

# SHADOWS ON THE WOLF, INC.

January 2019

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Shadows Members,

Happy Belated Holidays, hopefully you had a wonderful Christmas.

I would like to give members an idea how it works when Shadows does a project. Let's start with the rifle range in Shiocton. Shadows purchased the land and at that time we as a club turned it over to the Village of Shiocton, thus the village is the owner of the property and has the insurance coverage on this property. The same applies to the boat landings we do and also the handicap piers we installed. Shadows does the project and the improvements are turned over to the municipality. Barker & Koepke Park and the County Road S handicap pier are owned by Outagamie County, Bamboo Bend and the two parking lots are owned by the Village of Shiocton. So these people are in charge of any maintenance and upkeep at these sites and there again insurance is covered by the municipality.

Which now leads me to the boat landing at Rivers Edge in Leeman. I was approached by Steve Pari owner of Rivers Edge to see if Shadows would be interested in selling this landing. We, as the board of directors, decided to sell it to him. Shadows was part of this project since 1995. And this goes back to the first part of my article about insurance. We haven't had any problems such as accidents since 1995, but that is not saying it couldn't happen in this day and age of so many people being sue happy. Maybe we have dodged a bullet over the last 24 years? I'm sure the landing will still be open to the public, but I'm sure there will be a fee for docking your boat there. This will be decided by the owner of Rivers Edge.

We certainly apologize for any inconvenience for members that have used this landing over the years.

Enough Said.

Call me with any questions.

See you at the annual meeting.

Kevin Conradt  
President

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2018 scholarship recipients from UW-Stevens Point are Samantha Rathliff and Travis Wollenberg. FVTC recipients are Cole Douglas and Morrison Lamb. All recipients have been invited to attend our annual meeting to share with members information on their education and their goals after graduation. Thank you to all members for your generous support of Shadows On The Wolf that allowed us to award \$1500.00 scholarships to each of these students.

## CLINTONVILLE CHAPTER 2018 HABITAT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

**Youth/First Time Women's Learn to Hunt (LTH) Turkey Hunt** - The event was held on April 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> of this year. This year we hosted 43 hunters this year. Ten of the hunters were from the USSA organization which is a "Make a Wish" type organization. The hunters harvested 22 bearded turkeys. Next year the hunt weekend will be April 6 & 7, 2019. Anyone interested in having a first time hunter attend next year's event or interested in mentoring or donating land use, please contact Tom Mijal at 920-570-0803.

**Challenged Hunters Turkey Hunt** - The event took place the 5<sup>th</sup> season of the 2018 turkey season (5/18 – 5/20). We co-sponsored the event with the Challenged the Outdoors group. We had 12 hunters take part and they harvested 5 bearded turkeys. Next year we are planning to assist the CTO and the hunt will be held on May 17 -19, 2019. Anyone interested in mentoring or donating land please contact Rory Clark at 715-701-1785.

**Golf Scramble** – We hosted the Ninth Annual SOTW Golf Scramble on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> at Clintonville Riverside Golf Course. We had 86 golfers attend the event. The event was very successful and we look forward to next year's event. The Tenth annual event is scheduled at Clintonville Riverside Golf Course on June 15, 2019.

**Habitat Enhancement** – The habitat rs a total of approximate 400 bags of RR Corn, 1200 bags of Soybeans, and 120 bags of Winter Wheat. That is approximately 1,800 acres of habitat food plots planted in the local area! The chapter is planning a 2019 seed program which we will be selling Round Up Ready Corn, Round Up Ready Soybeans, and Winter Wheat. Food plots must not be harvested and needs to stay in ground for wildlife. More information to follow as we get closer to spring. The tentative delivery date for the seeds will be in late April, 2019.

Thanks!

Tom Mijal  
920-570-0803

## ANNUAL BANQUET SHIOCTON

The 28th annual banquet is March 2, 2019 at Romy's. A membership/banquet form is enclosed with this newsletter for all members of the Shiocton Chapter. If you do not have a banquet form and wish to attend, please contact any board member. **As a reminder all banquet members are asked to bring your dinner ticket with you on banquet night.**

## **GREETINGS FROM YOUR SHAWANO CHAPTER**

Greetings from the Shawano Chapter,

We would like to thank all those that attended or supported the Shawano Chapter in 2018. Saturday March 30, 2019 will be our ninth annual banquet at The Gathering in Shawano and we are already working on making it a great time for everyone. Our numbers are still growing each year. Area business and individuals continue to be more generous to Shadows as well. A summary of our projects will be provided at Shawano's Annual banquet. We look forward to working on some new ones next year and with the Shiocton and Clintonville Chapters to increase the scope of other projects. One project Shadows had been a part of was the dredging of the bayou/boat landing off Hwy 156 last year. It was easy to see the increased usage all year and folks have already started to ice fish the bayou off the landing around Thanksgiving of this fall! Seems to be someone out there almost every day so fishing must be good! May the Holiday season be a time we can be with family and friends while reflecting on our blessings. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming banquets! The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Shawano Banquet is set for: SATURDAY March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Doors will open at 3:30 with dinner at 5:30 pm all taking place at THE GATHERING, 2600 E Richmond, Shawano, WI. Banquet information will be sent out in January, if you would like to be added to our list please contact Dan Sturm (715) 509-0110 or Dean Daebler (715) 758-8106. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,  
Dean Daebler  
Treasurer, Shawano Chapter

## **PROJECTS UPDATES**

### **TRAPPER EDUCATION**

Jim Binder and his staff of volunteer instructors will be offering a trappers education class this winter. The class will be held January 12-13-14, 2019. This is a Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday. The class will be held at the Wolf River Asphalt shop on Old 54 in Shiocton. Class size is limited to 30 participants. To sign up contact Jim Binder 920-250-2515 or Kyle Boelter 920-858-3717. This is an excellent class to attend, with much hands on time learning to make and set traps for various furbearers. The curriculum is approved by both the National Trappers Association and the Wisconsin Trappers Association. Being as this class is offered in the winter it should be a little easier to attend than the classes offered in the fall when it is so busy!

### **FISH STOCKING**

Shadows On The Wolf recently completed a project at the Village of Shiocton Lake Park. In mid October, approximately 1200 fish (bluegills, crappies and bass) along with 125 pounds of minnows (fish lunch) were released in the lake.

The stocking is the first half of the planned released quantity. The club will monitor the lake to assess if there is any winter kill, or other problems, before the second stocking. All the fish were obtained from Lake and Pond Solutions of Greenville and the release was permitted by the WiDNR. Shadows hopes to establish a catch and release fishery for our youth and/or handicap friends who fish. Within a couple of years the fish should have grown to a good size, and will supply a lot of fish for some lucky kids.

### **RIVER ROAD PARK NEW LONDON**

The shore fishing site that was recently finished by Shadows, on River Road in New London, is a big success. I personally talked to several fisherman at the site, and all of them were happy to have such a nice spot to fish. I suppose it didn't hurt that all of them were catching fish. They had everything from walleyes and northerns, to catfish and sheepshead. Mr. Chad Hoerth from New London Parks also said that the feedback on his end was positive. He again expressed his thanks to Shadows for funding this very worthwhile project. Don't be afraid to give this spot a try this spring. I know the fish will be hungry. Good Luck!

### **MACK WILDLIFE AREA**

Here is an update on the parking area project on the Mack Wildlife area after members of Shadows cut the trees and brush from both parking areas a year ago. The WiDNR has recently completed this project. The gravel parking areas were re-graded and re-gravelled. The gates were relocated to a new berm and reinstalled. The effect is that now there is a small parking area (3-4 car) that will be open year round, then the gate. When the gate is locked only this small area will be accessible. During the fall hunting season, when there is a lot more users, the gate will be opened to allow full use of the entire parking area. It is also good to see this project completed and the parking issues on Herman Road resolved.

### **STURGEON TRAIL, NEW LONDON**

A major project is to be undertaken this winter on the Sturgeon Trail on County X in New London. Shadows, Sturgeon for Tomorrow, the WiDNR and Waupaca County Parks are working together to fund a project to re-rock 1500 feet of bank in the trail. The areas to be re-rocked include the prime uses areas for the sturgeon to spawn. Also, there are several small areas that the rock has eroded down the bank, putting the asphalt trail in jeopardy of washing out during high water. Re-doing the rip rap will help stabilize the bank and trail, while at the same time providing a bigger rock for the spawning sturgeon. The area has been assessed by the WiDNR personnel and found to be lacking this big rock. By big, we mean 8-18 inches. The bank slope is approximately 20 feet top to bottom, by 1500 feet of length. It is going to take a lot of rock, probably around 1000 ton. This work will start after we have a lot of frost, because we don't want to break up the trail when we dump the rock. A special thanks to Mr. Jim Vorland for his very generous donation to this project. Anyone can help fund this project by donating at any Wolf River Community Bank location. Simply tell the staff you would like to donate to the Shadows On The Wolf Sturgeon Trail Fund, and they will help you out.

### KID'S DON'T FLOAT- SHIOCTON

Some of you who had a chance to fish this fall may have seen the new Kid's Don't Float loaner life jacket station at the boat landing on Mill Street in Shiocton. This is exactly what it says, a loaner life jacket station. If you are going out on the river and don't have enough or the right size life jacket with you, you can use one for the day and return it to the station when you are finished. Why risk a ticket for not having a jacket, or worse yet- risk your life by not wearing one that fits. This is a free use program, and is part of a growing program that started in Alaska. There are several of these stations around Lake Winnebago, and now in Shiocton. Shadow Shawano Chapter also has one on Shawano Lake. I think you will be seeing more of these Kid's Don't Float stations in the area as the word is getting out. Be safe out there, and enjoy our great outdoors.

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

### ANNUAL MEETING

**Plan to attend the annual meeting January 19, 2019, 7:00 pm at the River Rail in Shiocton. Financial and project reports from all chapters will be presented. We encourage all members to attend.**

### LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

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

### 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 19, 2019- Annual Meeting**  
**March 2, 2019- Shiocton Banquet**  
**March 30, 2019- Shawano Banquet**  
**April 6 -7, 2019- Youth/Ladies LTH**  
**May 17-19, 2019- Challenged Hunters/Turkey Hunt**  
**June 15, 2019- Clintonville Golf Outing**

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