

BLACK WOLF WILDLIFE ASSN.

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<u>HUNTING DATES REMINDER</u> - Sept. 27 & 28, Oct. 18 & 19, & Nov. 8 & 9th. For those of you that have forgotten to order your birds please call ASAP. We will be meeting here at 8:30 AM with our starting time at 9 AM each morning.

NEW HUNTING AREA - This year we can hunt on the area just north of the beef farm. There is some wheat stubble next to our property line and then ten acres of corn.

<u>DEER HUNTING AND QDM</u> - At our recent meeting we decided on several changes in our QDM program. Mature does can be shot during bow and muzzle loader seasons, but not in the gun season. However, during the gun season youth hunters may shoot mature does (children up to 16). Also, there will not be any group hunting, so once you bag your buck you should not hunt any longer and leave the bucks for others. Also, remember to clearly mark your stand.

<u>DOVE SEASON</u> - A lot of our members have been hunting doves and with good success. In many cases there is a lot of shooting and many misses. As the season progresses we will see many more move here due to the many plantings we have of sorghum and milo.

MANY THANKS ******

- Mark Wiechman and Roger Manock for work on the Lake Winnebago duck blind
- > Joan O'Grady for sewing the trap shoot cover and Dennis for repairing it.
- ➤ Tom Nitz for donating and planting two apple trees and a cranberry bush by the range.
- Dick Naves for his \$50 contribution to our work projects.
- Joaquin Bustamente and his daughter for clearing the BB gun course and the Zwifel woods trail.
- Russ Vey for his contribution to our proposed meeting room at the beef farm.

NEW MEMBERS-

Curt and Heather Larson of Fond du Lac (recommended by Dick Nayes). Jamie and Darcy Brown of Appleton (recommended by Dennis O'Grady). Bill and Carey Holtz of Oshkosh (recommended by several of my friends). Paul and Jaime Roebke of Oshkosh (Paul used to work for me).

FISHING -The water temperatures in the pond have finally started going down and the fish are becoming more active. Several nice trout were recently caught and released. I am giving serious consideration to installing an aerator so the fish are protected from heavy snow or thick ice causing oxygen problems during the winter.

RANGE - We have a new .22 target that automatically resets. As in past years there are a lot of members using the sight-in area. On the BB gun course in the Zwifel woods you will find safety glasses and scorecards in the mailbox.

<u>THE BEEF FARM</u> - During the past month our farm west of here has been repaired and painted. Several of our members have suggested we use part of it for a place to relax, change clothes, clean birds, watch a packer game or whatever. As of today we are still talking and final decisions have not been made. Your comments are very welcome. Quite a few of you have offered to donate items like a TV, table, etc. The northwest corner has a bull pen, there is a loft area, and additional floor area of 500 square feet.

The architecture of the barn is beautiful for it was constructed over 100 years ago utilizing beam and peg construction (see picture below). One of the problems is how to keep an area warm and at the same time view the beauty of the interior beams and wood building. Please speak-up if you have any ideas!

WORK PROJECTS - Call if you have time to assist with some of our work projects!

ENCLOSED ARTICLE – The enclosed article is on the Manchurian Pheasant from the Jilin Province in China. Some of you might find this article interesting.

MEMBERSHIP LIST - Many of you have asked for a membership list, so it is enclosed.

Good Hunting!

