

SHADOWS ON THE WOLF, INC.

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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Members,

I would like to start with a special thank you to Jim Vorland for his donation of the materials for the new sign for the Mack Wildlife Area at Highway 54 and Herman Road between Shiocton and Black Creek. We have more projects in the making, Ace will talk more about this in his article.

Also keep in mind we have a maximum seating capacity of 400 members for the banquet so don't be waiting to send your banquet membership in. Every year we are sold out. Banquet membership information is included with this newsletter. If you have questions just call. Remember any member of the Shiocton Chapter of Shadows On The Wolf has the right to use the Shiocton Rifle Range at no cost. But you have to be carrying your membership card at the range. Hopefully everyone had a successful deer season. Up in the northwoods where I hunt there was a lot more deer signs this year. Hopefully the deer population is coming back. If you look at the stats every year there is a decrease in license sales. So we have to get the youth out there hunting and fishing. They are our future.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our annual meeting in January and also at the banquet. We will be having our seed program again this year so make sure you sign up at the banquet.

Wishing everyone a belated Holiday Season to you and your family and friends. Good luck to all the sturgeon spearers in February.

Enough said, anything I can do for you please give me a call.

Kevin Conradt
President

PROJECTS UPDATES

Hello and happy holidays to you all!

There is a lot going on with projects this winter....here is an overview:

Travelers on hwy 54 east of Shiocton might have noticed the new sign at Herman Rd. Mack Wildlife area WI DNR . A big thank you to Jim Vorland for donating the money for all the materials. And another to Bob Voelz for his expert craftsmanship. Several club directors and members were present to help with erecting of the new sign. We even got a big "atta boy" from the WI DNR's Bryan Woodbury. He is the biologist taking care of the Mack Wildlife area. He said good job and looks great, even though he wasn't 100

percent sure that the Shadows put it up!, and a big thank you from him as well!

Speaking of Mack Wildlife area, the next phase of the parking lot improvements is scheduled to begin soon.

Bryan Woodbury has told me that the estimates for clearing and grubbing and the gravel and new gates came in higher than expected. He had to get more money from the DNR to complete the project, but he assured me it is funded and will begin soon.

Three new handicap accessible fishing piers will be installed this winter, probably by Christmas if the weather holds. The first will be at the long awaited Hwy 156 site, the northwest corner of the bridge crossing on the Wolf River and Sth156 east of Clintonville. This site already sees a lot of shore fishing, so the new pier will be well used.

The second pier will be installed at the west end of Kirchner Rd, just west of Hwy 76 south of Shiocton. This is another area that gets a lot of shore fishing pressure. The pier will be on WI DNR lands, and accessible from Kirchner Rd.

The third pier will be installed on the north bank of the Wolf River across from the boat landing on Co. Rd M just north of Hortonville. Access will be through the parking lot of Damn Yankee's. This lot is all blacktop and will be a breeze to access by anyone with a handicap. Past history with the other piers that Shadows has installed shows that these new sites will be well used.

Bamboo Bend.... What a premier site we are so lucky to have in our backyard! If you have been there in the last couple of years, you will have noticed the new educational pavilion, the new pedestals for the camera gear, and the life buoys. This year you will also see benches with the Shadows and Sturgeon for Tomorrow logos. One thing you might not have noticed is the fact that the rock is sliding into the river. The top 3 to 4 feet of the bank is now completely covered with chips from the walking trail and some tough weeds.

The Village of Shiocton has given permission for the go ahead with a project to top dress the bank with rip rap to enhance the site for the sturgeon spawn. A lot of the area is on WIDOT right of way. I have been in touch with them and submitted our request to working with the DOT for permission to do the work on the highway right of way. Once we have permission from all parties, I will submit an application to the DNR. I have already talked to Mr. Scott Koehnke, the WI DNR water regs representative about this. He thinks that a permit can be issued as long as we cover all bases and go thru all channels. Lets hope for the best on this project app. The site on the Embarrass River in New London has been purchased by the city of New London for a possible park. The old railroad bridge buttment and surrounding parcel on River Road at Highway 54 and

the Embarrass River is a site that gets a lot of shore fishing pressure. Plans to improve the site include a handicap accessible fishing pier, bollards to prevent vehicles from driving too close to the river's edge, and adding a dusk to dawn light for safety. Some of the brush and small trees will be cleared and the area landscaped. Final approval by the New London parks personnel should be done by early January. More on this project as it gets closer to being finalized.

Jim Binder and his staff of volunteer instructors have planned a Trappers Education class for the weekend of July 27, 28, and 29 2018 at his farm in New London. You can register for this class at Wisconsin's Go Wild website or contact Jim directly at

binder434@gmail.com. Not only is this class one of the requirements for young people to trap, but it is one of the most fun classes you can imagine! Hands on in the mud, learning the old ways, learning not to sleep at night because you have a bunch of top notch traps set and waiting.... Wow what fun!!!

Any ideas for projects can be brought to any board member, and we'll see you at the annual meeting.

Wayne Van Straten

Field Project Director, Shadows On The Wolf, Shiocton

2018 SHIOCTON BANQUET

Banquet membership information is included with this newsletter to all members of the Shiocton Chapter.

Note that there is a maximum seating capacity of 400 for this year's banquet. Return your membership form early. The annual banquet is March 3, 2018 at Romy's. Door will open at 3:00 pm. There is again no reserve seating.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to Cadie R. Olson and Andrew M Reineman from UW Stevens Point and Colin Stoffel and Ronald Graf, FVTC the 2017 Shadows On The Wolf Scholarship recipients. Shadows On The Wolf is proud to provide these scholarships for your continued education and wish you well in your career goals.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

Lifetime membership can be purchased for \$250.00. Contact any board member for more information.

CLINTONVILLE CHAPTER 2017 HABITAT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

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

The event was held on April 8 & 9th of this year. This year we hosted 47 hunters this year. Twelve of the hunters were from the USSA organization which is a "Make a Wish" type organization. The hunters harvested 26 bearded turkeys. Next year the hunt weekend will be April 7 & 8, 2018. If you know of any first time turkey hunters wanting to attend the 2018 spring program, please contact Tom Mijal. Also anyone interested in mentoring or donating land use, please contact Tom Mijal – Cell #920-570-0803.

Challenged Hunters Turkey Hunt Program

The event took place the 5th season of the 2017 turkey season (5/19 – 5/21). We co-sponsored the event with the Challenge the Outdoors group. The program had 12 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 18 -20, 2018. Anyone interested in mentoring or donating land use, please contact Tom Mijal – Cell #920-570-0803.

Golf Scramble Event

We hosted the Eighth Annual SOTW Golf Scramble on Saturday June 17th at Clintonville Riverside Golf Course. The outing had 72 golfers attend the event. The event was very successful and we look forward to next year's event. The Ninth annual event is scheduled at Clintonville Riverside Golf Course on June 16, 2018.

Habitat Enhancement – Seed Program

The habitat committee supplied to the three SOTW chapters approximately 300 bags of RR Corn, 900 bags of Soybeans, and 180 bags of Winter Wheat. That is approximately 1,500 acres of habitat food plots planted in the local area! The chapter is planning a 2018 seed program which we will be selling Roundup Ready Corn, Roundup Ready Soybeans, and Winter Wheat. Food plots must not be harvested and needs to stay in ground for wildlife. More information will follow in the spring newsletter. The Shiocton and Shawano chapter should have seed sign ups at their spring banquet. Anyone from these chapters interested in obtaining seed for 2018 spring planting, please make sure you get signed up at your respective banquet. The Clintonville chapter seed sign up took place at the August banquet. The tentative delivery date for the seeds will be in late April, 2018.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR SHAWANO CHAPTER

Wow! another summer has swiftly gone by. Soon the snow will pile up and the fire places will dance with warm flames.

Hope you all had great fishing adventures this summer, and your fall hunt successful.

Along with projects in the works, this year your Shawano Shadows helped out "Eagle" Scout, Nick Daebler, with his Eagle project.

Nick with his Troop, made and installed twenty fishing line recycling stations. You may have already noticed these stations at your favorite boat landing along the Wolf river and surrounding areas. A job well done! We are looking for ice. I have the tip ups tuned and fresh hooks on the jig poles. Those crappies don't have a chance this winter.

Your Shawano Shadows On The Wolf banquet will be held in Shawano at the Gathering on Saturday April 7th, Doors to open @ 3:30.

If you are interested but not on the Shawano Chapter mailing list, please contact one of our committee for any information.

Have a safe and joyous Holiday season.

Dan Sturm, Secretary
Your Shawano Shadows Chapter

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 all your items from AmazonSmile and Shadows on the Wolf will receive annual donations from Amazon based on those 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 account information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 20, 2018	Annual Meeting
March 3, 2018	Shiocton Annual Banquet
April 7, 2018	Shawano Chapter Banquet
April 7-8, 2018	Clintonville Chapter LTH
May 18-20, 2018	Clintonville Chapter Challenged Hunters Turkey Hunt
June 16, 2018	Clintonville Chpt Golf Scramble

ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for Saturday January 20, 2018. The annual meeting will be held at the River Rail at 7:00 pm. Election of officers, a financial report, door prizes and a raffle will be held.

Check out our website, shadowsonthewolf.org for more details.

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