



BLACK WOLF WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

December 10, 2002

XMAS RELEASE-We will be ordering a few birds from Mac Farland's Pheasant Farm for delivery on the 26th of December. We will have a hunt at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 28th. If you want the birds for your own private hunt let me know and I will hold them. The cost is \$12 each, minimum of 3 birds per person, and five if they are held for a later release. Please call ASAP if you want birds.

E-MAIL-Please forward your e-mail address to me if you haven't already, for we have a lot of conversation through e-mail, along with some excellent pictures. Joaquin recently forwarded pictures of the world record Moose shot in Russia and they are great photographs.

RANGE-At our shooting range Joaquin has given us four steel targets that we have located at the course. They are for shooting with 22's. Each target has two birds or sheep and they move back and forth when you hit them.

TURKEYS-We can finally say that the turkeys have arrived. There are a dozen of them and they have been seen by many of our members in the Zentner Woods. The first sighting was six weeks ago by Kevin Herrmann. He was deer hunting and the turkeys flew up and joined him in his tree! Our new friends have now been here for over six weeks and we hope they have found a new home.

PREDATORS-Last year we initiated a predator program and it was very successful. This year we have doubled our bounty to \$10 for coyotes and fox, raccoons are upped to \$5 and skunks, possum and cats at \$3. A letter was sent to those that have been authorized to trap and hunt these predators: Clarence Rennert, Art Sonnenberg, Bob and Carlton Nimmer, Leo Lefebber, Don Lefebber, and Tom Riese.

WORK SESSIONS-This spring we started a new program asking each member to put in one days work during the year. This has been very successful and many of our members have assisted with many different projects.

If you have not completed your day please call me on what day you could help. I sometimes work on projects during the weekdays and also on the weekends. I could also suggest a project.

FENCE ALONG HIGHWAY #45 COMPLETED-all 1100 feet is now up with only the gate left to be completed. It has made hunting along that area safer for our dogs. Based on comments from members we may be installing more fencing in the years ahead. Some members feel we are also decreasing the number of road-kills.

HUNTING RULES NOT BEING FOLLOWED: The list below details some of the rules that were NOT followed this year by a few of our members: Remember, we voted in these rules at our winter meetings, and we must enforce them.

1. An orange hat or vest must be worn while pheasant hunting.
2. On Release Weekends, hunting does not begin until 9 a.m. Several of our members enjoyed some pretty good hunting a 7 a.m. before we all started our hunt.
3. On Release Weekends children are not welcome unless they have passed the hunter safety course.
4. Parking is allowed in designated areas or along the roads only, and not by the pond (while hunting). Also, do not drive on the trails while others are hunting.
5. All deer stands need to have the owners name on it (so it is visible).

OTHER NEWS-Most of you have probably seen the pair of Bald Eagles that have been nesting here all year. Woodcocks were seen for the first time in ten years. We also have some coyotes around and they have been heard howling at night.

WINTER MEETING: Feb. 11th, Tuesday evening at 6 PM at Georges's Gas Light. *Mark this on your calendars.* This is the evening we discuss next year's events, possible changes in our program, and a good dinner. Hope to see you there.

FLAGS-If you have noticed a lot of flags around the farm you may be wondering what they are marking. This is where we are planting prairie or trees and bushes. The prairies were seeded on Monday of this week, and the trees and bushes will be planted in April. There are 15 acres of each.

DEER HUNTING-This being the first year of QDM, there were no bucks harvested. We know of eight road kills locally. There are a lot of deer in the area, but with all the corn up during hunting it was difficult to find them.

PHEASANT HUNTING-An excellent year, but with a lot of the corn up it made it very difficult. I am working hard to solve the problem of the standing corn next year with the farmer that is leasing our land for crop farming.

On our second release weekend, five of us had the good fortune of seeing John Neumeuller shoot six roosters in three minutes. It was probably the best shooting I have ever seen. On another note, we are finding a lot of wounded birds. I think our biggest predator is ourselves. Steve Procknow's dog has caught over 15 wounded roosters and 12 had broken wings and pellets in them. His dog is a master at finding downed or lost birds and he will help anyone to locate a bird if they need it – just give him a call (688-2289).

PHEASANT FOREVER BANQUET-The banquet will be January 24th, 2003 at the Park Plaza. If you want to purchase tickets and/or sit at our table, or be a sponsor, please give me a call. This is one organization that all of us should support. Also, I am on the Board of Directors. Hope you can make it!