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Weekly Update

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Ladies work the hallway tables-- same as men--to avoid the meetings?



Euchre Chairman Lynn Ackers reports to the Board.



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A Gripe from the Webmaster!



Hey, Sports Committee Chairmen! Regarding your event entry forms, you should MAIL a copy to the Webmaster for publication on the website.

Since you are responsible for your event, I should not have to beg, borrow, or steal a copy of your entry form from a Lodge or from someone who just happens to have one!

Remember, if your entry form is NOT on the site, it's because YOU did not provide one to the Webmaster!

Let's Fly
It Right!



An Open Message to all Boards of Officers:

Your Lodges should be flying American flags that are in excellent condition. Once your flag becomes tattered or torn or faded, it should be replaced.

I encourage you to create a small fund-raising to support this patriotic endeavor to keep our flag flying!

Regional Manager Dwaine Brown Suggests That All Administrators and Governors

. . . go to the Website -- www.ohiomoose.com -- and then do the following:

When you arrive on site, go to "What's New." In that column, once you click on it, you will find a PDF file on the OSMA booklet entitled "The Friendliest Place in Town."

Please print off a copy.

Then, make a copy for each one of your Officers AND your selected, valued employees.

WHY? -- Over the next couple of months, other State Board Officers and Members and I are going to dissect this booklet with you, your officers, and (I hope) your valued employees, via e-mail.

We will be addressing the issues that this booklet covers; thus, you'll need to check your e-mail on a regular basis.

Using the email can be fun and, at the same time, educational. Try it!

We also desire your input! Please share your thoughts by way of e-mail.

Despite the fact that this booklet is eight years old, its philosophies are still relevant and valuable in today's world. You'll be hearing more on this subject!



Read Your Mail and Your E-mail!

What's the point in having good communications if you--as Administrator and Boards of Officers--never pay attention to them, whether as written messages or as e-mails? To illustrate, on Monday, March 3rd, RM Brown e-mailed everyone that should bring their attention to the current sponsorship records and noted that Ohio was currently over 1,000 applications behind last year at this time.

“What can we do?” you may cry, wringing your hands, and looking around for help!”

As any good Manager does, Dwaine Brown told you to start an in-house membership drive AT ONCE and to run that campaign at least until April 30th! He suggested . . .

Give sponsors Moose Bucks!

Give sponsors discounts in your Social Quarters!

Give sponsors free steak dinners!

Give sponsors special privileges, such as a special a parking spot!

Give sponsors gas cards!

Give sponsors gift cards

Give sponsors a free year s dues!

IF YOU CAN AFFORD IT, give your sponsors all of the above! The point is that the above list is actually endless in the ways that you can reward and recognize your member-sponsors!

Let's make ours the greatest finish in history in membership production in these last two months!

Remember also that the current OSMA membership campaign provides you the opportunity to earn the beautiful and very comfortable Club-5 Sweatshirt. All you have to do is to sign five new or former members between the dates of November 1, 2007 and April 30, 2008, and the sweatshirt will be on its way!

The whole point is, Brother Administrator and Brother Governor, that you've got to get off your hands and DO SOMETHING! You can't simply be a pimple in the path of progress. You've got to get with the Moose program! Otherwise, you perhaps ought to consider resigning your position at once.

Why so drastic a suggestion? We're facing a huge challenge in the near future with the increase in the ABCD contribution and its annual increase of \$2 per year which will require most lodges to increase their dues. You've got to be pro-active, not re-active and get the job done while there's still time.



Here's a question for you -- "Why do you suppose that Moose International offers so many travel programs?"

One answer is simply that going on a Moose cruise is a way to build fraternalism, a way to create new friends, and a way to re-establish old friendships.

Another answer is simply that any Moose International Cruise offering is part of the Moose international program, and every Moose Association is obligated to support ALL programs of the Moose.

So a question becomes "How many of you have signed up for the Moose International Cruise to Alaska? Our table at the recent Mid-Year Conference apparently was insufficient to attract very many Ohio Moose members; so, let us remind you once again that the Alaskan Cruise is slated for 15 days, departing on May 18th.

As noted before, the cruise starts in San Francisco for two nights with an included city tour. You'll travel through Sacramento to Nevada's mountains for two nights in the Lake Tahoe/Reno area and visit one of the most beautiful mountain lakes in the world, Lake Tahoe. Your group will next explore Oregon with overnights in both Medford and Portland, Oregon.

Next, you'll travel through Washington; cross the great Columbia River; pass by Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Rainier, and board your ship in Seattle.

Your Norwegian Cruise Line ship,

the "NCL Star" will be your home for your 7-day inside passage cruise to Ketchikan, Juneau, Sawyer Glacier, Skagway, and Prince Rupert, BC.

Enjoy total freedom with NCL's *Freestyle* cruising. You pick what to wear, and where and when to dine from ten different restaurants.

Next, your group will spend a night in Seattle, Washington, with an included city tour before flying home the next day.

Your price of \$1,898 per person, double occupancy, includes the 7-day cruise on NCL's "Star," 7 nights hotels, baggage handling, taxes, port charges and lots of sightseeing. Airfare, obviously, is extra.

Call for prices from your closest major airport.

Remember, family and friends are welcome.

\$100 deposits are due at once.

For information, reservations and brochure, call seven-days a-week at 1-800-736-7300.

Listen to the testimony of Ohio Moose who have gone on previous cruises who attest to the fact that this Alaskan tour, in particular, has been one of the grandest moments of their lives.

If you and your lady have often talked of a once-in-a-lifetime cruise, now's the time to act.

THIS IS A GREAT 15 DAYS! ACT AT ONCE!



A Lesson From Moose International . . .

Director of Membership Darrell O'Brien writes that . . .

As of March 7, 2008, there are 13,186 Lodge applicants AND 5,046 Chapter applicants who have paid their dues and fees.

The implication is clear:

If all of these applicants were to be reported as enrolled by April 30th, there should be no problem in showing an increase in active members for the second year in a row.

What Should You Be Doing?

The Message is equally clear:

Don't be a pimple in the path of progress! Get these men and women reported!!!



Hospitality Rooms Are Worth Their Weight In Gold!

Let's get this out of the way first: Yes, there are opportunities for gaming; yes, there might be smoke in the air; yes, adult beverages are for the asking.

Now let's talk about the real value of the hospitality rooms. First of all, they provide a venue for renewing acquaintances. Since it's in the north-western-most part of the state, Montpelier Lodge 312 is inaccessible to most Ohio Moose. Isn't it great, then, to walk into a hospitality room and see Dave JoHantgen or Phyllis Geesey? Trumbull 186 is in the opposite corner, almost. Isn't it great to see Scotte Elliott or Dave Yutzzy? Point made?

Second, hospitality rooms provide a venue for making new friends!

Third, they're a venue for meeting other lodge and chapter officers and members who share similar concerns and problems and solutions!

Fourth, they're great places to work off the stress of the business day in session, of absorbing all kinds of great Moose information. It's sort of like bar-hopping without the worry of the state police hiding in the halls.

In short, we are very much appreciative of those units which see fit to host our Moose members at annual Mid-Year Conferences and annual Conventions.

Their workers exemplify that great concept of volunteerism on which so much of the Moose is predicated. Thanks, guys and gals!



Did we mention "fun"? Here's a sample!

Mark Howdieshell demonstrates his double-jointedness to the delight of everyone!



This must be where one elbow meets the other!





Hello, Ohio Golfers! Here's the Latest Inside Poop!

. . . by Danny Albert, Golf Chairman



Well, you had to have loved the chance to play golf in Ohio this past weekend! Not even orange golf balls are visible in 12"+ of snow! The good news is that this storm came in March, not in mid-winter! My observation this week applies to many of us:

OBSERVATION #15 - IF YOUR BEST SHOTS ARE THE PRACTICE SWING AND THE "GIMME PUTT," YOU MIGHT WISH TO RECONSIDER THIS GAME!

So remember this, it takes longer to learn to be a good golfer than it does to become a brain surgeon. On the other hand, you don't get to ride around on a cart, drink beer, eat hot dogs, and fart, if you're performing brain surgery!

Sports Director Buck Dials reminds all Ohio men and women of their chance to play in International tourneys!

Grab a buddy and sign up for your favorite tourney!

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS	
A)	INTERNATIONAL MEN'S & WOMEN'S BOWLING - Jan-Fri - White, Ohio - Lods - 1081 For Information Contact: 519-253-1006
B)	INTERNATIONAL DARTS - April 20th - 22nd - Blacksburg, VA - Lods - 1077 For Information Contact: 540-667-8294
C)	INTERNATIONAL MIX GOLF (SKAMBI) - May 1st - 5th - Blacksburg, VA - Lods - 1077 For Information Contact: 1-800-368-0045 ext 101
D)	INTERNATIONAL POKE - July 1st - 5th - Blacksburg, VA - Lods - 1077 For Information Contact: 540-667-8294
E)	INTERNATIONAL GOLF - July 1st - 5th - Blacksburg, VA - Lods - 1077 For Information Contact: 540-667-8294
F)	INTERNATIONAL HOPSCOCKS - July 20th - 21st - Taylor Township, MI - Lods - 1157 For Information Contact: 313-291-1396
G)	INTERNATIONAL GOLF - August 2nd - 5th - Blacksburg, VA - Lods - 1077 For Information Contact: 540-667-8294
H)	INTERNATIONAL MIXED BOWLING - October 1st - 20th - Taylor Township, MI - Lods - 1157 For Information Contact: 301-835-5145

Note: This partially represented poster may be found at your Lodge, posted in a conspicuous place. The purpose here is simply to remind you that International offers a tourney in your favorite sport each year. Try it! You might light it!

