

A lot of what we do would not be possible without the support of our local businesses. We send out a big thank you to them as well, and the best thank you we can give them is to buy local.

The next year, I am sure, will be just as successful. The fishing derby will be in July, the gun show will be in October. The annual raffle will progress all year, with the drawing in December.

Help out where you can. Take and sell five or ten books of raffle tickets. Sell them to your friends. Encourage and invite them to become members.

This club is not about the few people selected to lead the organization. We need your thoughts regarding guest speakers, activities, membership drives or any other ideas which help us grow and thrive. Bring those ideas to the meetings or to any board member. This club has been made great by the hard work and dedication of each member.

Sincerely,
Tom Helppi, President

In Memoriam

Calumet Keweenaw Sportsman's Club would like to remember members, spouses and supporters who have passed away in the past year.

Michael Bausano 12/5/17
Hjalmer Frusti 6/10/17
Carolyn Ann Kesanen (Wife of Fritz) 6/9/17
Linda Mattson (Wife of Jim) 12/21/17
Bruce Olson 11/6/17
Thomas Rozich 4/6/18
Ronald (Scotty) Sibbald 12/17/17
Julia Similia (Wife of Authur (Archie)) 7/8/17
Russell Wirsu 9/20/17



Clubhouse Addition

Last summer the addition to the clubhouse was framed in and the exterior finished. We were able to make use of the additional 24'x24' space during last fall's meetings.

Dirtworks Contracting of Laurium completed the framing, siding, roofing and eaves. The original plan called for a 24' x 20' addition. Mike Mattson, owner of Dirtworks Contracting, donated an additional 4' to make the addition 24' long. A big Thank You to Mike. The additional donated space is much appreciated and really adds to the overall effect of our expansion.



Club members spent several evenings and week-ends staining the siding and completing the landscaping work. A thank you goes out to all who helped with this as well.

Finishing the inside will be a project for this spring. The club has a donation of some tongue and groove paneling which lends itself to finishing the lower portion of the walls with a wainscot look, with the rest of the walls and ceiling being drywall. The final interior finish plan is being developed and will be presented to the membership.

Rifle/Archery Range

Carpeting was installed inside and outside on three sides of the shooting shelter. A sound suppressor was designed and built by Jerry Fehrmann, for use with scoped rifles that significantly reduces perceived noise.



The archery range has been completed with 3D targets in place during the summer months. A trail starts on either side of the club house and completes a circle with 6 lanes set up.



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Curt Pennala has marked out a trail behind the clubhouse for setup of archery targets. Brushing will get done in the spring and targets installed.

The club also receive a donation in memory of the late Wilber H. Juntilla. Three youth size compound bows were donated for use on the archery range. Please contact a board member for details.

Thank you to Curt Pennala for leading the development of the archery range and putting in a lot of time to get it done.

Kids Fishing Derby

The kids fishing derby was held on July 9, 2017 at the Swedetown Pond/Recreation area. The kids had a great time and went home with a lot of nice prizes. There were 243 kids that registered.

Thank you to Greg Nakkula and Mike Dudenas for coordinating this event with area businesses. Our local businesses deserve a big thank you for provided many prizes for the kids.



Keweenaw Wildlife

Deer feeding activities continue this winter at various club sponsored sites. As of January, the club has bought 36 tons of deer pellets. A few of those tons have been purchased by private individuals who have feeding permits.



Photo taken by Josh Stein of Jerry Fehrmann's deer feeding area.

All of the locations that the deer are being fed are reporting deer numbers significantly higher than the previous three years. The deer appear to be handling this winter well at this point.

Of future concern is that over the 2017 hunting season the DNR found 50 deer that tested positive for CWD. Only the future will tell the impact of CWD on the deer herd, and the DNR's response to combating the problem.

Club Meetings

Over the last year we have had many excellent guest speakers covering a range of topics. Some of the more memorable topics were the Predator / Prey study presentation, CO Doug Hermanson, and Mark Martin's fishing seminar.

The predator / prey study gave us a general overview of what the University of Missouri and the Michigan DNR have been studying and what some of the preliminary results are showing. This is an important topic because sound science needs to be done to refute the environmental/animal movements.

CO Doug Hermanson, has been a conservation office for many years, patrolling Baraga county.

With the retirement of CO Matt Eberly, Doug has taken over duties in Houghton and Keweenaw counties.

Every time Mark Martin visits is a treat. He always has some great tips and loves to share his experiences and knowledge. We sure have enjoyed his presentations, and look forward to him joining us as often as his schedule allows.

Looking to the future of our guest speakers, we are in contact with people and are working on arranging the schedule to have them come and speak at future club meetings. We are looking to have the predator study people back. Mark Martin is looking at his schedule. We hope to have CO Brian Lasanen, great-nephew of Bob Lasanen. He will be taking CO Ted Gast's position in June. These are just some of the people that we hope to have come and share their experiences at our monthly meetings.

The news about the club meetings would not be complete without a Thank You to Mike West and his crew. They put together an excellent and delicious meal every month.

Gun Show

The gun show was held on October 6 and 7, 2017 and was a great success. Thank you to Bruce Harter for the many hours you spent to make this show happen.

All the tables were sold, and lots of people came.

Also, Cliff Perreault, went around to area business and secured prizes to have a separate raffle drawing. The money raised allows us to put the finishing touches to the interior of the club house. Thank you to the businesses that donated and a big Thank You to Cliff for your excellent idea.

Thank You

We want to recognize the hard work and dedication of members who make our Club a success. We also want to recognize the efforts of so many members who contributed to building our Club over the years. Some are still with us. Some are not. We would be nothing without them.

Just during 2017 we saw the expansion of the club house, a project that has been many years in the making. The archery range has been built and improvements made to the gun range.

The kids fishing derby was again a fun day for all with 243 participants, and the rain held off. The gun show worked out well. The annual raffle had excellent results, and a few more prizes were added over the previous year.

A big thank you goes to all who have contributed time, hard work, and many other things that have contributed to the success of the club's activities throughout the year.



2018 Membership Form

Please complete and return this form along with your payment and mail to:

Calumet-Keweenaw Sportsmen's Club
P.O. Box 283
Calumet, MI 49913

Meeting meal charge will be increased by \$5.00 for unpaid members until membership is renewed/paid.

A roster of paid members names will be kept at the door. Membership cards will be provided if requested.

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Please check your preferred membership category:

- Individual Membership\$20
- Family (Includes partner & children) \$30
- Deer Feeding Friend* \$35
- Habitat Helper* \$65
- Conservationist*\$85

**Category Includes Annual Membership*

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