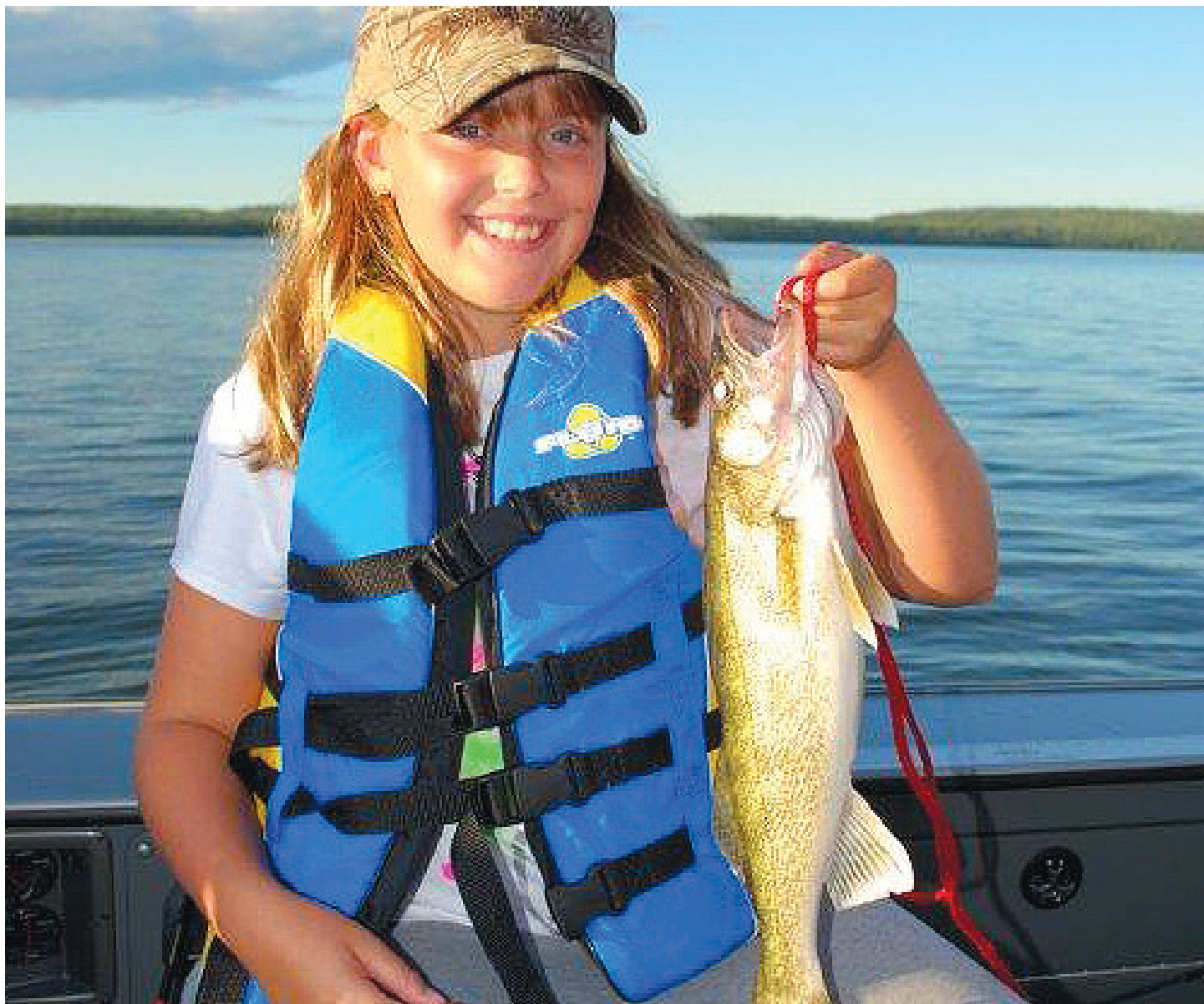


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By now most bow hunters living in the City of Thunder Bay are aware that Sept. 1st kicks off the start date for the City of Thunder Bay Deer/Bow Hunt. The rules have not changed since the hunt's 2012 initial year which by all accounts was a successful one. NOSA and OFAH Zone B reps have remained in continual contact with city officials and police who are ready to roll forward with the bow hunt season for this year. Hunters are encouraged to contact the City Bylaw division if there are any questions as to where the hunting zones are permitted within the city limits. A map and all the rules are available online if you simply google thunderbay.ca and key in the words "bow hunt" or "deer hunt" into the search engine on the web site. Here are the regulations as they appear in the By-law 046-2012:

- 1) Hunting is only allowed on certain privately owned lands as set out in the By-law 046-2012
- 2) Hunting is only allowed during the hunting season prescribed by the Prov. of Ontario.
- 3) Hunters must be in possession of a valid hunting license issued by the Prov. of Ontario.
- 4) Hunting is only permitted with a bow and arrow as prescribed by the Prov. of Ontario (includes Crossbows).

5) Hunting is only permitted from a tree stand or other similar stand no lower than 3 meters in height.

6) A bow and arrow can NOT be discharged within 75 meters of a dwelling or highway.

7) Baiting deer is only permitted during the period from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15 in the year.

8) Hunters must receive the prior consent in writing of the owner of the privately owned land where he or she is hunting.

9) Hunters must receive the prior consent in writing of every owner of privately owned lands which are located within a radius of 75 meters of the tree stand.

10) Hunters must not field dress the deer or dispose of the remains or carcass of the deer on the lands where he or she is hunting without the prior consent in writing of the owner of these lands, or on a road allowance or on lands owned by the Corporation.

In addition to these regulations, hunters are reminded to wear blaze orange and to respect the game they are pursuing by taking only those shots that will permit a high percentage of success in taking deer down quickly. Therefore only 'vital' shots should be taken and shot distances should be limited to under 30 meters. For safety purposes, a safety harness should be worn by bow hunters hunting from elevated stands.

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## Elk Restoration Fundraiser Dinner

The Annual Thunder Bay Elk Restoration/Foundation dinner is Friday September 20th at Italian hall. 6:00 pm. Ticket price \$60 includes a ticket for a 12 ft Lund boat. Tickets available from Terry Olsen 767-2286. NOSA is a proud supporter of the Elk Restoration Committee efforts.



# NOSA Sponsors Duck Nest Box Project

Early this summer the Northwestern Ontario Sportsmen's Alliance (NOSA) joined a team of volunteers led by the Northwestern Trappers Assoc. to construct 180 Wood Duck Nesting boxes. The project was funded by groups like NOSA and OFAH and Ducks Unlimited who assisted the volunteer contingent of trappers who annually select a major conservation project like this one, to improve natural habitat or enhance wildlife conditions in and around registered trap lines in the Thunder

Bay District. Rob Watson of DU reported that this was the first time that 180 Wood Duck nest boxes were constructed in a mass quantity for the Thunder Bay District and he commended the work of groups like NOSA and the trappers who devote their time and funding to such important efforts.

Wood Ducks use the boxes to nest and raise their ducklings in a safe location near water. The duck boxes should be checked annually and cleaned by those who place them out in the

woods, thus keeping them viable for many years to come. It is expected that thousands of ducks will be raised in coming years in the Thunder Bay District as a result of the duck nesting construction project.





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# NOSA and D&R Sponsor 3D Archery Shoot

NOSA and D&R Sporting Goods teamed up to supply prizes and sponsorship funds to the 2013 "3D Rubber Boot" shoot held at the Lakehead Archery club on Vibert Road this past June. The late scheduling of the shoot was due to the lingering snow and wet conditions in May, but by all accounts the rescheduled event was a huge hit

with archery enthusiasts and local bow hunters. According to club Director Lisa Dampier, a large number of shooters attended the two day event despite the weather. The 3D course also received a new Rhinehart Whitetail deer target supplied by NOSA.

The winner of the NOSA/D&R sponsored Bear Archery compound bow package was Karen Baker who proudly claimed her Bear Encounter bow package after her name was randomly drawn among those shooters who registered to participate in the weekend shooting competition. Archery club president Tony Markus said, "A special thanks goes to NOSA and D&R for stepping up each year to assist us with the first major 3D competition of the year."



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# NOSA Sponsors Police Youth Corps Award

Once again the Northwestern Ontario Sportsmen's Alliance is proud to announce the recipient of the prestigious Thunder

Bay Police Youth Corps/NOSA Marksmanship Award. The 2013 NOSA Marksmanship Award was given to youth Constable Kyle Wilson who not only excelled in the top of his class for firearms training but he also showed great leadership in firearms safety, devoting himself to the lessons, practice and competition.

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NOSA Executive Director John Kaplanis was on hand to present the award to Cst. Wilson and he also presented a cheque for \$500 to Police Youth Corps Commander Ryan Wilson who graciously acknowledged the support that NOSA has demonstrated in recent

years to ensuring the continuance of the Police Youth Corps program.

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## 2013 NOSA Sportsman of the Year Award

At the NOSA Annual Dinner held early this year, the prestigious Sportsman of the Year Award was announced by Executive Director John Kaplanis. This year's award went to NOSA member and supporter Kris Knutsen who is no stranger to prestigious awards. Kris is known to the Thunder Bay District for his reputation as a well respected lawyer serving with Carrel and Partners law firm for over 30 years. Kris devotes his valued perspective and advice to assist NOSA and Executive Director John Kaplanis with often times contentious issues that require sound decision making skills. Kris has brought that level of perspective to NOSA almost since the founding days of the organization. NOSA continues to enjoy and rely on Kris for his legal opinion and advisory role.

done his part to ensure several future generations of outdoorsmen will follow in the Knutsen family footsteps. Thanks for being here Kris!



Kris Knutsen (right) with son Erik (left) enjoy turkey hunting success

Kris is also a very devoted family man who has raised his two sons Erik and Kevin to appreciate the outdoors, hunting and fishing and in doing so has



# NOSA Proud to Support AYA Thunder Bay



NOSA is once again proud to announce its support of the Angler Young Angler (AYA) Thunder Bay live release walleye tournament. The event is promoted by LUND Canada in partnership with community sponsors. North Country Cycle and Sport is a key organizer of the event and the Northwestern Ontario Sportsmen's Alliance (NOSA) stepped up to assist with sponsorship and volunteer support again this year. The event sees about 40 pairs of youth

anglers, each with one adult boat captain competing for a pot of great prizes, many of which are donated by community businesses.

This year's AYA Thunder Bay champions were Team Viehbeck of Davis Viehbeck, Nikko Grigio and Matt Nutley weighing in a total of 9.3lbs worth of walleye with a big fish of just over 5lbs. Viehbeck's team will compete for the National Championship on Lake of the Woods later this summer.

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# Westfort Prosvita Society Antler/Skull Measuring Contest



The Northwestern Ontario Sportsmen's Alliance (NOSA) is proud to announce a contest sponsored by one of our affiliate membership clubs, the Westfort Prosvita Men's Fish and Game Club. The Westfort Club invites new members to join the Men's Fish and Game Club(\$35) and the Westfort Prosvita Society(\$15) to be eligible to enter all moose/deer antlers as well as bear skulls, during their "measuring" contest which is normally held in January of the membership year. All entries must be clean and will be measured by certified scorers. Cash prizes are awarded to the top three entries for each of moose, deer and bear categories. For more information on how to join, contact 577-9021 or visit the Westfort Prosvita Society on Gore Street for information on how to join.



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# OMNR Consults NOSA On Ways to Increase Revenue

It is no secret by now that OMNR's financial purse has been tremendously lacking funds for well over a decade. As the cost of wildlife management and public services seem to constantly be on the increase, the need has never been greater to find new ways to sustainably generate revenue to get OMNR on solid fiscal footing. This has been a challenge that for many years OMNR's top brass has seemingly ignored. On more than one occasion when NOSA has attempted to recommend revenue generating ideas, OMNR staff at certain levels had replied that it was not their role to "make a profit" and increase the Ministry's financial pot. This never made sense when at nearly all other levels within the agency there was no argument that funding for wildlife management programs such as the Moose Aerial Inventory (MAI) was severely lacking. NOSA has argued that OMNR needs to rethink its business model, to become more service oriented and to welcome the myriad ways that hunters, sport anglers and trappers can inject fresh revenue back into fish and wildlife programming.

It's true that hunting and fishing license fees and royalties and fines have propped up the lion's share of funding for OMNR. For the past few years, approximately 67% of MNR's fish and wildlife program budget has been support-

ed by the F&W SPA, and about 33% is contributed by general tax revenues.

The following information was released recently by OMNR: The Ministry of Natural Resources annual Fish and Wildlife program is supported by licence fees, royalties and fines (approximately 67%) and general tax revenues (approximately 33%), and supports a variety of management activities:



- Fisheries management
- Wildlife management
- Science and monitoring
- Conservation Officers and enforcement
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Ontario angling and hunting license client data show that the number of anglers and hunters will decline substantially over the next 5 – 15 years as the "baby boom" generation ages. Subsequent generations have lower rates of participation in angling and hunting, hence MNR will be facing declines in license revenues unless new

participants are engaged, or the kinds of revenues are diversified.

MNR is currently consulting clients and stakeholders on goals and objectives, and potential revenue generation opportunities, that might be included in a strategy to sustain and potentially increase revenues to the Fish & Wildlife Special Purpose Account to ensure healthy fish and wildlife resources for years to come in Ontario. The Strategy is expected to be completed by December 2013.

NOSA has made numerous recommendations throughout this consultation phase. Some of the ideas that NOSA has proposed include an OLG Fish and Wildlife lottery ticket, of which the proceeds will be devoted directly back into F&W programming. Additionally NOSA has recommended that OMNR examine ways to increase hunting and fishing opportunities that equate to additional dollars for the SPA. For example, a youth deer license that allows youth apprentice hunters to buy their own antlered deer license/tag. NOSA has also pitched the idea that Crown Land cottage lots be opened up for development as increasing real estate values could translate to a huge economic boon for OMNR if administered properly.

NOSA will continue to work with OMNR through this process to ensure new revenue generating ideas are derived. NOSA is also strictly opposed to raising the cost of hunting and fishing license fees simply to prop up this agency as this would be a non-sustainable means of funding that should be avoided.

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# NOSA Meets New Minister of Natural Resources



In April of this year a meeting was arranged by MPP Bill Mauro to put new Minister of Natural Resources David Orazietti in front of NOSA Exec. Director John Kaplanis for a candid conversation about the state of the Ministry and what to do about various wildlife issues important to the Northwest. NOSA Executive Dir. John Kaplanis reported that the meeting went very well with Minister Orazietti taking a very common sense view of many of the things NOSA brought to his attention.

Of the issues discussed, the key concern for NOSA is the fact that OMNR has serious funding deficiencies that need to be corrected in order to maintain and enhance hunting and fishing opportunities province wide. Kaplanis bluntly explained to the Minister that his new agency also has staff that don't always recognize that the tax and license paying customers in the form of hunters and anglers, need to be engaged by OMNR staff in a more "service oriented" manner in order to ensure that current hunters/anglers are retained and future recruitment is sustainable. The OMNR "Special Purpose Account" (SPA) is a significant pot of revenue that is entirely supported by hunting, sport angling, trapping and other "consumptive" use activities, and it pays the wages of a lot of OMNR employees, therefore NOSA is suggesting that OMNR staff begin to recognize and value these user groups and find better ways to "engage" them and keep them interested in spending money to utilize Ontario's wilderness and wildlife resources.

Additionally, NOSA has concerns that key hunting and fishing opportunities are being missed out on here in Ontario and that these opportunities can equate to additional revenue for the OMNR's SPA fund. Kaplanis cited examples in the form of extended deer season hunting and additional deer license opportunities as one way to increase cash flow to the financially strained OMNR. Readers will recall that in the last issue of the newsletter, NOSA had complained that OMNR was not willing to extend the deer season here in the Northwest, particularly in the Thunder Bay District. An extended deer season with special hunt opportunities (for muzzle loaders or bows for example) could mean more sales in deer licenses. Also, discussed was the huge financial loss of opportunity in the form of the spring bear hunt, which is currently enjoyed by other provinces in Canada, thus making it very difficult for the bear hunting tourism element to compete with other provinces that are attracting bear hunters to their jurisdictions in the spring months. This is revenue that could be flowing directly into Ontario but it is not. With a fully sustainable and marketable product, in this case black bears, there is no reason that Ontario should be sitting idle while other provinces are enjoying the lucrative financial boon of such a hunting opportunity.

On the matter of wildlife management, the key concern for NOSA is the fact that Minnesota has recently cancelled their moose hunt indefinitely and here in the Northwest our moose population status is unclear. On this note, NOSA indicated to the Minister that more funding needs to be devoted to moose population research and determining how best to maintain prime moose habitat and conditions. This discussion also included concerns about why wolves are not really being targeted by hunters the way they once were. It was conveyed to the Minister that wolf management is a key concern in other provinces and states when trying to protect and foster ungulate health. But here in Ontario, with a separate licensing regime for wolves, there number of wolf hunters has dropped dramatically in the past 10 years and it is NOSA's contention that this has resulted in more wolves on the landscape. The bottom line is; wolves eat moose. Therefore more needs to be done to encourage the harvest of wolves on the landscape, and one way to do this is to go back to the method of allowing wolves to be harvested on a small game license along with other small game species that are permitted on the license.

NOSA wishes to extend a thank you to MPP Bill Mauro for his work to set up the meeting between the Minister and NOSA and we are hopeful that these recommendations will be followed up with a response, some time before the coming winter.

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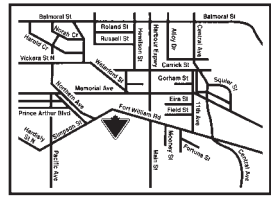
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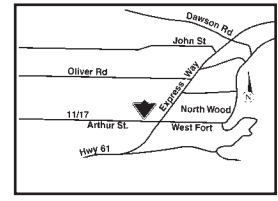


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