

# SHADOWS ON THE WOLF, INC

January 2021

## **ATTENTION: Banquet Update**

***People are asking me what if this continues until March. With a lot of activities still being canceled, will we continue with our banquet? The board met and did decide to move forward with the banquet in March as scheduled. We realize that the attendance may be down from previous years and we will not have 400 people as we usually do for our fundraiser. But we are moving forward with the banquet. Only time will tell as we get the responses back.***

***However, if something changes with the government/state mandates, May 1<sup>st</sup> will be the alternate date. Your spot will be secured on the new date with your membership. The decision will be made by February 1<sup>st</sup> and if you don't receive a second mailing with date changes, assume banquet is still taking place on March 6<sup>th</sup> at Romy's Nightingale.***

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Hello Shadows Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. Thank goodness 2020 is almost behind us. Between the cancellation of school activities and family get togethers, working from home and some people not being able to work at all, we have had many challenges. Being six feet apart, wearing masks and limited number of people being able to gather in buildings. What a change we had to adapt to in ten short months! Hopefully soon, we can get back to a normal life.

We want to give a special thank you to Kyle and Lauren Boelter of Wolf River Asphalt and Seal Coating. The board is so appreciative to them for all the time, equipment and resources donated to the Shadows Educational Center. Thank you very much!

Follow us frequently on Facebook and on the Shadows website. We will post the available classes that will be conducting through the winter with dates and times.

Our annual meeting will be Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at the Shadows Educational Center at 6pm. We hope to see you there!

On behalf of the entire Shadows on the Wolf Board, Thank you! You are the reason we are so successful and able to continue this great organization.

Kevin Conratt, President

## **CLINTONVILLE CHAPTER**

The Clintonville Chapter assisted the Pigeon Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District with additional fish stocking this September. After fish studies conducted fall 2019 and this summer, DNR Fish Biologist Jason Breegman recommended the addition of 3000 5" to 8" perch be stocked in the 152 acre Pigeon Lake in the Clintonville Area. Fish were purchased locally at the Taal Lake Hatchery in New London. The DNR has been monitoring the fish population on Pigeon Lake closely after the lakes complete drawn down was completed in 2019. We are grateful for the DNR's continued assistance as well as working with the PLPRD.

## **2020/2021 HABITAT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

**Youth/First Time Women's Learn to Hunt (LTH) Turkey Hunt** – The 2020 event was cancelled due to Co-vid Restrictions. Next year the hunt weekend will be April 10 & 11, 2021. Anyone interested in mentoring or donating land use, please contact Tom Mijal, cell #920-570-0803.

**Challenged Hunters Turkey Hunt** - The 2020 event was cancelled due to Co-vid Restrictions. Next year we are planning to assist the CTO and the hunt will be held on May 21 - 23, 2021. Anyone interested in mentoring or donating land use, please contact Tom Mijal, cell #920-570-0803.

**Golf Scramble** – We hosted the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual SOTW Golf Scramble on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> at Clintonville Riverside Golf Course. We had 116 golfers attend the event, which was a record attendance year. The event organizers customized the outing to keep in mind a responsible social distancing guideline. The golf scramble was very successful, and we look forward to next year's event. The 12<sup>th</sup> annual event is scheduled at Clintonville Riverside Golf Course on June 19, 2021. Any new persons interested in attending the event or sponsoring holes, please contact Ryan Mijal, cell #920-740-5735.

**Habitat Enhancement ( SEED PROGRAM )** – The habitat committee supplied to the three SOTW chapters a total of approximate 600 bags of RR Corn, 1200 bags of Soybeans. That is approximately 2,100 acres of habitat food plots planted in the local area! The chapter is planning a 2021 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, cell #920-570-0803 for any questions.

Thank you!  
Tom Mijal

### SHAWANO CHAPTER

Greetings fellow SOTW members, this is your Shawano chapter.

Boy, what a year it has been and continues to be. It is quite a challenge for events, group activities and such.

Your Shawano chapter could not hold their annual banquet this spring, due to the restrictions placed on us all. We are hoping (planning) to get our membership at our spring banquet this coming year. But....

At your Shawano chapter we have had donation requests from the Navarino Nature Center. We had a Bonduel High School fishing sponsorship. Our SOTW Habitat-Seed program was a great success. Bonduel Dog Park received a donation. Get Folks out with their furry friends in the fresh air. We also donated to our SOTW Shiocton chapter.

I do have some sad news. One of our past committee members has passed, Mr. Don Goers. Mr. Goers was a founding committee member for the Shawano Area Gobblers NWTf chapter. He came with us to start your SOTW Shawano chapter. Mr. Goers was our moral compass and an inspiration to us all. Don will be sadly missed.

To End. We hope you all have a blessed holiday season. Get outdoors into the fresh air. Be safe out there. And, Hopefully, see you at the spring banquets.

Dan Sturm  
Shawano chapter

### PROJECTS UPDATE

#### Sturgeon Trail Project

Your Shadows on the Wolf has been a major player in a project on the Sturgeon Trail on County X in New London. In a cooperative project including WI DNR, Sturgeon for Tomorrow, Shadows on the Wolf and Waupaca Co Parks, the Sturgeon Trail spawning site has been improved. DNR habitat crews reshaped and re-rocked over 1000 ft of this area to improve sturgeon spawning success. The asphalt walking path that was in bad condition was removed. The guardrails were removed and jersey barrier blocks were installed to allow temporary access to allow placement of over 5000 tons of 12"-24" rip rap. Once the rock placement and restoration were completed, the jersey blocks were removed and the guardrail was reinstalled.

A very special thank you to contributing donors including Wisconsin Interstate Contracting of Merrill for beam guard removal and reinstallation. Lunda Construction Co for the loading and unloading and rental of the jersey barrier blocks. Scott Ort Trucking for donating the trucking to and from with the barrier blocks. Storm Equipment for the traffic control. A project of this scope would not be possible without cooperation throughout the process. WI DNR fishery personnel, WI DNR permitting, WI Dot traffic easements for road closures and all the above mentioned partners came together in a timely manner to make this project a resounding success!!

#### **Handicapped Accessible Fishing Pier**

It gives me pleasure to tell you all about the addition of another handicap accessible fishing pier. This one makes twenty that have been installed with the assistance of the Shadows.

The new addition has been installed on the Sturgeon trail on County X in New London. The cost of the materials was covered by the original Sturgeon Trail committee. Shadows assisted with sourcing the pier and advising to assist contractor to install the pier.

Many thanks to Mr. Bob Besaw and the committee in New London for their commitment and fundraising to get this project completed. The installation was done in connection with the riprap project done by the DNR.

This site has already seen use by the fishing public. Thank you for all your support!!

Wayne Van Straten  
Field Project Director, Shadows On The Wolf, Shiocton

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**2021 DATES TO REMEMBER**

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