

MAWAGA NEWS

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MEETING JUNE 13, 2017
MEAL AT 6:00 P.M. MEETING AT 7:30 P.M

KITCHEN COMMITTEE

As usual we will end the Mawaga year with an all you can eat burger and dog blowout. There will be homemade coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans and all the fixings for your burgers and dogs. Bring your appetites! This is a really big deal for only seven bucks.

We are now entering the summer layoff (no meeting in July or August). So here is a list of rules to follow during your time at the club:

- 1) No shooting on Sunday or during any Club activity or Club rental. Do not bring anything to the range area that you don't take back out with you including your brass. Shoot only in the designated area.
- 2) Keep the grounds and clubhouse clean. Put any fishing line to be discarded in a trash barrel.
- 3) The Club fishing rules are on the back side of the newsletter. Follow them!
- 4) The pavilion will be available all summer for member rentals. Call Gary at 789-0934 to reserve your day.

CHICKEN BBQ NEWS

Last year our Chicken BBQ was quite a success. Reports from those attending were quite positive. So we were excited to do it again this year expecting even more participation. So what happens....?

Details of the BBQ event were announced in the May newsletter and tickets were made available. Then the president made an announcement at the May meeting saying he would need a few members to help put it on. He also said he had tickets and that everyone interested should see him to get their tickets. Not one person bought a ticket. Not one person raised their hand to help.

So, leap forward to the next BOD meeting. The BBQ was discussed resulting in the Board voting to cancel the 2017 Chicken BBQ due to lack of interest.

However, our president is finding it hard to give up on this potentially annual event.

So, here is the final offer. If the members come forward by the end of the June meeting and purchase or commit to purchasing a minimum of fifty (50) tickets, he will make the BBQ happen.

The date is **Saturday June the 24th**. This will be a fabulous day of games, fishing, getting to know each other better and of course EATING. The event will start at noon with hot dogs and hamburgers being served until dinner which will be served between 4 and 6 PM.

Get your tickets soon. Bring your families and friends. Children 10 and under eat for free.

Our President is working hard to make this event happen and be a success. The best thing you can do to make this happen and lighten his load is to commit to being there by buying tickets. They will be available at the June meeting. As usual, if you can't make it to the meeting, please call Gary (789-0934) and he'll make arrangements get them to you somehow.

Finally, the 2017 **PIG ROAST** will happen again on August the 5th. The event will target the public. Tickets will be \$20 each. Mawaga members are welcome. A maximum of 200 tickets will be sold.

Our **2017 Smith & Wesson gun raffle is now underway**. We are again raffling a model 1911Sc. The drawing will be at the Fall Trout Derby. Tickets and flyers will be available at the May meeting. In 2015 our members bought and sold over \$3000 worth of tickets. Let's get there again! Right now we are about a third of the way there. If you would like to check out some tickets to sell, they will be available at the meeting.

MAWAGA SPORTING CLUB FISHING RULES

- 1) **ONLY MEMBERS, A MEMBER'S WIFE, A MEMBER'S CHILDREN, AND A MEMBER'S GRANDCHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MAY FISH.**
 - A) Guests of members may not fish
 - B) A member must be present and supervising while children or grandchildren are fishing.
- 2) **TWO (2) TROUT MAY BE KILLED PER DAY PER MEMBERSHIP.**
 - A) Once you or yours kill your second trout, whether intentionally or accidentally, you must stop fishing. Catch and release fishing is not allowed at this point as this could result in the killing of additional fish.
 - B) See rule #7 for the definition of a killed fish.
- 3) **FOUR (4) TROUT MAY BE KILLED PER WEEK PER MEMBERSHIP.**
 - A) Once you kill your fourth trout in any calendar week (which starts on Sunday), you may continue to fish only under "CATCH AND RELEASE" rules. If another trout is accidentally killed, all fishing must be discontinued until the next calendar week.
- 4) **ONLY ONE (1) TROUT EXCEEDING FIFTEEN (15) INCHES MAY BE KILLED PER WEEK PER MEMBERSHIP. In other words your first killed trout exceeding 15" is automatically your 4th killed trout of the week.**
- 5) **ALL BASS MUST BE RELEASED UNHARMED IMMEDIATELY.**

If the bass has taken the hook deep, cut the line about 18" from the hook and release the fish.
- 6) **A LIMIT OF TWO (2) LINES MAY BE USED, ONLY ONE (1) OF WHICH MAY BE USED WITH BAIT.** (Unless they are being used by children)
- 7) **A "KILLED TROUT" IS DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:**
 - A) Any trout caught and taken for consumption by a member.
 - B) Any trout caught and released bleeding or which required a deeply taken hook to be cut free.
 - C) Any trout which in order to subdue, encountered rough handling.

While any of the fish described in B, or C may survive once released, their chances are greatly reduced and therefore must be considered as killed.
- 8) **"CATCH AND RELEASE" FISHING**
 - A) Only barbless lures and flies should be used.
 - B) Handle Bass and Trout carefully and as little as possible. Avoid having the fish touch the ground. If you are unable to get down to the fish to release it, consider using a soft mesh landing net to aid in reducing injury to the fish during release.
 - C) Still fishing with bait is strongly discouraged, as fish caught by this method are unlikely to survive.
 - D) If you do choose to still fish with bait, please consider the following steps:
 - a) Use a small hook such as size 10 or 12
 - b) Have a needle-nose pliers or hemostat to aid in hook removal.
If the hook has been taken deeply, carefully clip the line about 18" from the hook and release the fish.
 - c) Monitor your line at all times and try to hook the fish before it has "swallowed" the bait.
- 9) **LOG ALL TROUT CAUGHT AND ALL BASS OVER 12 INCHES CAUGHT IN THE LOGBOOK PROVIDED IN THE CLUBHOUSE and WHETHER KEPT OR RELEASED.**

GATE POLICY

WHEN ENTERING THE MAWAGA CLUB GROUNDS UNLOCK AND OPEN THE GATE, DRIVE IN AND CLOSE AND LOCK THE GATE. UPON LEAVING THE CLUB, UNLOCK AND OPEN THE GATE DRIVE OUT AND CLOSE AND LOCK THE GATE. THE GATE IS TO BE CLOSED AND LOCKED AT ALL TIMES (EXCEPT DURING CLUB FUNCTIONS).