

## Members make major clubhouse improvements, inside and out

Season's Greetings and Happy 2010 from your friends at Michigan's northernmost sportsmen's club! It's been another busy, productive, fun year highlighted by continued improvements to our Keweenaw clubhouse, property and facilities. Work accomplished during 2009 included front and back deck repairs, a food service opening in the former bedroom to increase meeting space, and installing a urinal in the bathroom. Thanks to Mike West, Hank Ilenich, Bruce Olson, Tom Kehoe, Dave Sheffer and John Koskela for "gettin' er done." Clarence Fisher, Jerry Lamppa, Roy Keranen and Mike Dudenas assisted with these projects.



*You need a snowmobile to get into the CKSC clubhouse to shovel off the roof several times each winter.*

Outside, Al Koskela and Jim Roberts installed a light pole and yard light.

Member volunteers created a picnic area and planted grass. Dave Sladek fabricated and donated an outdoor grille for cookouts. And Cliff Perreault



*Shooting sports facilities make progress as multi-purpose shooting lanes for archery and guns are bulldozed through the woods.*

cleared trees for a shooting lane. The Club thanks Brian Sickler for his generous donation of equipment and an operator to clear and bulldoze the shooting lane, which several members have already used to sight in their deer rifles. We also cleared several archery lanes and purchased targets.

Projects in the hopper for 2010 are to complete the archery walking course, plant the shooting lane, build an additional deck and ramp, and plans for new floor covering.

The CKSC Legacy Fund provides the funding for clubhouse improvements. Your gift will allow the club to continue developing the 13-acre property and enable our children and grandchildren to enjoy the hunting and fishing legacy of the Keweenaw. Please consider a donation to the CKSC Legacy Fund when renewing your membership. Thank you for your continued support in this important, on-going effort.

## 6th Annual Gun & Sports Show goes off with a bang

The CKSC 6th Annual Gun & Sports Show at the Calumet Colosseum, August 14-15 was another resounding success, drawing a crowd of more than 800 over the 2-day event, and resulting in a deposit of \$8000 to the Legacy Building Fund. Proceeds from the show are used exclusively for development and improvement of the clubhouse and property.



*Brad Fortin, Keweenaw Critters Taxidermy, sets up shop and displays his talents at the 2009 CKSC Gun & Sports Show.*

Special thanks to our exhibitors, vendors, sponsors, donors, visitors and members who worked the show, and to Mike West and Jerry Lamppa for their great food prep, rattlin' them pots and pans, and running the kitchen and concession. Extra special thanks to Janet Dudenas and Shirley Lamppa for organizing and running the bake sale and contributing the profit to the

Legacy fund. Contact them to donate baked goods for this year's show.

Popular family-oriented attractions like the Daisy Airgun Gallery and Zebco Casting Contest drew enthusiastic kids who all had fun and won prizes.

### Prize winners for the major raffle drawing on August 15, 2009 were:

- Marlin .308 rifle, Art Simila
- Henry Golden Boy .22 rifle, John Pietrzyk
- Husqvarna Chain Saw, Mike Jurmu
- Ace \$200 Gift Certificate, George Nousiainen
- BBQ Grill, John Karvola
- Fishing Rod & Reel, Lanny Pirkkola

### Major raffle prizes for the August 21, 2010 drawing are:

1. Remington 750 Woodmaster Rifle
2. Remington 20 gauge over/under Shotgun
3. Horton Crossbow with Scope
4. Husqvarna Chainsaw
5. \$200 Gift Certificate — Ace Hardware, Calumet
6. Fishing Rod and Reel

The Gun & Sport show is our major annual fundraising project and requires the support and volunteerism of club members. We need your help to encourage potential vendors to reserve space, volunteer to work the show, and most of all buy and sell raffle tickets. Our 2010 show will be at the Calumet Colosseum, Friday & Saturday, August 20-21, during Calumet Heritage Days Festival. Pick up raffle tickets at our monthly meetings or contact Mike Dudenas (906-337-0347 or mdude@pasty.com) for tickets and more information.

## CKSC Kids Fishing Derby draws record crowd

The sixth annual CKSC Kids Fishing Derby held on July 18, 2009, drew more than 170 kids to Swedetown Pond for a fun-filled day of fishing. Jerry Lamppa and Jim Junttila chaired the successful event, and Mike Dudenas, Jim Roberts, Roy Keranen, Clarence Fisher, Mike West, Ray Douglas,



Tom Kehoe, Dave Sheffer, Vicki Sheffer, John Hill, Jerry Fehrmann, Mick Jarvi, Ron Whiton, Cliff Perreault and Nate Perreault 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, Swedish Pimple, Panther Martin and Zebco who donated rods, reels, lures and prizes for the event.

Every kid took home prizes and the fish they caught. Special thanks to Paul Lehto, Calumet Township, A-1 Porta-Potty, Harter's Party Store, Pamida, Vollwerth's, Hancock Bottling Company, Pat's IGA, Ace Hardware, Louie's Super Foods, Tina's Party Store, Toni's Country Kitchen, John Jilbert, AmericInn, Taystee Bread of Houghton, Victoria's Kitchen, Copper Country Cubes, and U.P. Whitetails of the Keweenaw for their generous support.



*Rock bass, bluegills and bullheads, oh wow!*

This year's derby is set for July 24. The Club thanks Jerry Lamppa and Jeff Kalcich Contracting for their fine work on the rip-rap and rock shoreline improvements along the pond. Other plans include working with Paul Lehto, Calumet Township, to plant hybrid bluegills in the pond.

Other community activities and projects during 2009: Your club entered a float in the Pasty Fest parade held in Calumet on June 27 and distributed lots of free candy to kids lining the parade route.

*More than 170 kids, up from 90 the previous year, enjoyed a day of fishing, fun and food at the 2009 CKSC Kids Fishing Derby at Swedetown Pond, Calumet.*





Members grandchildren enjoy riding the Club float at the Pasty Fest Parade.

Club members participated in the Lake Superior Coastal Cleanup of peninsula beaches, cleaning Great Sand Bay from the east end to Eagle River. The Club also supports the Michigan roadside cleanup, U.P. Whitetails Keweenaw Predator Hunt and Youth hunter safety training.

CKSC supports Jack Hartmann's project to protect Lake Superior from VHS and his efforts to establish boat cleaning stations at Lac la Belle and Copper Harbor. For more information, call Mike Dudenas, 337-0347.



At last December's meeting we recognized successful youth deer hunters with a CKSC successful hunter patch. This annual event is our means of encouraging area youth to get involved in hunting and share in the enjoyment of the great outdoors.



Jerry Fehrmann and Mick Jarvi grill lunch for hungry kids who enjoyed free hot dogs and a hot bite at the CKSC Kids Fishing Derby.

Your club continues to be well-represented at organizations where we help insure the voices of Keweenaw outdoor enthusiasts are heard, attending meetings of the Upper Peninsula Sportsmen's Alliance, Citizens Advisory Council for the Western U.P. to the DNR, Natural Resource Commission, and DNR public hearings on fishing, hunting, wildlife and public access issues.

**Supplemental deer feeding**

Supplemental deer feeding is crucial to maintaining a huntable herd in the Keweenaw and continues to be one of our major projects. During the 2009 season (January into April) we distributed almost 24 tons of high protein pellets. This would not have been possible without the generous support of our members, the Keweenaw community, U.P. Whitetails of the Keweenaw and Whitetails Unlimited, and major contributors Paul Lewis and Mosquito Lake Culture Club.

Our 2010 deer feed supply, 22 tons, was delivered in January at a cost of \$5962. We need your continued donations to pay for this critical feed and provide the nutrition deer need to survive our severe Keweenaw winters. You can also show your support by buying Deer Feed Buttons (\$10), Club caps (\$15) and T-shirts (\$20).



Guess who's coming to dinner? CKSC critical supplemental feeding helps our whitetail herds survive the harsh Keweenaw winters.

**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, conservation and outdoor recreation in the Keweenaw. Our summer and fall meetings held at the clubhouse on Phoenix Farms road featured cookouts and an outstanding October fish boil by Ned Huwatschek and Richard Schaefer who served a well-fed crowd of forty.

Special thanks to Tom Kehoe who donated two new electric roasters and kitchen utensils. In December, we returned to the Calumet VFW for our winter meetings.

Featured guest speakers running the gamut from fishermen to foresters and birders to biologists included Walleye Pro Mark Martin, Eric Stier, Stacy Welling, Jack Hartmann, George Madison, Rick Freeman, Charles Eshbach, and Neil Harri.

Your club will continue to schedule interesting speakers relevant to local outdoor and conservation issues. Bob Doepker, MDNR Wildlife Supervisor, Western U.P. Management Unit, Marquette, is booked for February 18. Our meetings start promptly at 6 pm. The January meeting was held at the Calumet VFW, and February, March, April and May meetings are scheduled for the Copper City Fire Hall. Media announcements appear in the Daily Mining Gazette and on local radio a few days prior to the meeting.

The club's annual business meeting is held in conjunction with our regular January meeting. New officers are elected to serve for the calendar year and election results will be posted on our website, [www.keweenawsportsmen.org](http://www.keweenawsportsmen.org).

What do you think? Your comments, project suggestions and ideas for the Club are always welcome. Send them to Mike Dudenas, 906-337-0347, [mdude@pasty.com](mailto:mdude@pasty.com), or Jim Junttila, 906-337-1866, [jjunttila@chartermi.net](mailto: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 2010 and beyond! Best fishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

-Jim Junttila, Newsletter Editor

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**Please renew your 2010 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**

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