At 96 years Lawrence (Larry) was an active club member still attending meeting when possible in the past year. His willingness to lend a hand whether it was cleaning brush at the clubhouse or peeling potatoes in the kitchen confirmed to everyone he encountered that he was a real gentleman.



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