

SHADOWS ON THE WOLF, INC

January 2020

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Shadows Members,

Happy Holidays to you and your families.

We, as a club, received our Christmas present a little early this year. Of course, I'm talking about our new educational center. The gentleman that made the generous donation is not well known. This man is an avid hunter and fisherman and loves the outdoors. He loves the Shiocton area and has a big heart. I would say that this is quite the Christmas present. However, the giving doesn't stop there. From the time we started this project, we have had countless individuals donating their time from helping with getting the lot ready for construction and everything in between. Individuals and businesses donated materials and equipment that were needed to make this project a reality. I'm sure many of you know what it takes to put up a building. Everyone that helped out with this project donated something. I'm just beside myself to see how many great people there are who lended a helping hand to such a wonderful cause. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! to each and every one of you.

To further bring in the youth of our community, I reached out to Harley Griesbach who is the Shiocton High School shop teacher. I asked if he and his students would be interested in a project for Shadows and the building. He said the school is always interested in projects for good causes. His students will be making four octagon picnic tables for the new building that we will placed in the open space canopy area. Shadows will be buying the materials with the students donating their labor to the project, furthering the education of the students which is the purpose of the building. This is a great opportunity for the students and teaching them about Shadows and donating to a great cause.

I have already been contacted by a couple of gentlemen who would like to use the new educational center, Trappers Education and Firearms Safety. I am beyond excited to see that people are already interested in using this facility and foresee it being used for many good causes. I am looking forward to what is coming for the Shadows club and see the building as a feather in our caps!

We had our first annual Building Fund Raffle which started in this past summer and will continue until the drawing which will be held at the annual meeting, January 18. Brian Boelter, our Banquet Chairman, did an excellent job picking out the items for this raffle. If you would like to purchase tickets to the raffle, please contact me or one of the Shiocton

board members for tickets. We should still have a couple left. Good luck to all of you on the drawing.

I'm writing this letter on December 9th and there is still a lot of work to be completed on the building. But I am happy to say we will have our annual meeting in the new building on January 18th. We may not have everything done at that time but the meeting will be held there.

I want to again say THANK YOU to all of those who donated money and time and the businesses who gave us breaks on pricing and materials. Without you, this building would not be a reality!

At the banquet this year we will have a wonderful auction opportunity. The reason I'm bringing this up now is so that anyone who may be interested can research it prior to the banquet. The donation is a youth hunt at the Kiowa Creek Outfitters (owners are Dan & Tracy Ardrey). Kyle Boelter and I recently had the privilege to hunt with Dan and his guides in Colorado. The accommodations and meals were excellent. They have graciously donated a youth hunt to our club. Their website is www.kiowacreekoutfitters.com. We have also included their flyer with the newsletter. If you have any questions, give Dan a call. It is an excellent opportunity for furthering the education and experiences for young hunters. I'm hoping this gives you the time you would need to decide on bidding on this excellent opportunity.

One final note, the banquet fills up fast every year. Please mail the banquet/membership form back as soon as possible to ensure you get a seat at the banquet.

Thank you, Members, for your continued support of Shadows on the Wolf! We will see you at the annual meeting.

Thank you!
Kevin Conradt
President

**REMINDER: The Annual Meeting on
January 18 will be at the new Shadows
building! ADDRESS:
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CLINTONVILLE CHAPTER

2019 HABITAT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Youth/First Time Women's Learn to Hunt (LTH) Turkey Hunt

- The event was held on April 6 & 7th of this year. This year we hosted 29 hunters. Ten of the hunters were from the USSA organization which is a "Make a Wish" type organization. The hunters harvested 18 bearded turkeys. Next year the hunt weekend will be April 4 & 5, 2020. Anyone interested in mentoring or donating land use, please contact Tom Mijal, cell 920-570-0803.

Challenged Hunters Turkey Hunt - The event took place the 5th season of the 2019 turkey season (5/17 – 5/19). We co-sponsored the event with the Challenged the Outdoors group. We had 10 hunters take part and they harvested 4 bearded turkeys. Next year we are planning to assist the CTO and the hunt will be held on May 15 -17, 2020. Anyone interested in mentoring or donating land use, please contact Tom Mijal, cell 920-570-0803.

Golf Scramble – We hosted the Tenth Annual SOTW Golf Scramble on Saturday June 15th at Clintonville Riverside Golf Course. We had 98 golfers attend the event. The event was very successful and we look forward to next year's event. The eleventh annual event is scheduled at Clintonville Riverside Golf Course on June 20, 2020.

Habitat Enhancement (SEED PROGRAM) – The habitat committee supplied to the three SOTW chapters a total of approximate 500 bags of RR Corn, 1200 bags of Soybeans, and 60 bags of Winter Wheat. That is approximately 1,900 acres of habitat food plots planted in the local area! The chapter is planning a 2020 seed program which we will be selling Round Up Ready Corn, Round Up Ready Soybeans. Food plots must not be harvested and needs to stay in ground for wildlife. Each chapter will be participating in the seed program again this year. Please also watch the SOTW internet site as well because at times we do get seed delivery date issues. We are anticipating a late April distribution time for the chapters. **No chapter distribution dates will be set until we hear further updates from our seed dealers on actual seed delivery dates.** Feel free to contact Tom Mijal for any questions.

Thank you!
Tom Mijal

SHAWANO CHAPTER

Greetings fellow members, we hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer. Winter is on its way, get ready with your shovels! Your Shawano area chapter has been busy with our 2nd Kids Don't Float Kiosk. With Bonduel Tech. Ed. providing

labor and expert workmanship, we completed the kiosk. We placed the kiosk at the Cecil Boat landing mid summer. We also repaired the one at the Shawano County Park. Sorry to say we will have to wait until water levels go down before placing the launch pad at the CCC boat landing on the mighty Wolf river. If you folks have not viewed the landing/ park, stop in and see the wonderful improvements. This year our contributions include funds given to the Navarino Nature Center, Shawano Hunter Safety, Full Draw Youth Camps, J&H's Youth and Ladies day event. Also, for new signage at the boat landings at various spots on the Wolf. Our committee is working on our Shadows On The Wolf banquet currently. It will be held at the Gathering in Shawano on the 28th of March.

Happy Holidays!
Dan Sturm

PROJECT UPDATE

Hortonville Marsh – Wow! Does anyone think the Wolf River will ever go down?! It has been around 57 days over flood stage this year. It will drop for about a week and then back up again. I feel like my feet are growing webs. Highwater – No Pictures – No Pictures – No Permit – No Permit – No Project. This project is not going away, so we'll wait out Mother Nature. I've got time!

Lake Park Fish Stocking Project – In early November, the second half of the fish stocking project at Shiocton Lake Park was completed. The first half was done last fall and we waited to see if there was going to be any winter kill before we completed the project. We stocked 750 bluegill, 187 black crappie, 200 large mouth bass and 125 pounds of fathead minnows during the second half. These numbers are comparable to the first half stocking. The project was started to support a catch and release fishery for kids under 16 years of age and handicapped fishermen. The Shiocton Lake Park is open year round and fish bite when they are hungry . . . so catch them if you can when you take a kid fishing.

Deer Carcass Dumpster – NEW THIS YEAR! The Wisconsin DNR has helped coordinate a cooperative project between Shadows on the Wolf and Outagamie County Parks to make available a dumpster for the disposal of deer carcasses. The dumpster was placed at Barker County Park on about November 20. It was advertised on both the Outagamie County Parks and Shadows Facebook pages. The dumpster remained on site until December 10th. This was the first dumpster to be placed in Outagamie County and approximately 25 deer carcasses were disposed of in the dumpster during that time. If you followed the news during the season, you would have seen news stories of the success of this program in Oconto County. I'm sure it will catch on here as well. Hopefully this practice of dumping

deer carcasses at various parking areas of our public hunting grounds will come to an end. Shadows will be partnering with Outagamie County Parks department again next year to supply a dumpster for carcass disposal. I personally fielded four calls pertaining to this project during the deer season so I know this was generating some interest. Thank you to Outagamie County Parks and the Wisconsin DNR for partnering with us on this project.

Trapper's Education – The Wisconsin Trappers Education course is alive and well in Shiocton. Jim Binder and his staff of volunteers will be teaching a class again this January 3-5. This class roster is full at this time, but more classes will be taught on an on-going basis. Look for information on the Wisconsin DNR site GOWILD.wi.gov. Shadows thanks Jim Binder and his volunteers for their continued dedication to teaching Wisconsin sportsmen the honored tradition of trapping. Keep up the good work!

Hunter's Education – Shiocton Shadows is again sponsoring a hunter's education class in Shiocton. Sign up for the class on GOWILD.wi.gov for the class which will be in February 2020. Watch the website for sign-up information. Class size is limited so don't delay when the sign-up is available. We plan to hold this class in our new education center!

Handicap Accessible Footbridge – A new and exciting project has been undertaken by Shiocton Shadows on the Wolf. A handicap accessible footbridge from the parking lot of our new educational center to the Shiocton Veterans Memorial is being built. The bridge will be ADA compliant, be accessible from the parking lot without having to cross the road and is part of a project to beautify the area around the educational center. Trees along the draining ditch will be cut and the ramp to access the bridge will be landscaped to accent the area. Work on the memorial side will be done by the Shiocton Veterans. This is going to be a nice and very visible project. Tom Cin Metals of Hortonville is building the bridge, which will be 6 feet wide and 60 feet long. Construction should be completed in the Spring of 2020. I'll have much more information on this project in the Spring newsletter.

One last note, the deer kill numbers are down again this year. Way down! I think it's time more of us get involved with the way the DNR counts deer and the methods to regulate seasons and quotas. If we don't get involved, we become part of the problem and not the solution. The 2019 Gun Deer Season saw a harvest of 167,693 deer. By comparison, in the year 2000, Wisconsin hunters harvested a mind numbing 618,274 deer. Something isn't right and it's time to make some changes. Good conversation starter, huh!

Be safe in the outdoors!
Thank you for your time!
Wayne Van Straten

2020 DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 18 – Shadows Annual Meeting
- March 7 – Shiocton Chapter Banquet
- March 28 – Shawano Chapter Banquet
- April 4&5 – Learn to Hunt Turkey Hunt
- May 15-17 - Challenged Hunters Turkey Hunt
- June 20 – Clintonville 11th Annual Golf Scramble

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

Lifetime memberships can be purchased for \$250.00. Contact any board member, private message Shadows On The Wolf Facebook page or email shadowsonthewolf@gmail.com if you are interested.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial and wish to donate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Shadows On The Wolf, please contact your agent for assistance.

Amazon Smile Program

Purchase your items from Amazon Smile and Shadows On The Wolf will receive annual donations from Amazon based on qualifying purchases. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1723093> to begin. You will pay the same great Amazon.com prices and can use your existing Amazon.com account information.

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