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## Members make major clubhouse improvements, inside and out

Season's Greetings and Happy 2011 from your friends at Michigan's northernmost sportsmen's club! It's been another busy, productive year highlighted by continued improvements to our Keweenaw clubhouse, property and facilities. Work accomplished during 2010 included installation of new vinyl plank floor covering, a new door, deck and ramp, and a new equipment shed. Special thanks to our volunteer members for "gettin' 'er done."



*New clubhouse deck and entry ramp shown under construction has been completed thanks to the carpentry of Johnny Johnson and Tom Kehoe.*

Thanks to Harold "Johnny" Johnson for designing and constructing the deck with help from Tom Kehoe. Jerry Fehrmann fired up his tractor and created improved drainage for the shooting and archery lane, and Clarence Fisher spread lime and planted clover for ground cover.

Thank you to Howard Klann for his donation of a .22 rifle and



*Club members off-load the new equipment storage shed near the clubhouse and picnic grove.*

a brick of shells for youth training in gun safety and proper use of a rifle. The club also thanks Bruce Harter for donating a bow to our archery range, and Paul Lehto who donated a shotgun and other raffle prizes.

Special thanks to Janet Dudenas for donating her paintings to our fundraising efforts, and to Paul Malnor for donating a picture of a fawn to the Clubhouse art gallery. Thanks from the bottom of our well-fed stomachs to Bill & Bonnie Degowski from Tamarack Inn, Copper Harbor, for donating a complete set of dinnerware to the club.



*Jerry Fehrmann fires up his tractor at the clubhouse and digs improved drainage for the shooting and archery ranges.*

Members enjoyed outdoor meetings, cookouts and a Keweenaw fish boil in our picnic grove during the summer.

On-going improvement projects in the hopper for 2011-12 are to complete the archery walking course, and continued shooting lane development.

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, fishing and outdoor 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 effort.

When the snow gets deep on the clubhouse roof, we deeply appreciate Cliff Perreault for shoveling it off.

Special thanks to Club treasurer Jim Roberts for his excellent work in managing the Club's finances and providing excellent monthly reports.

## We're happy to report another bang-up gun show

The CKSC 7th Annual Gun & Sports Show at the Calumet Colosseum, August 20 - 21 was another resounding success, drawing a crowd of more than 944 paid visitors over the 2-day event, and adding more than



*We're happy to see the CKSC Gun & Sports Show attracting a decidedly younger demographic checking out the tractors and outdoor equipment.*



\$8,000 to our Legacy Building Fund. Proceeds from the show are used exclusively for development and improvement of the clubhouse and property.

Show visitors enjoyed checking out the merchandise of 67 exhibitors and commercial displays of tractors, ATVs, chainsaws and outdoor equipment. Special thanks to our vendors, sponsors, donors, visitors and members who worked the show, and to Mike West, Jerry Lamppa, Phil Keranen and Taylor Johnson for their great food prep 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 Kids Airgun Gallery and Casting Contest drew enthusiastic kids who got casting and shooting instruction, had fun and won prizes.

**Major raffle prize winners on August 21 were:**

Remington 750 Woodsmaster .....	Kirk Standridge
Remington 20 gauge over & under shotgun.....	Charles Ryan
Horton Crossbow with scope .....	Bob Lahti
Husqvarna 450 Chain Saw .....	John Dudenas
Ace Hardware \$200 Gift Certificate .....	John Karvonen
Cabela's Spinning Rod & Reel.....	Ken Kauppinen

**Major raffle prizes for the August 20, 2011 drawing are:**

1. Weatherby Vanguard 30-06 with scope & case
2. Remington 870, 20 gauge Pump Shotgun
3. Barnett Crossbow
4. Echo Chainsaw
5. \$200 Gift Certificate — Ace Hardware, Calumet
6. Cabela's Fishing Rod & Reel Combo

The Gun & Sport show is our major annual fundraising project and requires the support and volunteerism of club members to insure success. 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 2011 show will be at the Calumet Colosseum, Friday & Saturday, August 19-20, 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.

**There's something fishy going on at Swedetown Pond: Popular CKSC Kids Fishing Derby draws record crowd**

In spite of the threat of rain, the seventh annual CKSC Kids Fishing Derby held on July 24, 2010, drew more than 100 kids to Swedetown Pond for a fun-filled day of fishing. Jerry Lamppa chaired the successful event, Members registered participating anglers, baited hooks,



*Kids Fishing Derby winners wait patiently for prizes awarded by Jerry Lamppa.*

unsnailed snags, untangled birds nests and measured fish. Thanks to Mike & Janet Dudenas, Larry & Marie Butala, Jared Butala, Dave & Vicki Sheffer, Cliff & Nate Perreault, Jim Roberts, Jim Spelich, Roy Keranen, Clarence Fisher, Mike West, Ray Douglas, Tom Kehoe, John Hill, Jerry Fehrmann, Vince Niemela, Jim Hylton, Tom Hall and Jim Junttila for herding kids through a fun day of fishing instruction, games, a free picnic lunch, beverages and prizes galore. The Daily Mining Gazette and WLUC-TV6 News, Marquette, interviewed Jerry Lamppa and covered the event.

Prize winners for the biggest fish were boys Trevor Mickalich, Hayden Kesti, Garrett Rowe, Billy Darnell and Tyiel Buekema. Girls winners were Valerie Darnell, Molly Johnson, Michele Laux and Allie Virenus. Smallest fish prize winners were Aden Williams and Hannah Heinonen.



*The girls caught as many fish, won as many prizes, and had as much fun as the boys at the CKSC Kids Fishing Derby in July.*

There were additional drawings for fishing rods & reels and every kid took home a goodie bag and prizes. Special thanks to Paul Lehto, Calumet Township Supervisor, U.P. White-tails of the Keweenaw, Wal-Mart, A-1 Porta-Potty, AmericInn, Harter Mountain, Baraga Bait Shop (Tom Disney), Erico Electric, Burger King, Pamida, Voll-

werth's, Hancock Bottling Company, Pat's IGA, Ace Hardware, Louie's Super Foods, Tina's Party Store, Toni's Country Kitchen, Superior National Bank, John Jilbert, Joey's Seafood, Loading Zone, Candie's Corner Café, Daily Mining Gazette, Taystee Bread, Victoria's Kitchen, Copper Country Cubes, Northern Heating & Plumbing, Wilmer's Heating, Calumet Mercantile (Mike Bausano), Darryl Rosenberg, Tom Kehoe, Bob Baratano and Jim Fredinelli for their generous support.

This year's derby is set for July 30. Your Club plans to work with Paul Lehto, Calumet Township, to plant hybrid bluegills in the pond which keeps it a fun fishery for kids long after the derby is over.

Other community activities and projects during 2010: Your club entered a float in the Pasty Fest parade held in Calumet with club members and grandkids throwing free candy to kids lining the parade route.

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.

The Club annually recognizes youth deer hunters with a CKSC successful hunter patch. This annual event encourages area youth to get involved in hunting and enjoy the great Keweenaw outdoors. Roy Keranen's grandkids both shot deer this year; Matt got a 12-pointer, and Larissa shot a doe in Traprock River Valley.

Your club continues to be well-represented at organizations where we help ensure 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 MDNR, Natural Resource Commission, and DNR public hearings on fishing, hunting, wildlife and public access issues.

We urge you to join us in supporting upcoming outdoor events including the Keweenaw Predator Hunt, Feb 12-27, for info call Tamarack Inn, 289-4522, and Freeman's Northwoods Sporting Goods Gun Show, Hancock, April 8-9 (482-5210).



## Supplemental deer feeding: The venison you save may be your own

Supplemental deer feeding is crucial to maintaining a hunt-able herd in the Keweenaw and continues to be one of our major projects. The winter of 2010 was mild compared to previous winters and we distributed only 17 of the 22 tons purchased for the season. We again ordered 22 tons of high protein pellets @ \$345 per ton = \$7,590 that were delivered in January, made possible by the generous support of our donor members, the Keweenaw community, U.P. Whitetails of the Keweenaw, Tri-County Chapter Whitetails Unlimited, and major contributors Paul Lewis, Mrs. Mary Murphy and Mosquito Lake Culture Club. Additional funds were raised from raffle sales at the CKSC Gun & Sport Show and U.P. Whitetails banquet.

We need your continued donations to restore our depleted deer feed fund and provide the critical 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).



**Please renew your 2011 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Good Eating, Good Meetings

Club dinner meetings on the third Thursday of the month continue to provide a great meal, interesting, informative speakers relevant to local outdoor and conservation issues 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. Winter meetings (December-May) are held at the Copper City Firehall. Special thanks to chefs Jerry Lamppa and Mike West for rattlin' them pots and pans and turning out delicious monthly meals.

Featured guest speakers running the gamut from fishermen to foresters and birders to biologists included Jim Sweeting on food plots, Jim Billings on historic Civil War weaponry, Michigan NRC Commissioner J.R. Richardson on Yooper sportsmen's issues, AIM Walleye Pro Mark Martin on fishing tips & techniques, Taxidermist Brad Fortin, and MDNR Conservation Officers Matt Eberly and Steve Burton reviewed the 2010 deer season.

If you have ideas or suggestions for speakers and programs, contact Jim Junttila. Our meetings start promptly at



*Ned Huwatschek keeps an eye on his famous Keweenaw Fish Boil that attracted one of our biggest crowds of the year to our October meeting at the Phoenix Farms clubhouse.*

6:00 pm. Media announcements appear in the Daily Mining Gazette and on local radio, TV and community events bulletin boards 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, [keweenawsportsmen.org](http://keweenawsportsmen.org).

Thanks to successful hunter Dan Glinn for donating meat from his 8-point buck that became the best Venison Booyaw ever at our January annual business meeting and election of officers. The slate for 2011 and beyond is: President Larry Butala, Vice President Cliff Perreault, Treasurer Jim Roberts, and Mike Dudenas Secretary. Directors through 2011 are Ken Sevon, Jerry Vairus, Mike West, Doug Edwards and Cliff Perreault. Directors through 2012 are Larry Butala, Jerry Lamppa, Jim Junttila and Roy Keranen. Directors through 2013 are Mike Dudenas, Ron Lahti, Jim Roberts and Clarence Fisher.



*Dan Glinn displays January's awesome venison booyaw in raw material form.*

What do you think? Your volunteerism, comments, project and program suggestions and ideas for the Club are always welcome. Send them to Mike Dudenas, 906.337.0347, [mdude@pasty.com](mailto:mdude@pasty.com). For more information, visit us online at [keweenawsportsmen.org](http://keweenawsportsmen.org).

Thank you for your continued involvement and support in 2011 and beyond! Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

—Jim Junttila, Newsletter Editor

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