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PRESIDENT CURT'S NOTES

The date of our annual Fall Fest Fundraiser has been changed from October 7th to Saturday, October 21st.

There was a conflict at the Village Hall so we agreed to change the date this year. The festivities will run from 6:00 pm to midnight. Tickets are \$10 and include lunch, beverages, and a chance to win one of twenty-five cash prizes, with a first prize of \$500. The

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MEETING TIME: (Left) Club Member Steve Pauloski listens intently (sleeps) during a recent member meeting. (Right) Club Member Bob Moilien always takes good care of the door prize table.

STORYTIME WITH BRUCE

Hunting With Mr. Murphy (by Link Lucsalbad)

This was going to be the year I bagged the big buck with my bow. I practiced constantly during the off season. I had scouted and picked the exact tree upon which I would fasten my climber. My camo hung in the woodshed so it literally reeked of Oak and Hickory. All my other gear was checked and double checked and locked in the car. I even had my Honey Do List almost caught up, (you never complete a Honey Do List).

The alarm sounded at 4:15A.M. and I quickly shut it off so as not to wake my wife. Into the shower I sprinted and was soon lathered with scent away soap, rinsed and dried. After sliding on my long johns, I slipped on my shoes and stepped out into the frosty morning. I headed for the woodshed locking the door behind me. In five minutes I was fully dressed in camo and headed to the car.

Unfortunately the car door was locked and my keys were locked in the house. Not to worry I have a spare house key hidden outside, drat!! it's gone. Then I remembered my mother-in-law let herself in with that key earlier in the week, and she didn't put it back. Twenty demerits for my mother-in-law. Not wanting to wake the family I feverishly began removing the basement window. Suddenly the outside light comes on, the door opens, and I hear the voice of my mother-in-law saying, "what in the ~*~*~* are you trying to do. Not wanting to be delayed any longer I replied, "Uh I locked myself out" and I dashed in grabbed the keys and dashed out. Meanwhile my mother-in-law was keeping up a steady stream of nasty comments about me and my hunting. 10 more demerits for the mother-in-law.

After setting a new land speed record, I parked the car, doused myself with scent away autumn formula, grabbed my gear, and headed for my tree. By the time I fastened my stand to the tree it was just turning gray around me. I quietly climbed the tree, pulled my bow and backpack up behind me and settled in.

As the sky grew lighter the woods began waking up. Not far away I could hear a group of turkeys fly down. At last I hear the quiet shuffling of deer moving through the woods. One, two, three, four. Three doe and one small buck which I let pass as they head for their beds.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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MONTHLY MEETING



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(as of September 30, 2000)

Lifetime Members	241
Annual Members	50

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Suddenly I see something that wasn't there before. It's a leg leading up to a large body and sporting a nice BIG rack. He is coming right into one of my shooting lanes, and I know just when I'll draw my bow. He steps behind the fallen tree, I draw my bow, his head comes out and he stopped. I can wait him out, SNAP a stinging pain spreads across my face, the rubber tube for my peep sight has broke hitting me in the face. The buck seems unalarmed, and he is close enough I can shoot him without the peep if he would just take one more step. In slow motion the buck turns and walks back the way he came. I let down my bow and try to grunt him back in to no avail.

I repair my peep sight on stand, but all the excitement leaves me with the urge to pee. Not to worry I have a plastic bottle in my pack just for that purpose. So I remove the cap and somehow manage to drop it to the ground. Now what am I gonna do? I reach into my pack pull out a plastic wrapped sandwich, eat the sandwich and cover the bottle with the plastic and tie it shut with my deer tag string, HA!! I am a master at improvisation.

Midday finds me slightly sleepy so I decide to stand and stretch. Slowly and quietly I stretch each limb twisting and turning to awaken every muscle. THUMP!! OH NO!! I've kicked the pee bottle off the stand. I look down and see it hanging upside down in a small sapling, and I can hear the steady drip, drip, drip, as the contents leak out and destroy this great stand location.

Defeated, I pack my things, lower my bow, and climb down the tree. I slowly make my way back to the car, and after slamming the trunk I look back up the ridge. There is the big buck from this morning looking down on me with a smirk.

Someone once said, "successful deer hunting requires a lot of luck". This mornings hunt included a lot of luck, Murphy's luck, bad luck.

Link Lucsalbad

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fundraiser help us make improvements to the club grounds and support our conservation programs. If you have not gotten a ticket yet, and would like one, contact one of the club officers. Plan to attend and enjoy an evening of fun with your fellow club members.

Thanks to all who attended the chicken-que on Sunday, August 13th. The turnout was excellent, and a good time was had by all. We sold out of chicken and served more dinners than we did in any one of the previous years. Several large trout were caught in the pond bringing smiles to the young anglers. The steak fry on September 23rd was also a great success.

Dave Matheis, a wildlife biologist for the WDNR, spoke at our club meeting on September 28th. He explained changes in the 2000 archery and gun deer season under the T-zone designation. Dave said the Venison for the Hungry program has been expanded due to the anticipated large deer harvest this fall. This should be an excellent year for deer and turkey hunting. Be extra cautious if you plan to hunt small game or turkey during the expanded deer hunt, and remember to wear blaze orange. Have a safe and successful hunt this fall.

Reminders:

The club grounds will be closed to small game hunting and target shooting during the deer hunt for disabled hunters, which runs from October 7th through October 15th. Seven disabled hunters have signed up for the event.

Hunting and target shooting (gun or bow) at the club grounds requires membership in the club. If you do not have a lifetime or annual membership, and would like to join, please contact Richard Mathison (452-2581) or Royce Curtis (452-3809) to purchase a membership.

OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS:

AGREE TO DISAGREE

Have you ever said something in anger that you later were sorry for? Have you ever believed something so strongly you could not accept any other opinion, even if that opinion came from a friend or relative? I think we have all been in this situation before, I know I have.

If you are reading this article you probably hunt or fish, or are close to someone who does. You probably do not agree with some of the rules and regulations that are put on your sport. Perhaps your passion for the sport has landed you in vehement disagreement with friends or fellow hunters over these regulations.

In America we have the right to free speech and the freedom of opinion, but we do not have the right to force our opinions on those who do not share them.

The disagreements we have about hunting and fishing among ourselves add fuel to the fire for anti hunters and anti gun enthusiasts. If we cannot get along as a group it is much easier for the antis to little by little eliminate our sport.

We need to band together with all who hunt and fish, regardless of the methods they use, or the game they pursue. As a group we can better control the regulations on our sport by encouraging local state and national leaders to write legislation to protect, preserve and benefit our sport way into the future.

Perhaps you think this sounds like an add for the N.R.A. Even though you may not agree with many of the things done by the N.R.A., they are the largest group out there fighting for your right to gun ownership. I urge you to support them in any way you can.

Or maybe you would be more comfortable with the North American Hunting Club, or Wildlife Forever, or any one of several other organizations dedicated to the preservation of the shooting and hunting sports. THAT'S GREAT!!!

Regardless of which organization you join please remember as hunters and fisher people we need to stick together. We need to stop the fighting among ourselves and agree to disagree, until all efforts to take our guns and our hunting rights have been stopped.

Sincerely, Bruce King

TREE STAND SAFETY TIPS

What should the deer hunter who wants to hunt from a tree stand do? These tips are summarized from the Deer & Deer Hunting survey results and other sources:

- Replace commercial or homemade hang-on and self-climbing stands with commercial stands certified by the Tree Stand Manufacturer's Association (TSMA).
- Never use a tree branch for support or as a step
- Check out a permanent tree stand before climbing into it
- Be extra cautious when climbing in bad weather.
- Never climb when tired or on medication.
- Use a rope to raise and lower bow, gun or other gear.
- Move slowly and carefully when off the ground, especially at the end of a long hunt when you might be cold or cramped.
- Hunt with a partner or leave word and a map with someone you trust.
- Carry a cell phone or two-way radio.
- Treat a tree stand as you would a motorcycle. Fear it and respect it always, or it might kill you.

BOONE & CROCKETT BUCK



Club Member Donald Anderson of Melrose bagged this 202 lb., 10 point buck with an inside spread of 19 1/8 inches, in Jackson County on opening morning of the 1999 season. The gross score is 177 0/8 Boone & Crockett points, with a net of 172 1/8. To learn more about Boone & Crockett scored see their web site at <http://www.boone-crockett.org>.



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REMEMBER

FALL FEST

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OCTOBER 21

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**WATCH OUT
DEER !!**

BOB MOILIEN

Is the proud
owner of the
Winchester .270
raffled off at the
Sept. meeting.

**Congratulations
Bob!**

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2000
COON VALLEY VILLAGE HALL**

**\$10 per person - Tickets Available Now!
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

**FOOD - REFRESHMENTS - GAMES - MUSIC - FUN
25 CASH PRIZES - GUN TABLE - LADIES TABLE - MYSTERY PRIZE**
