

**BLACK WOLF WILDLIFE ASSN.  
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ANNUAL WINTER DINNER MEETING  
Wednesday, February 13, 2002  
At George's Gas Light Inn  
1903 Harrison Street

WINTER MEETING- We will have our annual dinner meeting at Georges Gas Light Inn on Feb.13, 2002 beginning at 6 PM. We will order dinner in the private dining room at 7 PM and eat and converse until 9 PM. This is a good chance to discuss many subjects and set plans for 2002. Please RSVP

WORK REQUIREMENTS-After ten years of consideration, 2002 will be the year we require one day of work from each member. A list of projects is included with this letter. Please call me as soon as you see a project you can handle, or participate in. If you have other ideas let me know. Some of the jobs require more than one person and will be ongoing, but your day of work will contribute significantly towards the results. For those of you who cannot assist, please consider a contribution so we can find someone else to do equivalent work. I hope everyone will try and be a part of what almost all of us think is a great idea.

QUAIL HUNTING LAST FALL-We experimented last fall with Quail by ordering 300.Over a dozen of us hunted them, with some of you ordering 20-30. In most cases there was a lot of shots fired and many got away and some are still out there. I know of two guys that fired 35 shots and still do not have a dinner, but they had a good time. We will be doing this again!

PREDATORS-Clarence Rennert trapped over 40 coons, one weighing over 40 lbs. Art Sonnenberg trapped some, and both have received their bounties. Leo and his friend are hunting coyotes and fox, and one of Leo's friends has coon dogs and comes in at night for hunting. Tom Malensek is calling them in with special equipment and is learning that coyotes have a rather high IQ.

DOVES-Apparently the State will allow dove hunting this year. Several times last fall I chased up over 100 doves in a group in our sunflowers and milo. I now know that the sunflower/milo combination makes excellent hunting for doves and pigeons.

TURKEYS-Two or three wild turkeys were in our woods in the October-November period. We hope to attract more this year by clearing several areas in the woods.

PIGEON HUNT-Let me know if you want to be on the list for pigeon hunting, for we have several hundred on the farm that live in my silos and corn bins. They are causing a lot of damage because they make the equipment their homes and bathroom. When we decide to have the hunt I will call those interested. One of members is an excellent cook so maybe we could have a cookout that evening.

SPORTING CLAYS-RANGE-Please make sure you clean up your shells and targets after shooting. We have targets flying all over the farm and some of you are not doing a good job of clean-up.

DEER MANAGEMENT-We recently held a meeting of landowners in the Town of Black Wolf. We formed an association named Black Wolf Deer Management Assn. It was decided to only harvest bucks eight points or larger. Many of the landowners in Black Wolf have joined the group and we are in the process of blocking a plat map with members' land. This should be completed shortly and I will keep you informed. I plan on calling a meeting of BWWA members soon just to discuss deer hunting. Let me know if you want to come.

DEER HARVESTED OR PICKED UP BY THE DNR-My map shows 23 deer shot or picked up by the DNR last fall (five bucks harvested, 1 doe harvested, and 17 found along the roads or in the fields dead and not harvested). All of this was within a half mile of our property and all were confirmed. Cars and bows were the major culprits.

DUES FOR 2002-Dues for this year will be \$140. If you are 65 years old or older and have been a member for 10 years the dues are ½ or \$70.

ORDERING PHEASANT/QUAIL FOR THIS YEAR-The cost of birds will be \$12 for roosters and \$5 for quail, and the price for early order will be \$1.00 discount per bird. Special release birds will be \$13.00 each. The reason for this increase--I have tried to round-off the cost of birds each year, so in November this year I paid \$10.50 each and in December \$10.80. So I lost \$75 and \$120 on each delivery, and with the early order birds at \$9.00 I lost \$350. Also, on the special release birds I lost one bird on the first order and two on the second order. They also have to be fed and then released on a special trip. I want to thank those of you that helped with the releases. We really did a good job this year and had some very high success rates.

NEW MEMBER- Please welcome Tom and Laura Lichtfuss. Their primary interest is walking and fishing and enjoying the outdoors.

FISHING-We ordered and released 100 more Rainbows this fall, and the ones from last year are now over 20 inches. Several of our members have had a lot of fun catching them. We will continue with the "catch and release" of the trout. Pan fish and bass seem to be in good abundance, and I am sure our catfish are still there. I had a pond expert look at the pond this year and he thought there was a lot of natural food there, as evidenced by the trout being aggressive and fat.

HUNTING DATES FOR THIS YEAR-  
October 5-6            Saturday and Sunday  
October 19-20        Saturday and Sunday  
November 9-10       Saturday and Sunday

Hope you can meet us at George's Gaslight!

Paul