



BLACKWOLF WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION

MARCH NEWSLETTER
MARCH 20, 2002

PHEASANT HUNTING DATES FOR 2002

Sept. 28-29	Saturday and Sunday
Oct. 19-20	Saturday and Sunday
November 9-10	Saturday and Sunday

Please note that we have changed the first hunting date so our season could start earlier.

DEER HUNTING

At our meeting March 11 we had nine members there to discuss changes needed for this fall. There was 100% agreement so we will immediately adopt the following items.

1. **Bucks** - Our QDM (Quality Deer Management) standard on bucks will be a 15 inch spread (width of the ears) This will replace the eight point standard that we had this past year.
2. **Does** - Does will not be shot, due to the large number of dead deer being found last fall. There were 18 deer hit by cars or wounded and sent to heaven. Most of these were does. This rule should help to manage the herd.
3. **Deer Stands** - Each person can have one (1) stand and it must clearly have his name on it or it will be removed to our garage. A note will be left on the stand for one week prior to removal.
4. **Member Use of Deer Stands** - Members may use another members stand when he is not present. (This has always been our rule).
5. **Construction of Deer Stands** - Spikes will not be allowed into any tree. In the past they have been used for climbing. Please do not use any nails, spikes or any kind of iron.
6. **Horseback Riding** - Between Labor Day and Dec. 31 horseback riders will be asked to only ride in the woods between 10 am and 2 pm. Also, they should wear blaze orange on their hat or vest during this period.
7. **Pheasant Hunters**-Pheasant hunters will be asked to have respect for the deer hunters, especially the last two hours of daylight.

We also discussed the new QDM for the Town of Black Wolf. (BWQDM) We are now over 2,000 acres enrolled and it will go higher. I attended the Green Bay Deer Classic and found a map showing the larger bucks registered in the U.S. by both Boone and Crockett and Pope and Young during the last ten years. The map is in color and shows the count by County. The map is 3x4, laminated, and extremely well marked and colored. I have some extra at \$9.00 each-call if you want one!

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OTTER-For the past month there has been otter visiting our pond and dining on our trout. We have been trying to solve the problem and only hope spring will bring some good news. The otter are coming up from Van Dyne Creek and also up the ditch from the channel. In the fall Clarence trapped several muskrat that were burrowing tunnels from the pond banks.

SPORTING CLAYS-For those of you using the sporting clay course, it would help if you could donate \$5.00 per person each time you use it. We have some expense here and this would be a good way to offset costs.

DUES- An invoice is attached as a reminder for paying your annual dues this year. If you have already paid your dues, thank you. Also included is an order form for birds for this year. There is a discount for any birds ordered prior to May 1, 2002.

HABITAT PROJECTS-Thanks for so many of you signing up to help out in different areas. An updated form is enclosed for projects still needing attention.

WOOD DUCK HOUSES-Mark and Ken Weichman recently cleaned out and repaired our twenty houses. There were eggshells in three of them.

NEW FENCE- Mark suggested that to keep our dogs from chasing pheasants where we hunt from Van Dyne Creek to Black Wolf Road we build a woven wire fence on the west side of Highway #45. A lot of us hunt here and if a bird runs on the road or is shot near there our dogs could follow it and be hit by a car. This is a great idea and we'll move on this as funds and help are available.

FOR SALE-Rodger Manock has good AKC black and yellow Labrador pups for sale. They will be ready to go to their new homes around June 15th. Call Rodger or Pam at 426-8821. Roger and Pam are also experienced dog trainers.

TREES AND BUSHES-Tom Nitz has a good variety of trees and bushes for sale. He can be reached at 688-2481 and has his nursery on the corner of Howlett and Evergreen.

Hope to see you soon,

Paul

Enclosed:

- Pheasant Order Form
- Work Project Form
- Invoice for dues