

NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT

2008 HIGHLIGHTS:

Completed the majority of accelerated beech salvage operations.
Completed Jack Pine planting of 146 acres with 115,000 trees.
Had the first sale of carbon credits.
Continued with our annual inventory program.
Oak establishment/beech bark policy implementation continuing.
Supported other committees (mapping and data management).

2008 HARVEST SUMMARY:

492 acres harvested (habitat created).
Select cut 102 acres, modified clear cut 390 acres.
Volume was 9,790 cords
Timber revenue was \$214,007.28.
Management expenses were \$16,123.31 (excludes carbon work).
Expenses were 7.5% compared to a standard of 20\$.
The summaries are on the website.

OAK PLANTINGS

In October 120 small oak trees were moved.

2009 Challenges & Preliminary Plans

Continue with accelerated aspen regeneration program as approved by the Board.
Maintain support for planting when natural regeneration failed.
Develop a plan to mitigate the negative impact of deer browse in upland hardwood stands.
Maintain support of the Membership & Board for beech bark disease policy (based on aggressive oak establishment).
Continue with established programs (inventory, harvesting, etc.).

2009-2010 Harvest Projection.

The projection is for 430 acres with a volume of 8,120 cords.
The optimistic revenue projection is \$192,600.

Future projections

By 2012-2013 the totals projected will be 285 acres and 5,380 cords for a total optimistic revenue projection of \$127,900.

Website

Gerry Grossman has placed the following updated maps on the website:
Three year harvest, food plots, forest types, aspen map, and updated aspen policy.

I would like to thank Gerry Grossman, Loyal Eldridge, Doug Carrigan, Gary Stouffer, Charlie Wilson, Ken Wilson, Walter Dark, Kevin Floria and Keith Hopper for helping me through the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Crandall, Chairman, Natural Resources

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2009 FINANCIAL BUDGET

Following is a summary of the May 31 (year to date) Revenues versus Expenses - Actual versus Budget.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
*Revenues	\$866,183	\$901,285
*Expenses	\$476,320	\$504,419
*Net Income	\$389,862	\$396,866

Revenues were unfavorable to Budget by \$35,102 primarily due to Timber being \$32,978 below budget. The mills were temporarily closed this Spring. We expect to make up the lost revenues in the Fall. Expenses were favorable by \$28,099 due to the timing of several expenses that will occur later this year.

Hiawatha has joined with other foresters represented by Gerry Grossman to sell the "Carbon Credits" generated by our forest on the Chicago Climate Exchange. In 2008 we sold 94,925 tons of "credit" for \$246,315, or \$ 2.59 per ton. For 2009 we have 60,972 tons to sell and the market has fallen to about \$1.15 per ton. The sale of Forestry Carbon Credits is a new concept and like any commodity, the selling price can vary dramatically. We hope that later in the year there will be a recovery in the demand and market price. At current market values our revenue, after selling commissions, will be approximately \$50,000, which is \$75,000 below budget. In summary, if Carbon Credit Sales are only \$50,000, we will end the year under budget with an after tax profit of about \$25,000.

On a positive note, we have made the final principle payments on our QGMU land acquisition (\$111,818).

2009 CAPITAL EXPENSE PLAN

Following is (year to date) Capital Budget versus spending as of May 31, 2009.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Billboards	\$-0-	\$12,000
Golf Cart Replacement	\$-0-	\$ 6,500
Roof Replace. (1 st Group)	\$12,450 to date	\$20,000
Greens Brush (Golf)	\$-0-	\$ 2,000
Tractor -F&G	\$43,574	\$48,000
Roof & Door Replace (Trap Range)-to date	\$ 1,270	\$ 3,000
Misc. Capital (Exercise Equip, 2 Water Bikes)	<u>\$ 5,022</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$62,316	\$101,500

INVESTMENT STATUS

It is important to note that our investments did not suffer any losses during the past year due to our conservative investment policy administered by Dave Waldron and the Finance Committee.

Following is a summary of cash and Investments as of May 31, 2009.

*Cash	\$270,842
*Certificates of Deposits	\$329,947
*U.S. Gov't Securities	\$ 53,902
*Corporate Bonds	\$286,104
*Preferred Stock	\$ 38,216
*Accrued Interest on Bonds/CD's	<u>\$ 7,720</u>
TOTAL	\$986,731

The Club continues excellent financial liquidity and meets the requirements to have more cash and investments than the total of the Reserved Accounts (\$666,054).

DUES INCREASE

After careful consideration of the state of the economy and the financial needs of the Club, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that there be no dues increase this year.

REVIEW OF 2008 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

*AFTER TAX PROFITS

After tax profits were \$98,298, primarily due to Carbon Credit revenue.

***2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:**

- *Golf Cart Replacement
- *Boat for Fish & Game
- *Roof Replacement (2nd group)
- *Fairway Mower
- *Housekeeping Van
- *Snowmobile
- * Truck Replacement-Habitat & snow removal
- *Manager's Truck Replacement
- Total \$164,357

AUDIT REPORT

Smolinski and Christman, P.C. has completed the independent auditor's report as of December 31, 2008. The auditors have again issued what is commonly referred to as a "Clean Opinion" and very favorable regarding the financial operations of the Club. Copies are available at the Club Office for review.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

I would like to thank Bill Burnett, Marv Henderson, Roland Ringquist, Dave Waldron and Charlie Wilson for serving on the Committee. They have spent a large amount of time developing the Operating Budget and Capital Expenditures Plan and overseeing their operation. Also I must thank Lester Livermore for his invaluable assistance in putting all the documents together and Sally Frederick for preparing the monthly statements.

Respectfully submitted,

Loyal Eldridge, Treasurer
Chairman of the Finance Committee

CIVIC & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

DATES OF INTEREST:

BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW IS JULY 21, 2009 9:00AM TO 10:30 AM

HERITAGE DAYS WILL BE JULY 26, 2009

SUMMER TAX BILLS WILL BE MAILED JULY 1, 2009

MARINA: WE NOW HAVE A DREDGING PERMIT AND WILL BE STARTING ON THE LAUNCH VERY SOON. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE WAITED PATIENTLY, RED TAPE SEEMS TO GET LONGER AND LONGER

PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARDS AND THE ADVISOR FOR NOTICES OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS.

SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER IS HELD EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT THE GARFIELD TWP HALL AT NOON.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Bennett, Chairperson

FISH REPORT

Our Member Fishing Surveys have been changed this year. We are asking members to turn them in more frequently and provide data on marked and tagged fish at Three Mile Pond and Cranberry Lake. These tagged and marked fish are part of Lake Superior State University's data collection that will help us improve our fishery. Members are turning these forms in better than last year and it is much appreciated.

We have two fishing events honoring the late Larry McEvers this year. One is the Larry McEvers Master Angler Awards that includes ten different fish species caught in Club waters from July 1st through Labor Day. Winners will be recognized at the Club office on a plaque as well as on the HSC web site. The other event honoring Mr. McEvers is the Larry McEvers Classic Youth Fishing Tournament which will be held Labor Day Weekend at Three Mile Pond. It is open to our young people sixteen and younger. Artificial or live bait can be used and two exquisite hand made trophies will be awarded for the largest brown and rainbow trout caught. Exact details for these two events are posted in the Club office and around the Club.

VHS is still a threat to our club fishery and we have improved the wash station at the HSC Recreation Building. Requirements are posted there and we are still requiring members to wash their boats, motors, and trailers before using them in club waters. The Club has also established a wash station at the DNR boat launch on Lake Millecoquins. This has been an eighteen month process with the DNR and HSC just recently received a permit. A special thanks to Lester for his help with this. The station will help protect our fishery from what could be a devastating disease.

Three Mile Pond is undergoing some changes this year. We are adding and extending fishing docks on both sides of the pond. We are also cutting a fishing trail on one side of the pond to make access to the new docks easier. We have increased the number of brown trout this year and also added rainbow trout. There are concerns of how well our fish are wintering over in this pond and have involved Lake Superior State University to help with this issue. They are marking fish and then netting throughout this year and beyond to measure how well fish winter over and grow there. LSSU is also planning to shock the stream below the pond this fall to see if many fish are leaving through the dam. There are posters at Three Mile explaining how to report the marked fish on our fishing survey.

The QGMU Pond has been recently treated for weeds by Northern Michigan Aquatics. This process is completely safe and all state and federal regulations were strictly followed. Fish were planted late this year due to the weed treatment schedule. We are adding more docks and expanding the existing docks as per member request. A picnic table will be added. We are evaluating the need for an outhouse at the QGMU area so please make your views known on this issue when you complete the member fishing survey. Also, make sure you sign in when you use the pond so we have an accurate reading of member usage there. This will help us plan for the future.

The Federal Fish and Wildlife Service will be treating parts of Cold Creek with a lampricide this July to kill sea lamprey larvae. The treatment date, as per HSC request, has been moved to July 15th to prevent damage to burrowing mayflies in the treatment area. There is a field trip scheduled to Cold Creek that day so members can observe the treatment and ask questions. Members of the Federal Sea Lamprey Team will also give a short presentation at the Museum July 8th. There are some concerns about the long term effect of this process on our trout population. The Club was reluctant to allow access for this chemical treatment unless scientific studies were done to evaluate the safety of these treatments on our fish population. The Federal Fish and Wildlife Service has agreed to do studies on the burrowing mayfly population and the aquatic macroinvertebrate community in Cold Creek in relationship to the lampricide treatment. A complete description of this study is available in the Club office. We are also working with Superior Watershed, an independent nonprofit agency, to help monitor the quality of our streams. They will be using \$15,900 of MiCorps grant and matching funds for four monitoring events. There will be money to buy three equipment kits that the Club can keep.

Formal training will be provided to Lester and Club volunteers so we can continue the monitoring after the grant is finished.

Volunteers removed fewer and smaller bullheads from Pull-up Lake this spring, which is a good sign. Water level and dissolved oxygen content are still a concern there but bullhead removal is helping. LSSU and Club volunteers have moved and tagged 65 northern pike from Pull-up Lake to Cranberry Lake to help control the perch population so average size will increase. Suggested treatment of tagged fish is posted at Cranberry Lake and in the Club office. LSSU is working on ways to raise the Ph level in Cranberry Lake and will make some definite recommendations by this August. Dr. Steinhardt from LSSU will be speaking at the Museum in August about his research involving both of these lakes. He has a wealth of knowledge about our Club fishery!

Our stream restoration program is alive and well thanks to the many volunteers that have worked so hard on our streams this past year. We have completed new spawning runs below the dams at Jocko and Cold Creek. Erosion was treated at Cold Creek Pond along with adding some very impressive steps and docks. The kids' portion of Cold Creek was opened up for easier fishing. Jim Rutledge will be working from 1:00 to 4:00 on Wednesdays in July and August, look for the sign at N gate. We are also planning to add another spawning run on the Upper River in early August, exact details will be on the HSC website and posted around the club. Volunteers are the lifeblood of many of our fish and wildlife programs. I would like to take a moment to present our Golden Tractor Award to someone who has provided many hours of help to our stream restoration program and our food plot program. These efforts are greatly appreciated!

Respectfully Submitted,

John MacFarland, Co-chairman, Fish, Game&Fowl Committee

GAME AND FOWL REPORT

Let me start off this report today by thanking our Fish, Game and Fowl Committee Members and Club Volunteers for all of their time and effort which they have so generously given to the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club. Hundreds of hours are donated by this group of people with the ultimate goal of making our Club property a better place for wildlife to live, and Club Members to enjoy. Our Committee Members are a team of conservationist who all work well together, respect each other, and challenge one another with finding the opportunities that will best support our Wildlife and Membership. Committee Members; please stand and be recognized with a thank you from the bottom of my heart and a round of applause from your Club in appreciation of the work you do here at Hiawatha.

Lester, each year your staff provides us with great support and together we move forward with our projects. Please keep up the great work, and pass on our appreciation to your entire crew of wonderful associates.

While the committee work takes on many forms and has many tasks, there are three areas that I wish to share and focus on today. The first is our food plot project. We currently have in production a plan to treat 126 acres of food plots on the main body of HSC. This does not include the acreage at the Quality Game Management Unit. The 126 acres consists of 72 acres of fields and 54 acres of trails. Our choice of plantings this year is Winter Wheat, Sainfoin, Rape, Mossy Oak Maximum, Mossy Oak Premium Perennial, and Mossy Oak Clover Plus. Last fall we planted the Winter Wheat with a no till drill and had excellent results. We will plant the Winter Wheat again this year with a no till drill at a rate of 130 pounds per acre and also include 3 pounds of Rape per acre in these same fields and trails. This mix will produce a large tonnage of food; but at a lower percentage of protein when compared to clover. We have learned through our tests that Clover is very hard to keep alive on the Club because it never does well in drought conditions. When we have plenty of moisture hitting our sandy soils, it does fine. Therefore, we are going to cut back on our future clover plantings.

We will however grow clover in selected areas such as the shaded trails through out the hardwood forest. Shade and moisture are both friends of the clover plant on HSC soils. Sainfoin, a drought resistant plant; is being tested in field food plot 27E on the East side.

We will also continue to monitor our test plantings of prairie grass in field 18A and field 21. In the near future we will test Soy Beans on the HSC and monitor how well they grow. Food plot expansion will continue at food plots number 11 and 12.

Any and all HSC Members are welcome to help out on the food plot program. Simple things from clearing sticks and rocks off the trails and fields to moving stumps during the creation of a new food plot are important parts of the work that a volunteer can help out with. In exchange for a six hour day in the field working on our food plot program a member will be given a Club Cabin to stay at during the off season which is September through the end of June and does not include Memorial Day or Labor Day weekends, nor does it include November 15th through November 30th. The rustic cabins located at the campground will also be available for food plot workers to spend the night. We have implemented the cabin program because we do have volunteers who would be willing to help out but need a place to stay after their day of service to the club. Please give me a call at 231-627-9736 if you have an interest in helping out.

The second item on my report deals with a new hunting rule that all members who have grandchildren should consider taking advantage of. This Fall a members grandchild or step grandchild, ages 12 through 15 will have an opportunity to small game hunt on Club property while accompanied one on one in the field by their grandparent. The grandchild must present their small game hunting license to the Club office and purchase a Club hunting and fishing button to be worn in the field while hunting. Grandchildren will not be allowed to hunt Club lands while regular firearm deer season is in session; November 15th through November 30th. This rule is a one year test; so please provide written feedback to the Fish, Game and Fowl Committee as to your experience with this new hunting rule. We feel it is very important to get young folks into the great outdoors so that they can learn how to become a hunter, a woodsman and conservationist. This is a great way for a grandparent to become a mentor for the future of hunting, and to the future of HSC.

The last item we will report on today is public enemy number one; SPOTTED KNAPWEED. This weed is somewhat new to the HSC, and has the potential to kill out all native ground cover, and can move through the forest like a wild fire. It will grow anywhere there is sun light and can be a threat to our food plot program if not controlled. Committee member Ivan Darling is our team leader for spotted knapweed and is here to speak to us on how we are going to handle and control this serious problem. Ivan has put many hours and much thought into our plan. Please listen carefully to what Ivan shares and we will field questions at the end of his presentation.

Any other questions from the membership?

Respectfully Submitted,
Walt Dark, Co - Chairman, Fish Game and Fowl Committee

GARFIELD MILLECOQUINS LAKE IMPROVEMENT REPORT

A little over a year ago we were preparing a permit to remove up to 100 acres of weeds from Lake Millecoquins. Two years of intense winters, thick ice, spring runoff and late Spring have changed our focus. Weed density in five foot plus water has been too sparse for harvesting. At this point our activities are to map pond weeds south of Chases Point and the northeast corner of the lake. If conditions remain as they are currently, abate options would not be recommended, nor would they be permitted.

This lake will always be a large, shallow, weedy, lake with a dam that acts as a sediment trap. Abatement methods, whether mechanical or chemical tend to be effective only for the year in which they are used.

The good news is that the lake provides excellent fishing opportunities for pike, bass, walleye and large bluegills.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Rutledge
Jim Hayes
John MacFarland

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Transfers Completed	17	
Transfers in Process		11
Dues & CF Billed 2009	\$738,609.00	
Dues & CF Paid as of 6-22-09	\$701,749.00	
Dues & CF Owed as of 6-22-09	\$ 38,860.00	
Total Memberships	1722	
1 st Tier		787
2 nd Tier		213
3 rd Tier		722
Total Members	1155	

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Floria, Chairman

ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

On May 14, 2009, the Election Committee opened the envelopes and counted the ballots for the newly nominated 2009 candidates for the H.S.C. Board of Governors. Before announcing the election results I wish to take a moment to thank the members of the Election Committee for another job very well done. These volunteers are John DeGraaf, Walt Frederick, Jim Papineau, Steve Rogers and Ron Spaulding. I have a "sure fired" method of getting these great volunteers to help year after year and my "gimmick" is my wife Brenda's super delicious, freshly baked, hot, homemade sticky buns. They never fail and I sincerely thank her.

The results of the elections are as follows:

Teresa Schanski	344
Mike McElroy	286
Ed Middleton	282
Keith Hopper	229
Kevin Evans	219
Lowell Rice	167
Tim Makinen	126
Jim MacMeekin	116

There were 491 ballots cast and none were rejected.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Streufert, Chairman

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

This past year has been an average year for grievances. We had a few minor ones involving ORV's, and a dog. One of these with an ORV resulted in a fine and suspension from club activities for the minor driving the ORV, and probation for the member.

ORV's seem to be a problem. Please read the club rules for their use, and most important use them safely. The club bylaws state "The goal of the Grievance Committee shall be to resolve the problems relating to the misconduct as informally as possible." The rules are made to protect the club and the people using the club, breach of them can cause lose of club privileges. In the past I have hoped to have a grievance free year, now I just hope to keep them not worth mentioning and resolve them as informally as possible.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Wileman
Chairman Grievance Committee

TAX, LEGAL & AUDIT REPORT

TAX

The yearly property tax bills totaled \$192,034 and were paid by the due dates.

LEGAL

As previously reported, a potential legal problem involving a small parcel of club owned land in Naubinway was solved by the sale of that lot to an abutting land owner.

This transfer has proceeded along without a hitch. The club no longer owns this property thus we avoided large legal costs and potential liability problems.

AUDIT

The annual Audit Report was received on May 22, 2009.

After review, club representatives took exception to two particulars in the audit report. These concerns were brought to the attention of the auditors who subsequently agreed with the club and issued a revised audit report which was received on June 1, 2009.

The Tax, Legal and Audit Committee recommends acceptance of that report as revised.

A copy of that report is available for members review in the Club Office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my committee members, who are Charlie Wilson, Jim Smith and Jeff Smith and to also thank Roland Ringquist for his assistance on the audit and legal portions of the committee's work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward Middleton, Chairman

BUILDING, HOUSE AND GROUNDS REPORT

The last 12 months have brought many improvements and additions to our Club. Thanks to the many volunteers and the club staff.

We have signed a lease with American Wind & Energy Group to put up wind monitoring towers.

We have agreed to a lease with Big Bay Broadband to increase access for hi-speed internet in and around the Naubinway area.

We will be adding a Memorial Flag Pole and Flags at the HSC Entrance. A special thanks to the Derwood Cole family.

The replacement of the 4th Group of Cabins has been discussed for quite some time. We have decided that this project will require long term financing. This was discussed at the Finance Committee level and a provision has been added to the capital budget. We are currently receiving quotes from several different contractors.

We have added two Rustic Cabins at the Campground. These cabins are in the final stages of completion. Many thanks to the volunteers.

We will be adding H.S.C. signage at the East and West boundaries on U.S. 2.

New roofs have been completed on the 1st group of cabins.

There are many projects that are being completed or have been completed by either HSC staff or volunteers.

We have an extensive list of projects scheduled and many identified but not yet scheduled.

Thanks again for the volunteers who put in countless hours for the improvement of our Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kurt Larson, Chairman
Building, House & Grounds

RANGE COMMITTEE REPORT

The results for the 2008 activities was 802 rounds shot and \$2286.00 deposited into the General Fund. This was a 20% drop from the previous year, mostly due to the poor economy and 2 rainouts.

Our annual Turkey and Championship shoots were held on July 12th 2008 with 14 turkeys won by the shooters.

The Eastern U.P. Championship trophies were awarded to:

Ladies division - Judy Hamilton

Men's division - Jeremiah Wileman

Club Championship trophies were awarded to:

Women's
1st Place - Judy Hamilton
2nd Place - Pat Smidth
3rd Place - Pat Mac

Men's
Jeremiah Wileman
Dale St. Andre
Matt Brouwer

On July 26th we had a painting repair work day. We rebuilt the scoring table, benches and picnic table. We, then, painted the storage building and all accessories. Thanks to the painting crew: Mike McElroy, Frank Smidth, Terry Hamilton, Jim Wileman and Dennis Goerke. Also, a special thanks to Soupy Collins and Art Green, shooters from Newberry who helped and provided the sprayer and equipment.

We, also, have new signs depicting the rules of the shooting range and a new targeting board for patterning shotguns.

A big thanks to my committee for the 2008 season who are Clair Lashbrook, Tom Fagerlin and Frank Smidth.

For the 2009 season we are adding Pat Smidth to our committee because she is as loyal to the trap range as the rest of us.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis D. Goerke, Chairman

MANAGER'S REPORT

Governors and Members,

What a year it has been at the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club. So many new and exciting things have happened. Maybe you have noticed the new rental equipment outside the office. Paddle boats and Hydro bikes are now available for rent. Along with the kayaks, the paddle boats and hydro bikes offer an inexpensive, quiet and environmentally friendly way for our members to enjoy the wonderful waters that surround us here at Hiawatha. And for land based creatures, we have bikes that can be rented at the club office. Beach cruisers, choppers and even a tandem for the brave couple that would like to try something different. We are looking forward to seeing how these new offerings are received by our members.

This spring HSC ran our first ever Triathlon... no, not running swimming and biking until you are about dead. This was a Sportsman's Triathlon! Golfing, shooting trap and 3D archery was the threesome for our contest. On June 20th, we hosted 27 teams of 4 participants each for the day. Several major sponsors and lots of volunteers made the day possible. It took 9 1/2 hours but we managed to get everyone through all the competitions and to dinner, almost on time. Everyone seemed to have a good time and we even had teams trying to sign up for next year already! The event was so popular with our own members that we are looking at running a member only version of the Triathlon this fall. I want to offer a special thank you to DeWayne Evans who brought up the idea to Vicky Hyuck and to Vicky for working very hard to make it all happen.

The golf course has endured a roller coaster of as of recently. Many improvements made by Gary Trombley our Superintendent, has given our members a wonder course to enjoy. Unfortunately, we were hit with a devastating winter that started early and left late leaving our greens a disaster. Gary tried everything he could to restart and reseed early this year but Mother Nature would have none of that. Finally once spring showed up, so did the grass and they are still filling back in the large dead areas that were killed by snow mold. On the bright side, as requested by the golf committee, Gary's crew concentrated there efforts towards repairing our cart paths and sand traps. The attention received was long over due but results have been much appreciated. I have had several members take the time to mention to me how good they look even though we have not actually completed them. We are going to continue to apply any extra time allotted to finishing these two items up as summer starts. Do yourself a favor and take the time to stop by the Golf Course even if you are not a golfer. Just sitting on the deck, drinking a cool drink and enjoying the view is worth the short ride over.

If one would want to know anything about the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club, one should make sure to go to the Museum! Many diligent members have taking the time to put together an impressive collection of artifacts and information about our Club and the surrounding area. It is so interesting to see what the Club was like in its infancy and what its founders had envisioned for it to be so long ago. Now the Nature and Historical Society will have a replica of the original cabins on display so that we all can see how it all started and what expectations were like in the late 1930's. Don't miss the dedication of this new attraction on July 19th.

I have to finish with a little note about how exciting it is to be a part of everything here right now. There is so much to do and so many positive energetic volunteers that the sky is truly the limit at the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club!

Sincerely,
Lester Livermore, Manager

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Dinner Dance is tonight!! The band is on their way, the Beary Patch is busy preparing the meal and the decorating has begun. We are all hopeful that everyone attending will have a great time. I would like to take the time to thank those people involved with the planning process: Vel Smith, Bev Crandall, Brenda Streufert, Sharon Evans, Linda Rogers, Ann Elms, Jan Waldron, Maggie Laraway and the Art Club for their painting talents. As soon as this meeting is concluded we will arrange tables and get out the silverware.

I have a reminder: The Horace Waters Fly-fishing School is coming up on Friday, July 10. We could always use volunteers to instruct in fly-casting. If someone is interested they should contact me at 477-0035.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Rutledge

HIAWATHA NATURE & HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The Hiawatha Nature and Historical Society would like to thank all those who assisted with opening the Museum on Wednesday, June 24. We would especially like to thank Mr. Bob Laraway for building the new message boards over the winter and then placing them around the club this summer. When you see them, please feel free to stop, raise the top and pull out the club's weekly calendar of events. We're hoping that these sign posts will raise awareness of activities the club and the historical society are sponsoring.

We have four excellent evening programs this summer, three beach picnics, numerous trail hikes, our annual corn roast, and this year HNHS along with Manager Livermore are sponsoring a massive double pig roast. You're going to have to check your weekly calendar for dates and times for these activities.

Members of the Hiawatha Nature and Historical Society strongly believe that our members bring the life of this club to the fore front. Our programs and activities epitomize what our club is all about and we encourage everyone to join. Our membership fees have stayed the same throughout the years, \$5.00 for a family or \$3.00 for a single. HNHS membership offers numerous benefits including but not limited to: fellowship of its members; all of our beach picnics and corn roasts; an outside field trip; interesting and relevant evening programs at the museum related to the club's habitat and environment; Informative Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon exhibits; children's activities at the Naomi Children's Museum on Sundays this year with Mary Beth McElroy facilitating in Naomi's absence; books and videos for adults and children; historic memorabilia in the Hiawatha Memorial Hall of the Museum; Museum area trails of bygone years and self-guided tour maps; and finally historic lumber camp sites and self-guided tour maps in Hiawatha Hall.

Among the biggest events this year is the grand opening of our 1930's replica cabin and the dedication of our new storage building. Years in the making, our restored cabin replica and new storage building are the products of hours and hours of volunteer labor by many members. We are hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 19th. At 2:30 on the 19th we will be announcing the winner of the Name our Museum area and the dedication ceremony will begin with stories written by Mary Yost, Mary Lu Fulton and Jerry Rizzardi. We'd like to extend a big congratulations and thank you to Betty Ann Glascock for her dedication and hard work on this project. It wasn't always easy, but our past president, Betty Ann, did what the Cable guy did. She "Got her done!"

Our

Mission statement: "Preserving the Heritage and Nature of the Club". Says it all!

Respectfully submitted,
David Pentecost, President

ART REPORT

Our purpose as an Art club is to provide for H.S.C. members and their families opportunities to participate and appreciate in the Arts.

"Nature expressed through Art" 2008 ART and HOBBY SHOW. Tri chaired by Diane Hassenrick, Gloria Kuhn and Vi Wash featured the art of Kay Graham painting and Jim Rutledge wood carving, had an attendance of nearly 400 visitors.

A special thank you, Teresa Schanski for encouraging Derwood to exhibit his collection of hand made wood pieces. He was one of our eleven new exhibitors. How lucky, we were as a club to have experienced the beauty of his craft.

Derwood Cole passed away February 28, 2009.

ART CLASSES 2008

Met every Thursday during the month of July and were open to seven year olds through adults. The classes were conducted by our very own Artists, Barb Hobbs and Gen Cousineau. New in 2008 was the addition of the adults.

PAINTIN PLACE IMPROVEMENTS

New shelving for student and art club member (for storage) was built by Jim Beck and Fred Mills. The addition of an enlarger and reducing image projector was purchased to assist art club members with design transfer.

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD to in 2009 if you want to learn more about water color this is your year. Starting with the just completed highly successful watercolor workshop by Helga Flower, nationally known experimental water color artist. The workshop was held June 18 - 20 at the activities building and was filled to capacity by H.S.C. members.

Continue to discover this medium by attending one or more of our children through adult art classes in July or visit our Annual Art and Hobby Show 2009 August 1-2, WATER COLOR THE medium ART the MESSAGE; FEATURING THE WATER COLOR ART OF Brenna Rizzardi and Jerry Peters and you, any member wishing to share with us your special talent. This show will be chaired by Marlene Beck and Neta Mills.

Visit the Anchor In Naubinway wall of art, juried Art for exhibition and purchase; or stop by our library and check out a book on the Medium of your choice.

The door is open, come see what we're all about. The art club meets every Tuesday for adults. Our location is Paintin Place, the building next to your new Rec. Center. We are handicap assessable. The rest is up to you.

DATES TO PLACE ON YOUR CALENDER

Art classes, July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30th. 7-12 year olds A.M. and teen through adult, P.M.

Art show 2009 August 1 and 2.

Brenna Rizzardi Silk Workshop August 11 through the 13th.

For more information about our club activities see weekly activities sheet, visit www.hiawathaclub.com. Click on 2009 coming events; or look for H.S.C. sign board postings of Art Club activities.

As always, thank you Hiawatha Sportsman's Club Board of Governors for your continued support.

Faithfully Submitted,
Francie Dittrich, President

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

The last two years for me have passed like the blink of an eye. I recall two years ago, the night before I was to chair my first board of governors meeting, the dam burst at Cold Creek Pond. I spent the entire night watching Lester and Daryl repair it, before we lost thousands of recently planted trout. I wondered at the time if this might be an omen of things to come. Apparently not, things went along relatively smoothly until a little over a week ago. Lester asked me if I would like to ride along with him and watch a DNR trapper put a collar on a wolf he had trapped on Mt. Baldy. I thought at the time that it would be interesting, to get a close up look at a wolf. Two hours later both of us were on the ground, struggling to physically subdue a large wolf, who seemed immune to the immobilizing drugs. Definitely something I'll remember, thanks Lester.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as president of this great club for the past two years. Serving as president, you quickly realize that nothing positive happens without the work of our committees the volunteers who serve on them, and board members and employees who support them. I want to thank my fellow board members for your efforts on behalf of the Club. Special thanks to two board members who are leaving after six years of service, Dan Crandall and Kevin Floria, both say it has been a "labor of love".

A special thanks also to our manager, Lester Livermore for accommodating the needs of our Committees, members, guests, and the many requests from the board. Our office staff, Annette, Yvonne, and Sally deserve praise for their patience and efficiency. Congratulations to Vicki and Gary, at the golf course and the maintenance crew, Darryl, Ken and Jeff for facilitating the triathlon last week. This huge event put a positive spotlight on our club.

My wife, Lynda, has been especially helpful providing technology, photography, word processing and organizational skills. She is also involved in several committees here on the club. She, like me, tries to take advantage of all that the club offers. A sincere thanks to her.

I look forward to serving one more year on board: and to continuing work on stream restoration and food plots when needed.

Thank you to all members for your indulgence and support.

Sincerely,
Jim Rutledge