

Keweenaw Sheriff Ron Lahti retired at the end of 2016. Ron was a long time club director and will be missed by the entire Keweenaw Community. Under Sheriff Rick Olson, serving with Ron throughout his tenure has also retired.

## Club Meetings/Business

Nominations for Club Directors and Officers will be presented at the annual meeting held in conjunction with the regular January membership meeting on January 17, 2017. Tom Kehoe, Trevor Hodges, Cliff Perreault, Mike West, Bruce Harter and Bob Rinne were approved in prior annual meetings as directors through 2017 and 2018. Tom Hall and Jerry Fehrmann are nominated for renewal as directors along with newcomers Mike Salmela, Brent Fortin and Curt Pennala. Additional nominations will be accepted at the meeting and the newly elected officers and directors posted on the club website.

At an August membership meeting CKSC approved joining the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. Since 1937 MUCC has protected the rights to hunt, fish and trap in Michigan by uniting citizens to conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage. MUCC carefully tracks all legislation important to Michigan's Sportspeople and represents its members at com-

mittee hearings and public hearings organizing member alerts when action is required. MUCC also publishes an outstanding online magazine for its members. MUCC dues are \$5 for each CKSC club member. This \$5 will be added to CKSC membership dues. This new "dues" notice was sent out in mid December. The revised dues structure is included below. Please note that the meeting meal charge will be increased by \$5 for unpaid members until membership is renewed. A roster of paid members will be kept at the door and membership cards will be presented if requested. T-Shirts, caps and Golf Shirts will be offered for sale only at monthly meetings.

## In Memoriam

Gone but not forgotten—we remember club members that passed in 2016:

**Karen Roberts:** Thank You to her family for the donation to the club in her memory.

**John Gunnari:** John was a long time club supporter doing the cooking for membership meetings for several years.

**Carlos Bessolo:** A generous donor to the Kids fishing derby

## The President's View

I am very pleased with the direction this club is going. We have been able to attract several new young members—these people are needed to carry on the work and mission that will keep our club strong and active. These youthful members bring the club new ideas and energy. Keep in mind that these ideas may result in change and during change, patience will be required as well as guidance.

But let us not forget the army of club members that have gotten us to this point. Many of whom have passed on and are still missed, while others have moved on or are looking forward to stepping aside. The good decisions made over the years have left this club in a good financial position. So I challenge the new guard to do your best to continue our clubs mission, for your good and that of that of your children as well as our beautiful Keweenaw.

Sincerely

Jerry Fehrmann, Club President

## Clubhouse News

The photo of the clubhouse was taken on December 7, 2016 prior to the blizzard of



December 13, 14 and 15, 2016 which closed local schools for 3 days and canceled the December membership meeting (club policy is to cancel meeting when schools are closed due to weather). Window coverings provided by Mark Johnson are protecting the new windows installed a few weeks earlier. Thank you to Jerry Fehrmann for installation. The window frames are clad in aluminum so no painting will be required in the future. YEA!

Another summer project was the extension of the shooting lane to 200 yards. Thank you to Trevor Hodges, Tom Hall, Brent Fortin, Jerry Fehrmann and Ray Rinne for getting this done before the clubhouse closure for the winter. A few final touches will be completed after the snow is gone and new targets put up at the 25, 50, 100 and 200 yard berms.

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.



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# Keweenaw Wildlife

Arbutus at the Phoenix store has maintained a count of successful hunters for many years. This year 33 hunters reported taking a buck during the rifle season. That compares with 25 in the 2015 season but far short of the close to 60 deer long term average.

A few years ago, the newsletter opened with the line “an unforgettable winter”. That was after the incredible November snowfall which curtailed deer hunting activity. This December’s snow is certainly not welcomed by our Keweenaw herd. Deer will be in the yards looking for food. The club has ordered its usual truckload of 22 tons of deer feed and will start providing feed to the deer on January 2, 2017, the first day of supplemental feeding allowed by the Michigan DNR.

Thanks to a successful gun show on September 30th and October 1st, chaired by Bruce Harter, a significant portion of the funds required to buy the feed were raised. Donations made up the balance with the Dreamland Predator Hunt and Gene Arnsten giving a major amount to allow the purchase.

The gun show was held at the Siskiwit Reception Hall on Pine St in Calumet. Vendors filled the 43 available tables and provided a variety of items to the visitors. Thank you to Joel Keranen for making the hall available. And thank you to Dave Sladek for donating a fire ring and Albert Koskela for donating a pair of snow shoes to a silent auction.

Deep snow in the Keweenaw is not the only threat to our deer herd. CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) is a major worry to the DNR and sportspersons across the Upper Peninsula. The UP Sportsmens Alliance has formed a committee to again review The Michigan Emergency CWD plan and insure it properly addresses UP concerns. The committee is also working to have all hunters understand that CWD is real and dangerous to the UP deer herd. CWD is always fatal and there is no treatment for CWD. So, hunters that take a deer, elk or moose from states that have positive cases of CWD must follow Michigan law and only bring back fully deboned meat, antlers attached to a skull cap cleaned of brain and muscle tissue, hides or a finished taxidermy mount. See the full details on

CWD at this website—[www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr). Al Ettenhofer, chairperson of the committee and Terry Minzey, UP Wildlife Supervisor did a great job on the TV6 program “Discovering” hosted by Brian Whitens explaining the danger of CWD. Past programs are available on line at [www.906outdoors.com/discovering.shtml](http://www.906outdoors.com/discovering.shtml). See the CWD programs aired on 10/31/16 and 11/7/16.

Let’s all do our part in keeping the Upper Peninsula CWD free.

The Michigan Court of appeals recently struck down a legislatively approved “citizens” initiative that sportspeople worked so hard to pass two years ago to insure that fish and game management decisions were made on the basis of sound science. Senator Casperson quickly corrected the legislation and SB 1187 will restore the Natural Resources Commission authority to set game species. The NRC has included the wolf as a game species and can authorize a wolf hunt if determined to be necessary. However Congress must provide legislation removing endangered species protection for wolves and disable courts from supporting this protection. Western states already have authority to manage wolves and the legislation would grant this same right to Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

## Community Activities

Club members picked up trash from two sections of highway in Keweenaw County as part of the state’s roadside cleanup program. Thank you to the members that did this activity.



Some of the youth attending the fishing derby.

Greg Nakkula organized and conducted the club’s annual kids fishing derby at Swedetown

pond. 152 kids had a lot of fun catching fish, eating a hot dog lunch and taking home prizes. Calumet Township (Paul Lehto Supervisor) shared the cost of the bluegills planted for the kids. Thank You to Greg, Paul and all the club members who helped the kids. A complete list of all donors was printed in The Daily Mining Gazette. Our Club truly appreciates their generosity. Mark your calendar for the 2017 kids fishing derby on July 15th at the Swedetown Pond.



One happy boy and the new bike.

For years Katherine and Paul Malnar have donated a boy’s and girl’s bicycle given away in a raffle

at the derby. This year Katherine noticed a Facebook post that the boy winner had his bicycle stolen. She immediately went to Walmart and purchased another. The manager listened to her story and gave her a great discount on the bike. Paul and Katherine delivered the bicycle and restored the great smile on the boy’s face. Several days later, the boy’s mother called Katherine and told her that a gentleman had returned the original bicycle. Katherine asked her to give it to another boy to enjoy. Thank you to our great Keweenaw people.

Selling raffle tickets might not seem like a community activity but Bruce Harter has made it one. He has done an unbelievable job in personally selling tickets but also getting others involved in sales. Our annual raffle is a major fund raiser for the club allowing the club to support the community with activities like the kids derby along with providing funds for clubhouse and property improvements. Help your club by selling tickets for the 2017 raffle.

The 2016 raffle drawing was rescheduled to the January membership meeting due to the meeting’s weather related cancellation. Winners will be posted on the club’s website—[www.keweenawsportsmen.org](http://www.keweenawsportsmen.org)

The club contributed to the Keweenaw Sheriff’s “No kid without a Christmas “ program again in 2016. The Sheriff reported that the need is real for the families served and their appreciation is truly heart felt.

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<p><b>Complete membership application and send form with your check or money order to:</b></p> <p><b>Calumet-Keweenaw Sportsmen’s Club</b>  <b>P.O. Box 283</b>  <b>Calumet, MI 49913</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Email _____</p>	<p>Please check preferred annual membership category:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership .....\$20</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Family (Includes partner &amp; children) ..... \$30</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Friend ..... \$35</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Helper ..... \$65</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Conservationist .....\$85</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Membership Card Requested</p> <p>Annual Membership Dues \$ _____</p> <p>Deer Feed Donation \$ _____</p> <p>General Club Donation \$ _____</p> <p><b>Total Enclosed \$ _____</b></p>
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