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Membership dues are based on a calendar year starting with the date of enrollment. The expiration date of your membership is shown on your membership card. If renewal of the dues is not received by the expiration date a reminder is sent. The reason for this is twofold. First and foremost we value your membership and hope you continue to support us. Secondly, our Bylaws state that a member in arrears 30 days after the anniversary date shall be removed from the rolls. Please keep in mind that one reminder only is required in this same section of the Bylaws and is sent in hopes that your membership continues without a lapse. If any member has a question regarding this please feel free to contact us.

Thanks for your continued support.

What Can We Do This Summer?



Lake Gogebic was a favorite place in the summer. The County Park was maintained and its swimming beach was watched over by lifeguards. It was then, and still is, a favorite fishing spot for bass.

Gogebic Hotel

AND COTTAGES.



Gogebic Lake, Gogebic County, Mich.

ON LINE OF MILWAUKEE, LAKE SHORE & WESTERN RAILWAY.



SEE INSIDE PAGES FOR FISHING SCORES. SEASON OF 1888.

The Gogebic Hotel and Cottages, on the south end of the lake, was a favorite spot for wealthy tourists coming from Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis and St. Louis, to visit, play, fish and relax. The MLS&W Railroad Company advertised the opening of the Gogebic Resort in 1889. It offered "Every convenience for the comfort and pleasure of guests. A fine fleet of pleasure and fishing boats of all descriptions, sail boats, and a steam yacht at the service of guests". Rates were \$2.50 per day or \$14.00 per week.

Play Baseball! Watch Your Favorite Team!

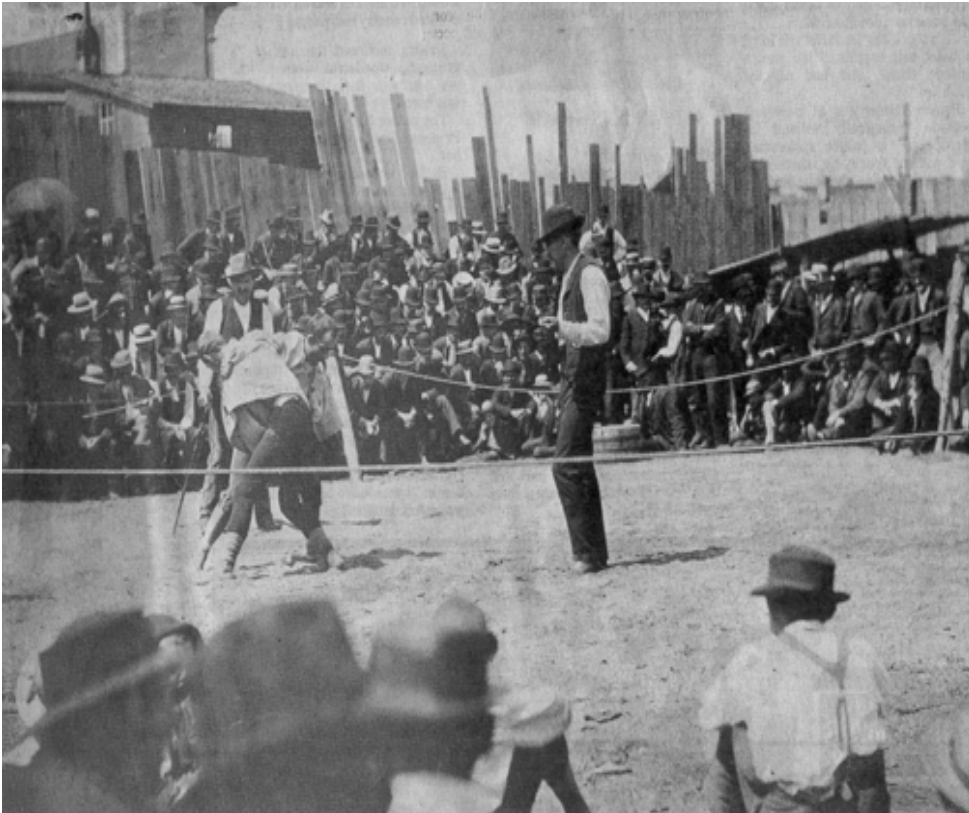


The Norrie Athletic Club—1920

Team members include, from left: First Row—Palmer Peterson, Bill Peterson, manager, Walter Wick, Ed Gorilla, Ray Scott, Dr. Leonard "Whitey" Anderson; Second Row—Dave Jennell, Hjalmer Maki, Clarence "Dolly" Berling, Evar Wickman, Ernest Hogberg, Enoch "Knox" Kellett, Frank "Brownie" Vizanko (Courtesy Ironwood Daily Globe)

In the early 1920s, there were hundreds of baseball teams on The Range. The Oliver Mining Company had a baseball league with seven teams: the Kilowatts, Office, Underground, Laboratory, Surface, Machinests and Carpenters. Each town had a team: Wakefield, Ironwood, Hurley and Bessemer. Newport and Oliver, the Jackson Sluggers, Jessieville are others. Jessieville had the battery of Mullen, Basso and McManman while Kolinen, George, Johnson played for the Sluggers.

Let's Watch the Rasslin' Match!



Wrestling was a popular spectator sport back then. Professional wrestlers such as Lou Thez, Primo Canerra, and Vladik Zabisco came to battle the area champions.

Wanna Take a Bus Trip? Maybe Stay at a Motel?



This photo is pre-1950 taken near the intersection of Douglas Blvd and Cloverland Drive (U.S.2). It shows Ray Danielson's Mobil station and Mt. Zion Motel. The bus is just leaving the intersection. The parking lot on the left is that of the Sport Bowl and WJMS transmitter station. (WJMS studios were in the St. James Hotel on Suffolk St.)



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**Our board meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month
from 10 am to noon
Everyone is invited to attend.**