

## New CKSC Clubhouse Open House Draws Crowd

Season's Greetings from your friends at Michigan's northernmost sportsmen's club! It's been another busy, productive year highlighted by the Open House celebration at your new Phoenix Farms clubhouse on October 16. Michigan DNR Wildlife Biologist Rob Aho was guest speaker and a venison chili and hot dogs picnic was served to 40 members who came out to help break in the official new home of the Calumet-Keweenaw Sportsmen's Club.

What started out as a fantasy and seemed to take forever turned out to be neither. In retrospect, we've come a long way in a short time. Best part is, we did it on a pay-as-you-go basis. We paid \$1550 cash money for the 1100-square foot house at Keweenaw County auction, and moved it from the old Calumet Radar Base to our new address, 5947 Phoenix Farms Road, Mohawk, MI 49950 in June 2007.



*CKSC Phoenix Farms clubhouse sports a new green metal roof and other improvements completed by member volunteers. Thanks to all who donated their time!*

Work completed this year included installation of a new metal roof, furnace, propane tank, cabinets and drywall; kitchen, appliances, bathroom, plumbing and window repairs, and interior plastering and painting. After a lot of sweat equity, all bought and paid for with your help, we are proud to announce that your favorite sportsmen's club has a new clubhouse with zero debt.

The Club thanks Mike Dudenas, Roy Keranen, Hank Ilenich, Mike West, Clarence Fisher, Dave Sheffer, Roy Neva, John Dudenas & Family, Jerry Fehrmann, Mary Junttila and Jerry Lamppa for all their help with the remodeling project.

Special thanks to Albert, Marc and John Koskela at Titan Plumbing for installing the new furnace and ductwork at a substantial discount, and to Fritz Kesanen who donated dirt for landscaping around the clubhouse.

Proposed improvement projects for 2009 are installing aluminum on window frames, indoor-outdoor carpeting, electrical outlets, yard

lights, new refrigerator and propane stove, new water heater, and archery range. We are developing a site plan for our wooded 13-acre parcel and have begun brushing out archery lanes, walking and nature trails, and picnic groves with plans to develop a walking archery course.

## President's Message: Our Keweenaw Legacy

Time flies when you're having fun. When we first started the Keweenaw Legacy Fund in 2004, putting a clubhouse on the Club property donated by Ernie & Edith Niederer wasn't much more than a distant dream. Thanks to your generous support and spirited volunteerism, that dream has come true.

Through aggressive fundraising, community and youth service efforts like our annual Gun & Sports Show, our pay-as-you-go strategy has paid off and put us into the new clubhouse, debt-free. The CKSC Legacy Fund will help with future remodeling and site development, archery ranges, nature trails and shooting sports programs. Your gift does more than help us conserve wildlife and habitat in the Keweenaw. It's an expression of your belief that our children may know the hunting and fishing legacy we inherited.

Your pledge of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more will help us reach our goal of developing an outdoor sports facility so our children and grandchildren can carry on the legacy for years to come. Please designate your donation to the CKSC Legacy Fund by completing the pledge form below, and consider including it while you're renewing your membership. For more information, contact Clarence Fisher, cfish@chartermi.net or Jim Junttila, jjunttila@chartermi.net. Thank you for your support.

—Clarence Fisher, President

## Ernest H. "Ernie" Niederer, 1929-2008

We are sad to report that Ernie Niederer, 79, passed away on December 1 at his home in Honey Creek, WI. The Club sends its condolences to his wife Edith, Ronald,

Robert, Karen and their families. Ernie & Edith donated the 13-acre parcel on Phoenix Farms Road that came to fruition on October 16 with the open house for the new CKSC Clubhouse.



*CKSC life members Edith & Ernie Niederer enjoy a summer visit to the Keweenaw.*

## Calumet-Keweenaw Sportsmen's Club Keweenaw Legacy Fund

Yes, I want to help pass along our Keweenaw hunting, fishing and outdoor traditions to our kids and future generations.

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- Keweenaw Conservatoinist (\$1000 or more)
- Whitetail & Wildlife Lover (\$750-\$999)
- Copper Country Conservator (\$500-\$749)
- Nature Lover (\$250-\$499)
- Straight Shooter (\$100-\$249)
- Hunting Partner (\$50-\$99)
- Fishing Buddy (\$25-\$49)

Please check here  if you are willing to pledge this amount every year for five (5) years. We will bill you annually.

## 5th Annual Gun & Sports Show a big success

The CKSC fifth annual Gun & Sports Show at the Calumet Colosseum, August 15-16, was another success, drawing a crowd of more than 800 over the 2-day event, netting about \$10,000. All funds raised from the major raffle and show are used exclusively for development and improvement of the clubhouse and property. Attendees wandered through 70 exhibitors displaying guns, knives, taxidermy, woodcarving, archery, hunting, fishing, camping, outdoor clothing and gear, snowplows, ATVs, tractors, and arts & crafts, as well as kindred spirit organizations including U.P. Whitetails of the Keweenaw, National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) Copper Country Longbeards, and Lake Linden-Hubbell Sportsmen's Club. Popular family-oriented events like the Daisy Airgun Gallery and Zebco Casting Contest drew enthusiastic kids who all had fun and won prizes while improving their shooting and casting skills.

Special thanks to our exhibitors, vendors, sponsors, donors and members who worked the show floor, bake sale, concessions and



Freeman Guns exhibit is always a popular stop for CKSC Gun Show enthusiasts.

ticket sales, and to Shirley Lamppa who chaired the bake sale again. Please contact her at 906-337-1455, tve@pasty.com, to donate baked goods for this year's show.

Our 2009 Gun & Sports Show will be held at the Calumet Colosseum on Friday & Saturday, August 14-15, during Calumet Heritage Days. Show hours are 4-9 pm Friday and 9-5 Saturday. Contact Mike Dudenas, 906-337-0347 or mdude@pasty.com to reserve a table or to recommend potential exhibitors. As always, we are looking for volunteers to work the show, and need all the help we can get with buying and selling raffle tickets.

### **Lucky Keweenaw Legacy Building Fund raffle ticket winners drawn at CKSC Gun & Sports Show August 16, 2008 were:**

1. Remington 673 Guide Gun, Tom Talvensaari
2. Remington Model 750 Carbine 30-06, Walter Anderson
3. Husqvarna Chain Saw, George Garrow
4. \$200 Gift Certificate, Ace Hardware, Calumet, George Duke
5. Pop-up Ground Blind, Tim Rogan
6. Rod & Reel, Bud Baudino

Special thanks to Paul Lehto who donated a 30-06 rifle and pop-up deer blind to our 2008 raffle, and to Parkway Motors who donates the printing of our raffle tickets for the annual Gun Show.

### **Major fundraiser raffle prizes for the 2009 show will be:**

1. .308 Marlin Express Rifle
2. Henry Golden Boy .22 Rifle
3. Chain Saw
4. Calumet Ace Hardware \$200 Gift Certificate
5. Smoker
6. Fishing Rod & Reel

During 2008, CKSC members also participated in community service and conservation projects including the annual Lake Superior Coastal Clean-up, Keweenaw roadside clean-up, Copper Harbor Predator Hunt, Youth Hunters Safety Training, and Salvation Army bell ringing.

Basic annual membership in the Calumet-Keweenaw Sportsmen's Club is \$15 and includes a membership card and newsletter. The Club holds a dinner meeting at 6 pm the third Thursday of every month at the Calumet VFW, US 41 North and Larch Street, Calumet. Monthly meetings will be held at the new Phoenix Farms clubhouse during the summer and fall.

## Marketing, Media & Publicity

CKSC publicist Jim Junttila, Clarence Fisher and Mike Dudenas worked with local, U.P. and statewide media to publicize the Gun & Sports Show, Kids Fishing Derby, deer feeding and other community service and fundraising projects throughout the year. The Rockin' Eagle, WGLI-FM provided live remote coverage of the Gun & Sports Show. CKSC also sponsored the Copper Country Deer Hunters Round-up on K-Bear and WOLV Radio with commercials

running throughout the firearm, bow and muzzleloader seasons. We thank local print and broadcast media, Buck LeVasseur Discovering, WLUC-TV6, the Daily Mining Gazette, Lake Superior Voice, Ontonagon Herald, Wakefield News/Bessemer Pick & Axe, Michigan Outdoor Times, Michigan Outdoor News, L'Anse Sentinel, North Woods Call, and Yooper Spectator for their generous PSAs and publicity support.

## There's Something Fishy Going On: CKSC Kids Fishing Derby Set for July 18



*Popular CKSC Kids Fishing Derby draws an enthusiastic crowd of fish and fun-seekers to Swedetown Pond.*

The fifth annual CKSC Kids Fishing Derby on July 19, 2008 drew more than 90 kids to Swedetown Pond for a fun-filled day of fishing. Jerry Lamppa and Jim Junttila chaired the successful event, and Mike Dudas, Ken Sevon, John Johnson, Jim Roberts, Roy Keranen and Jerry Fehrmann herded kids through a fun day of fishing instruction, games, a free picnic lunch, beverages and prizes. CKSC thanks Wal-Mart, Berkley, Shakespeare, Rapala, Mepps, Bay de Noc Lures/Swedish Pimple, Panther Martin and Zebco who



*Clarence Fisher with a trophy brookie caught at a secret fishing hole deep in the Keweenaw.*

donated rods, reels, lures and prizes for the event.

Every kid took home a goodie bag, prizes and the fish they caught. Prizes for the biggest fish and most fish caught were also awarded for both boys and girls. Special thanks to Paul Lehto, Calumet Township, Harter's Party Store, Pamida, Vollwerth's, Hancock Bottling Company, Pat's IGA, Ace Hardware, Louie's Super Foods, Tina's Party Store, A-

1 Porta Potty Toy-lets, Fallon's Subs, Tom & Sue Fouts and Toni's Country Kitchen for their generous support.

## Keweenaw Island Coalition Feeds Deer Frugally

Since partnering and pooling resources with Lake Linden-Hubbell Sportsmen's Association and U.P. Whitetails of the Keweenaw to form the Keweenaw Island Coalition in 2005, your Club is able to purchase deer feed at the lowest possible price. In a normal winter (January-April), we usually feed about 22 tons of high protein pellets to deer at established sites throughout the peninsula. The cost of deer feed has more than doubled in recent years making community support vital to our continuation of the program. CKSC does not use membership dues or other club money for deer feed; All feed is purchased with funds donated by members, the public, UP Whitetails of the Keweenaw and Whitetails Unlimited, and monies raised from gun show raffles and Whitetails banquets. To see photos and videos of deer feeding, visit the KIC website at [keweenawislandcoalition.com](http://keweenawislandcoalition.com).

Please send building fund and deer feeding donations to Calumet-Keweenaw Sportsmen's Club, P.O. Box 283, Calumet, MI 49913. To receive a free club newsletter and membership information, contact Mike Dudas, 906-337-0347, email [mdude@pasty.com](mailto:mdude@pasty.com). For more information, visit [www.keweenawsportsmen.org](http://www.keweenawsportsmen.org).



*Ken Bracco displays a tall-tined trophy whitetail he shot in northern Keweenaw County.*

## Officers & Directors

Pursuant to Club bylaws, a slate of officers and directors was nominated and presented to the general membership at our October 2008 meeting, and will be presented for election at our annual business meeting, January 15, 2009.

# Good Eating, Good Meetings

Club dinner meetings on the third Thursday of the month continue to provide a great meal, interesting, informative speakers and a pleasant way to stay informed and involved in enhancing hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation in the Keweenaw. Our annual business meeting and 50th Annual Outa Season Venison Booyaw will be held on January 15, 2009. Join us at 6 pm at the Calumet VFW, US 41 North & Larch Street. Guest speaker will be Bob Doepker, Michigan DNR Wildlife Unit Supervisor, Western U.P. Management Unit, Marquette.



*President Clarence Fisher presents D.J. Kaura with a successful hunter patch at CKSC Youth Hunter Awards dinner.*

Special thanks to our hard-working kitchen crew, Jerry Lamma, Roy Keranen, Mike Dudenas, Jim Roberts, John Johnson, Ken Sevon and Bob Lasanen who "rattle them pots and pans" and turn out delicious home cookin' every month.

What do you think? Your volunteerism, comments, project suggestions and ideas for the Club are always welcome. Send your two cents worth to Clarence Fisher, cfish@chartermi.net, Mike Dudenas, 906-337-0347, mdude@pasty.com, or Jim Junttila, 906-337-1866, jjunttila@chartermi.net. For more information, visit us online at [www.keweenawsportsmen.org](http://www.keweenawsportsmen.org).

Thank you for your continued involvement and support in 2009 and beyond! Best fishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

—Jim Junttila, Newsletter Editor

### Show your Support!

**Buy Deer Feed Buttons (\$10), Club caps (\$10 and \$15) and tees (\$14).**

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Please renew your 2009 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check preferred annual membership category:

- Individual or Gift . . . . . \$ 15
- Student/Senior (65+) . . . . . 10
- Family (Husband & Wife) . . . . . 30
- 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Keweenaw Legacy Building Fund Donation (Clubhouse & Shooting Sports Facility) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

