

KNIFE LAKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB--Your Lake Association

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Your KLSC was able to pull off all of the events for our annual Winter Day of Fun. It was a spectacular event once again!! There were some questions about ice conditions leading up to that day's Ice Fishing contest, but we had enough good safe ice - 10" and with some quick thinking about hole spacing, we had a good turnout of people out there fishing with about the same number of people up on shore just enjoying the comfort of family & friends!! THANK

YOU to everyone who came out that day to our events. A huge THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered. Your KLSC can't make wonderful memories of events like this without volunteers. THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!! To the KLSC board, to the unspoken hours & days of your commitment & passion for giving back to our community ..... Wow Wow Wow!! I can't THANK YOU enough!! Thank you to all sponsors & businesses that contributed to the WDOF!!!

That's enough of this winter, now off to warmer weather & boating!! LOL

The KLSC meets every 3rd Saturday of the month @ 9am at our Clubhouse. All meetings are open to the public.

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## KLID Report

The allotted time frame for returning weed letters has closed. If you didn't return your letter by 2/15/24, then unfortunately your dock area will not be sprayed for nuisance weeds when that happens in June. There is a procedure that the MN DNR has in place that the KLID & the weed spraying company have to follow. This is a permitting procedure, that like any permit takes time, that's why the KLID had asked that all letters be returned by the above date.

As far as ice & snow conditions are concerned, the max consistent ice thickness this winter was 14" with minimal snow cover.

The KLID meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at 8AM at the KLSC clubhouse. These meetings are always open to the general public.

Ed Hamlin, President KLSC & liaison to KLID.

## Pancake Breakfast Recap

We had about 120 people come to our Winter Day of Fun pancake breakfast. Thank you all for showing up to support us! As always, I would like to thank our many volunteers as we could not do this without you!! Our next breakfast will be May 25 for Memorial Day. See you then!

Jake Tillotson

Hello everyone!

The Knife Lake Sportsman's Club would like to send out a thank you to everyone that attended and supported our 69th annual Ice Fishing Contest! The event was held on Saturday, February 3rd, 2024. The weather was mild, and we had roughly 300 – 350 people in attendance. It was a great turnout. Lots of smiles and laughter! A total of 23 fish were registered with Noah Rooney taking the top prize with a 16  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Bass. It was also great to see Walleye, Perch and Northern Pike weighed and measured that day. This year was a little different due to the warm temps leading up to the day of the contest. We decided to move the ticket, prize tents, food trailer and stage up onto the shore in the park area near the public access for safety reasons. Also, with guidance from the Kanabec County Sheriff's Department, we decided to only allow foot traffic that day for safety on the ice. With the cooperation of all volunteers and anglers everything worked out well. The new location turned out to be a big hit with volunteers and participants. It was a great atmosphere, and it also opened up some great new ideas from the KLSC team, volunteers and participants regarding expanding our options for future tournaments to be held at that location.

Many names were drawn throughout the event, and lots of prizes were handed out. Donna Rumpca's name was drawn for the grand prize of the day. She won the 2024 8'X16' All Season Explorer Ice Castle Fish House.

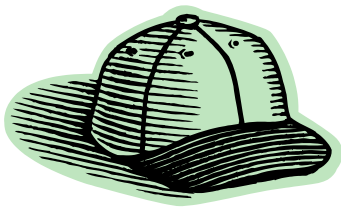
Again, we would like to send out a huge thank you to the Kanabec County Sheriff's Department, all on and off ice participants and volunteers and sponsors. We couldn't have done this event without you! Thank you!

John Cheney, KLCS VP

### **Winter Day Of Fun**

Thank You to all who volunteered and participated in Winter Day of Fun 2024! It was a successful event due to all of you! You always show up to support us in all of our activities. This year was a very unique experience with no snow and warm temperatures kept us on our toes, constantly pivoting with the changing conditions almost daily. As we take a short breather, we soon will start planning for our 70th annual WDOF, it should be epic! Please feel free to give us some feedback and/or suggestions on how to keep improving this event. Our meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of the month @ 9am. As always, we are always looking for volunteers.

Rachel Hamlin



KLSC Logo Sportswear —caps,  
shirts, sweatshirts, jackets—  
Come to the next event or  
meeting to make your selection



### **Winter Day of Fun Bingo**

Thank you to those of you that came out and played bingo for the afternoon. It was nice to see all of you. It turned out to be a great event and I hope you enjoyed your day. Thank you to my family for helping with this event and making it turn out so well. I look forward to seeing you all on the lake this spring/summer.  
Michelle Gulden, KLSC

### **2024 Knife Lake Sportsmen's Club Dues are being received now!**

If you are not presently members, you are cordially invited and urged to become members of the Knife Lake Sportsmen's Club. The KLSC is your lake association and works closely with the Knife Lake Improvement District. These two organizations work together to represent all lake shore owners in efforts to improve Knife Lake water quality and address other lake concerns.

Both organizations desire your input and participation. The Knife Lake Sportsmen's Club Board of Directors meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. All members are invited to attend the board meetings. The annual general membership meeting (with elections) is held on the 3rd Saturday of June.

The Knife Lake Improvement District holds its annual meeting in August. All Knife Lake residents are automatically members of the KLID. Its monthly board meetings are open to lakeshore owners. They are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at the KLSC clubhouse. The minutes of these public meetings are posted on the Kanabec County Website.

We hope we have enticed your participation. A KLSC membership dues form is on the back page of this newsletter.



## KNIFE LAKE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INC.

Annual Membership Dues for 2023 -- \$35

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Lake address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address if different \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Membership (please circle one)   New   Renewal   Additional donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Knife Lake Sportsmen's Club  
and mail check with this form to:

Knife Lake Sportsmen's Club  
PO Box 254  
Mora, MN 55051

*Thank you!*

Dues can now be paid on our website, **knifelake.us**