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Willow River Rod & Gun Club News

1. August 26th marks the last Trap League session for this year. The league has been going very well with excellent participation. More clay birds will be purchased to round out this season. The new trap has been installed and is working fine. There now will be no waiting! Thanks to all that made this possible.
2. The food booth profits at the 2010 New Richmond Fun Fest were very good this year due to a great turnout and excellent weather. The club would like to thank everyone that helped to make this event a success!
3. The Archery Shoot-offs held on August 8th was a big event. Forty-one teams competed during the year with thirty-eight teams competing at the shoot offs. Here are the results of that event:

YOUTH LEAGUE -

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| 1st- A-1 youth | 2380 pts |
| 2nd- Polfus Youth | 2374 pts |
| 3rd- Young Bucks | 2062 pts |
| <i>"D" league-</i> | |
| 1st- T-Meats | 1100 pts |
| 2nd- X-Ring | 1024 pts |
| 3rd- Parts City | 1022 pts |
| <i>"C" league-</i> | |
| 1st- Fatal Attraction | 1082 pts |
| 2nd- Treadmill sports | 1072 pts |
| 3rd- Roettgers | 1032 pts |
| <i>"B" league-</i> | |
| 1st- Harrison Drywall | 1106 pts |
| 2nd- Champs 1 | 1102 pts |
| 3rd- Dubs Boys | 1060 pts |
| <i>"A" league-</i> | |
| 1st- Brady's Brewhouse | 1140 pts |
| 2nd- Lange Decorating | 1120 pts |
| 3rd- Champs 2 | 1108 pts |

4. The ARA and IR50 rim fire teams have competed in several shoots already this year with very good scores being compiled.
5. The light poles will soon be in the ground and a metal pole will be acquired from the Star Prairie Land Preservation Trust to light up our grounds.
6. The Fall Hunters Education class will begin on Monday, September 13th and continue through October 21st with the range day scheduled for Saturday, October 9th. Classes will run from 7-9 pm on Mondays and Thursdays. For more

information contact Rom Roettger at 715-248-3883.

7. Our club membership now stands at 420!
8. The west side of our club land has been cleared of dense brush with a bit more to be cut. This will provide more usable land for member's benefit.
9. The 2010 Family Day has been tabled for this year.
10. Scout Luke Mason made an Eagle Scout proposal to the club to provide a security fence that would enclose the club's rifle range. Plans were presented with cost estimates given. Larry, Jon, Chris and Jerry will supervise the project under Luke's guidance.
11. A decision was made to provide air conditioning to the club house. Money was allotted for this improvement.
12. On Sunday, December 19th, the club land will be closed for a club member's use. Members can rent the facility at a nominal fee with Board of Director approval.

Alliance Annual Meeting Notes

1. The officers of the St Croix County Sportsman's Alliance for the coming year are:
 - a. Kyle Kulow - President
 - b. Dave Larson - Vice President
 - c. Mike Reiter - Secretary/Treasurer
2. Wildlife Biologist Harvey Halvorsen gave an overview of the activities of the Baldwin Wildlife Crew over the last year. Harvey passed out a very impressive list which included land acquisitions, land management and public outreach items. Harvey stressed that partnerships make a positive difference in getting things accomplished. 2010 hunting pamphlets were also distributed.
3. Past County Aides Projects were reviewed which recently included an aeration system for Squaw Lake and the boat landing construction at Hatfield Park. Bye Barsness, from the Bass Lake Rehabilitation District, presented a 2011 County Aides Project which would include the placement of fish cribs and woody habitat structures in Bass Lake. It was decided to use the 2011 County Aides money for this project. Local Bass Lake residents will be contacted to get permission for woody habitat placement and approximately 15 fish cribs would be built and placed in 4-8 prime locations in the lake. Fish Manager Marty Engel will help coordinate the efforts. Bye passed out laminated maps of Bass Lake also.
4. The 2010 Alliance Habitat Banquet was very successful and planning for the 2011 event will include a few modifications.
5. The Willow River State Park OWLS/Alliance sponsored 2010 Kids Fishing Contest was held at the WRSP on July 17th. Ninety-seven kids participated in the

event with the Alliance providing physical help along with furnishing prizes and the fishing bait. A great time was had by all including the helpers. Other events like this at other locations could also be sponsored by the Alliance. Alliance members will look into expanded this successful event.

6. A report was given on the 2010 Bruce Anderson Scholarship recipient.

7. The Alliance buckthorn eradication project and herbicide donation effort has expanded greatly with many more people now recognizing the downside of buckthorn infestations. Jack Rasmussen warned of other invasive species including garlic mustard.

8. Marty Engel, DNR Fish Manager, reported on progress made on Squaw Lake at the stakeholders meetings. He noted that a grant has been awarded to help develop an updated Lake Management Plan for Squaw Lake. Several meetings have already been held.

9. A report on the Willow River TMDL Project was provided. TMDL stands for Total Daily Minimum Load and refers primarily to phosphorous loading. A grant has been awarded and ways to reduce phosphorous levels are being implemented to improve water quality in the river.

10. The Hatfield Lake boat landing has been completed. Joe Kerlin and his crew at the New Richmond Parks Department were commended on a job well done. A newspaper article describing the landing will be published soon in the New Richmond News.

11. A review of the Conservation Congress State Meeting was given.

12. A Friends Group of the St Croix Wetlands Management District is being formed that will help to make partnerships work while keeping adjacent land owners and users of these lands directly involved with what happens on them. Friends of the St Croix Wetlands Management District (FSCWMD) will become a "hands on organization" that will work closely with all groups and provide educational and physical help to accomplish goals laid out by all involved. The Alliance opted to become a Charter member of this organization by providing a sponsor membership.

13. Some problems that have been encountered in access to the Willow River fishing areas. Landowner contact will be made early next year to try to defuse these issues. Fish stocking cannot be performed on land that is posted. Marty also indicated that portions of the Willow River below the New Richmond dam will be stocked and be reclassified as trout waters to open up more fishing opportunities.

14. Paul Sickman, Area Conservation Warden, indicated that there is a new class of warden recruits in training. Paul also indicated that the Youth Day at Forest Ridge Hunting Club is scheduled for October 2nd this year. A Learn to Hunt Goose program will be part of that event.

15. A new Wisconsin Audubon Chapter is being proposed by biologist Michelle Carlisle to form soon in this area. It has great potential and a lot of interest.

16. The St Croix River Association provided information on a proposed bill that would study opportunities and expand protection of the St Croix River. After discussion, the St Croix County Alliance of Sportsman went on record of supporting this proposed legislation.

17. Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14th, starting at 6:30 pm at the Baldwin Land and Water Office Building.

Warden Paul Sickman Report - Early Goose Season

With fall right around the corner, many people are ready to go a field in pursuit of game. The Early Canada Goose Season starts September 1 and goes through September 15. The daily bag limit is 5 geese with a possession limit of 10 geese. Only approved non-toxic shot may be used. All shotguns must have a plug so the shotgun cannot hold more than three shells (including the chamber). Hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. When a goose is harvested and before it is carried by hand or transported in any manner, the hunter shall vali-



Mom and cubs - 2010



Future Wall Hanger


date the permit by slitting or punching holes in the permit accordingly.

To participate in the Early Goose Season, all hunters must possess with them in the field a valid Small Game, Sports or Conservation Patron license is required. All hunters must possess a current Early September Canada Goose Hunting Permit. All hunters must be HIP registered each year (no charge and acquired when purchasing a license). Persons 16 years old and older must also purchase a state and federal waterfowl stamp to hunt geese during the early season. First time Wisconsin Hunter Education Course graduates may use their hunter safety card in place of a small game license and state waterfowl stamp (if 16 or older the hunter would still need to purchase a federal waterfowl stamp). Persons born on or after January 1, 1973, must have a hunter education certification to purchase any hunting license. Persons 12 and 13 years old must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian while hunting. Persons younger than 12 cannot hunt nor purchase a hunting license. All hunters must possess these requirements when hunting and the federal waterfowl stamp must be signed in ink across the face of the stamp by the license holder.

For additional regulations, read the Wisconsin Early September Canada Goose Hunting regulations.

For any questions or to report a violation, call Conservation Warden Paul Sickman at 715-684-2914 ext. 120.

September 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <u>29</u> [35] <u>Aug</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>31</u> | <u>1</u> <u>Sep</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> |
| 10:00a -3:00p <u>IR 50/50</u> <u>Rimfire</u> <u>Match</u> | 5:00p -9:00p <u>ARA</u> <u>Rimfire</u> <u>Match - 6</u> <u>Card</u> | | Last Quarter | 6:00p -9:30p <u>Trap League</u> | | |
| <u>5</u> [36] | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>11</u> |
| |  Labor Day (Fed) 5:00p -9:00p <u>ARA</u> <u>Rimfire</u> <u>Match - 6</u> <u>Card</u> | | New Moon | 7:00p -8:30p <u>Club</u> <u>Meeting</u> | | 12:00p -5:00p <u>IR 50/50</u> <u>Rimfire State</u> <u>Match 50</u> <u>Yd.</u> |
| <u>12</u> [37] | <u>13</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>18</u> |
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| <u>19</u> [38] | <u>20</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>25</u> |
| 10:00a -3:00p <u>IR 50/50</u> <u>Rimfire</u> <u>Match</u> | | | | Full Moon | | |
| <u>26</u> [39] | <u>27</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>29</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>1</u> <u>Oct</u> | <u>2</u> |

Upcoming Events...

- August 28th (Saturday)Fall turkey harvest permits remaining after the drawing will go on sale beginning at noon.
- August 31st (Tuesday)Bear dog training by pursuing dogs closes.
- September 1st (Wednesday)Early September Canada goose hunting season open in designated areas through Sept. 15.
The season is open over the Labor Day weekend. The season is open to all hunters who possess an Early September Canada Goose Hunting Permit. Hunters can purchase their permit for \$3 from DNR offices and many license vendors through the last day of the season.
Mourning dove hunting season opens through Nov. 9.
Wild ginseng season opens; through Nov. 1
- September 4th (Saturday)Hook-and-line lake sturgeon season opens on designated waters through Sept. 30.
- September 8th (Wednesday)Black bear hunting season opens.
- September 9th (Thursday)Willow River Rod & Gun Club's September Meeting, 7 pm, club land, Contact: Brian Headlee at 246-5322
- September 13th (Monday)Start of New Richmond Fall hunters education classes, 7-9 pm on Mondays and Thursdays, through October 21st, Contact Ron Roettger 715-248-3883.
- September 15th (Wednesday)Friend and Neighbors Night Out - 3-7 pm at Oak Ridge WPA, Sponsored by Friends of the St Croix Wetland Management District
- September 18th (Saturday)Open deer bow season, Zone "A" ruffed grouse season, Fall turkey season, squirrel season and northern zone cottontail rabbit season, Canada goose season in the North Exterior Zone opens and runs through Sept. 24. Reopens Sept. 25 at 9 a.m. and runs through Dec. 11
- September 18th & 19thSpecial two-day youth duck hunt. Open to youth 12 to 15 years of age who are hunter safety certified, all other state licenses are waived except for HIP registration and Canada goose permit requirements; youths must be accompanied by adult. The bag limit and tag requirements apply for the respective zone. These days overlap with open goose season in most zones so adults will be able to shoot geese but not duck during the youth hunt
- September 20th (Monday)Star Prairie Fish & Game Association August Meeting, 6:00 Dinner & Social, 7:00 Meeting, Don Madson's on Cedar Lake
- September 25th (Saturday)Woodcock season opens through Nov. 8
- September 30th (Thursday)Trout season closes on inland waters and on rivers flowing into Lake Superior from their mouths to the first impassable permanent barrier (unless listed otherwise in trout regulations)

Comments, criticisms or input, please contact Mike Reiter 246-6643 or Jessa Nelson 246-0266

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