

## BLACK WOLF WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION

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**WILDLIFE DINNER**- will be at our cottage on Sept.19th, Wednesday evening at 6 P.M. This is an adults only (spouses are invited) potluck dinner so please call and tell us if you will be coming and also what you will bring (meat dish, salad, vegetable dish or dessert). Bring your own soda or beer. We will take pheasant orders for this year, hand out buttons, and discuss other current activities. Hope you can come!

**HUNTING DATES** -Sept. 29 Saturday Sept.30 Sunday

> Oct. 20 Saturday Oct. 21 Sunday Nov. 10 Saturday Nov. 11 Sunday

We will have two releases per weekend. If you do not state a preference, they will go out on Saturday. If you want a special release, let me know. As usual, there should be three birds ordered for each release period. Some of the releases will be the regular Manchurian Pheasants, and occasionally the Jilians (wild ones). If anyone wants to order partridge or hen pheasants they are \$7.00 each. Frozen pheasant pot-pies (9"pie serves 3-4) are \$12.00. Call me if you want to order either of those.

- Remember \* You need to wear a fluorescent hat
  - Please do not make wild, long shots and wound a bird for someone else's dog to pick up.

**DUCK HUNTING** - Please call and reserve the blind on the lake. I will have a sign-up form in the garage and one in the house. Clarence's boat is there again this year with the same combination.

WEBSITE - If you haven't tried our website and seen some of the pictures, you should take a look. Perhaps you will see a picture of yourself! www.Blackwolfwildlife.com. My e-mail is <u>paulefowler@prodigy.net</u>. Every several months I change or add pictures and this month the elk were added. Also, there are several more elk at Janet and Bobs. If you want to take pictures, please call them at 233-0364. It isn't a good idea to stop by the road because the bull gets upset. Also traffic problems could occur.

**MEMBERSHIP** - We have been holding at about 50 members. The past few years there has been quite a few non-hunting people joining, for walking, trails and fishing. If you know a good photographer, we could use one in the club. We still have a few openings so if you know some interested people let me know.

## **NEW MEMBERS**-

Jason Lefeber is back with us and loves to duck hunt.

Mike and Kaye Solomon- Mike does a lot of hunting and sporting clays, and is on the Pheasants Forever Board of Directors.

<u>TRAILS</u>-We have completed the new trail on the NE side of Koelpin Road, East to Rasmussen's hedgerow East of HW #45, and South to near the Friday Off Road Center. This is 1.5 miles, it has been seeded, and posts will go in this week.

**FISHING** -We have been running the pump and well every day since April. The pond level is full and water temperatures are good, due to the well water temps. The trout are not showing themselves, and hopefully they are down deep. We lost six of them in July during the hot weather. More ideas are needed to keep the water temperature down. Remember that the policy is catch and release on the trout and barbless hooks for pond fishing. Last week Larry Norum caught a 22-inch Walleye. We named him "Maxim", and he or she is in the pond.

<u>WERNER MARSH</u> - We are again leasing the Werner Marsh for pheasant hunting. Many of our birds use this heavy cover. Please do not hunt this area unless you have an excellent dog, for it is very likely you will not be able to find your bird. We need to stay out of the pumpkins until they are harvested.

**SPORTING CLAYS** - Please follow the rules on shell size. For safety reasons, shoot only from within the stations. Please clean up after you are done.

<u>GUEST POLICY</u> - Remember that if you bring a guest he or she can come only two times per year. After that they need to request a membership.

<u>DEER HUNTING</u> - Make sure you read last month's newsletter, with <u>bucks only</u>, <u>no nubbins</u>, and <u>no does</u>. Another club in the state has a rule – if any buck shot has less than eight points the member pays ten dollars a point. Perhaps a good idea???

<u>SUNFLOWERS</u> - For the first time we have planted a lot of sunflower strips. You may want to cut a few now while they are so beautiful and give them to your wife. (West of Howlett). We have four or five strips and they can be hunted. Also, we have several corn strips mixed in with the soybeans and they can also be hunted. Please do your best to stay out of the soybeans. Another area that will be good hunting is the wheat stubble. We did not harvest the straw after combining so the stubble is very high, maybe 12-15 inches. In summary, we have a lot of experiments going on to improve the hunting. Your comments and new suggestions would be appreciated.

<u>WORK PROJECTS</u> - If you have any free time, both blinds need some work with camouflaging, and the new trail has to have posts put in and I need some help.

Hope to see you at the wildlife dinner on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

GOOD HUNTING! PAUL