

# SHADOWS ON THE WOLF, INC.

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Dear Members,

Well it's been one year since I took over my new job and along the way I've met a few new people and also learned a bit. Hopefully I'm here for a while to serve you with anything I can do for you.

Special thanks to you as members for attending our banquet in March. It was very successful. Dad said it 100 times "if it wasn't for you people Shadows On The Wolf would not be here". So, thank you.

Pick up for seed corn for the Shiocton chapter will be held at Wolf River Asphalt's shop on Old Highway 54 on April 18<sup>th</sup>. We have enough seed corn and are still working on the beans so if we don't get the beans you can get some extra corn. Hours for pick up will be 8:00 am – 12:00 p.m. If you can't be there please have someone else pick up for you. Price still is \$8.00 a bag, see you there.

Being on the river the last couple of weeks I noticed that there is hardly any garbage floating around. Low water conditions have a lot to do with that. Dates will be posted for river and highway cleanup. We can always use help on these days, so see if you can give us a hand. Hopefully everyone has a safe fishing season and you get your share of fish. Please get into the practice of releasing your full females so we can have good fishing in years to come.

Thank you,

Kevin R Conradt  
President

## RIVER CLEAN UP

River clean up will be Saturday April 25, 2015. Members should meet at the boat landing at Ken's Riverside or Rivers Edge (Leeman) at 8:00 a.m. to help with this project.

## HIGHWAY CLEANUP

Highway clean up will be Saturday May 2, 2015. Members should meet at the Bamboo Bend Parking Lot at 8:00 a.m.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be Saturday January 16, 2016, at the Riverside Club in Shiocton, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Thanks to the continuing support of our members we again awarded four \$1500.00 scholarships. Scholarship winners at Fox Valley Technical College are Naomi Krawczyk and Stephanie Dier. UW Stevens Point recipients are Ben Breaker and Rachael Koontz. Congratulations and best wishes to these students as they continue their education.

## CLINTONVILLE CHAPTER NEWS

### BANQUET

The date for the Clintonville Chapter's Banquet is Friday August 14, 2015 at Northwoods Banquet Hall in Marion. More information and registration forms will be available on the website soon.

### LEARN TO HUNT

The Clintonville chapter of Shadows on the Wolf hosted our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Learn to Hunt Turkey program. The event was held at Blue 52 and the American Legion Post 456 building in Caroline. Prior to hunting, the participants enjoyed time in a classroom learning about turkeys, how to hunt them, and reviewing safe hunting practices. They then spent time at the shooting range working with their mentors on perfecting their patterns and shooting techniques. The hunt took place March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> on private land through the generous permission given to us by the many participating area landowners. Despite the challenges of hunting in the cold and rain on Sunday, by the end of the program, 41 hunters had taken 16 birds. Additionally, as the event wrapped up, everyone took home great memories and a new appreciation for the outdoors. Being involved in this generously sponsored and well-organized event was a thrilling experience for everyone involved. Shadows on the Wolf again hosted the United Special Sportsman's Alliance program. During this year's event we shared time with 8 challenged hunters. The U.S.S.A. group kept their end of the bargain by bringing in 4 birds. We extend special thanks to Tom and Mike Mijal, our event leaders. We are thankful for Clintonville Trap Club and the work and training we were able to do there with our hunters. We thank Mike Tuss and Dave Strebe

for the dedication they have for the U.S.S.A. and Brenda Strebe for coordinating the food and accommodations for the Special Kids program. We thank Shirl Tischauser for coordination of the delicious food served at the Legion. We especially would like to thank all of the committee members, sponsors, mentors, landowners, organizers, food staff, supporters and all those who helped make this excellent event possible.

## **GOLF OUTING**

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing will be Saturday June 13, 2015. More information and a registration form are included with the newsletter.

## **SHAWANO CHAPTER**

Dear Fellow Conservationist,

It appears like the winter season is behind us and we are looking forward to warmer weather. Your Shawano Chapter just finished their 5<sup>th</sup> annual banquet. The event was very well attended and was a great evening.

Our projects have been modest so far, but our project managers have a few leads and requests that they are looking onto and working on.

Hopefully by our next newsletter you can see our results.

We thank you for your past and present support towards our goal in improving natural habitat and our access to it.

Have a safe and prosperous year.

Your Shawano Chapter

## **DONATIONS**

### **THRIVENT CHOICE PROGRAM**

Shadows On The Wolf, Inc had been added as a charitable organization to the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Thrivent Choice program. If you are a member of Thrivent Financial and wish to donate these dollars, please contact your agent for more information.

### **AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM**

Purchase all your online items from AmazonSmile and Shadows On The Wolf will receive annual donations from Amazon based on those purchases. Check the Shadows On The Wolf website for more information.

## **PROJECT UPDATE**

### **BAMBOO BEND PROJECT**

As I write this, final preparations are being made to the camera systems and the pavilion on the bend. The building is complete, pipes are trenched to conduit the wires for the cameras. Recording gear is installed, and the video monitors are in place. Now we just need to check the cameras, and wait for the sturgeon. One monitor in the pavilion will be showing previously recorded sturgeon spawning activity; one will be showing project histories of the Shadows On The Wolf and Sturgeon for Tomorrow, both major donors to this project. The WI DNR has supplied us with video describing sturgeon tagging operations, walleye tagging operations and other information pertaining to the area and what goes on here in April every year. The third monitor will display live action spawning activity. This should be great, especially for those viewers who may be handicapped or unable to scale the rocks to see the action. The possibility of getting a cable feed installed so that all the activity would be available for live internet is being pursued. If we can get a cable installed in time, we want to make this action available online. The entire project will be operational before the sturgeon start spawning. Please be sure to stop down to Bamboo Bend and see the new system in action, and don't forget to tell your friends. Thank you to all Shadows members and Sturgeon for Tomorrow members for your support of this project. Also thank to the major donors, Carew Concrete, Shiocton Lumber Company, Olson Electric, ConradtCrete, Valley Trusses, Mike Jahnke Construction, John Lamers, Scott Marcks Excavating, Video Security Specialists, Bruce Ritchie Construction, and Wolf River Asphalt.

### **HIGHWAY 156 HANDICAP FISHING PIER**

All information and applications are submitted to the WI DNR. The only hold up should be getting the site signed off by the WI DNR archeologists because the area was a known campsite for local Indians. But because the bridge was built three years ago, it can be described as a previously disturbed site. When we get the go ahead, installation will be a two day affair. The pier itself is already built, so it won't take long to prep the site and pour the base. Then it will be time to go fishing!

### **TRAPPERS ED**

A certified Wisconsin Trappers Education class is scheduled for August 21-23, 2015. It will be held at the Jim Binder farm on Church Road north of New London. You can find details about the class on the DNR website WI DNR.org, click on classes.

### **HORTONVILLE MARSH**

Personnel from the WI DNR, Shadows On The Wolf, and landowners met in January to discuss the start of this project. Applications are in for building two scrapes to enhance duck habitat, and to remove a low berm that cuts completely

across the marsh. This berm was pushed up many years ago, and we will just be putting the dirt back where it came from. This will probably be a winter project, unless we have an extremely dry summer. You never can tell what Mother Nature will throw our way. More information on this project as it progresses.

Wayne Van Straten  
Project Manager

### WEBSITE

Updates to club history and photos are being worked on. The website contains chapter contact information, newsletters, important dates and registration forms for events can be found on the website at any time.

[www.shadowsonthewolf.org](http://www.shadowsonthewolf.org)

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>	
<b>River Clean Up</b>	<b>April 25, 2015</b>
<b>Highway Clean Up</b>	<b>May 2, 2015</b>
<b>Golf Outing</b>	<b>June 13, 2015</b>
<b>Clintonville Annual Banquet</b>	<b>August 14, 2015</b>
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<b>January 16, 2016</b>
<b>Shiocton Chapter Annual Banquet</b>	<b>March 5, 2016</b>

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