BLACK WOLF WILDLIFE ASSN. NEWSLETTER
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Hunting Dates - The hunting dates for this fall will be: September 27 and 28, October 18 and 19, and November 8 and 9. As usual we will start hunting at 9 A.M. each day after meeting at my garage. Please let me know how many birds you want, with a minimum of 3 for each period. This year marks the first time that we will need to pay state sales tax on the birds; however, this cost will be covered by the club. As for the number of birds that have been seen here, it is more than at any time in twenty years but the predators will probably have them in short supply by fall. I continue to send out checks to our trappers and hopefully this helps some.

Wildlife Dinner – Our annual dinner will be on Tuesday evening, September 9th at our cottage. Please RSVP and bring a dish to pass. We will start at 6 P.M.

Sight-in Range - We placed wood chips at the range between the target and the gun table hoping to eliminate some difficult walking, when it is wet. Also, we placed distance markers on the left side by the archery bales.

Sporting Clays - The course is in excellent shape. To date, we have 18 members that have been given the combination and training. Call if you are interested. In June we had the Pheasants Forever Youth Group here and they enjoyed the shooting.

Pond - In June we added over 300 fish: 100 4-6" Blue Gill, 100 8-11"large mouth bass, perch, smallmouth, brown trout and rainbows. Many of our members have had excellent fishing. Larry caught some large rainbows last week. The weeds are starting to decrease due to the raking done by Tom Lichtfuss and his family. The water temperature is holding at 70 degrees, we run the pump daily to keep the water level up, and the oxygen level is excellent.   We recently had it tested and it was 8.1 and anything over 6.0 is fine. I am looking at installing aeration but the cost is high. The advantage is winter protection from freeze over and fish die-off.

Hunting Cover - There will be many new areas to hunt this fall. We added 15 acres of new prairie and 15 acres of trees and shrubs. The tree rows are 12 feet apart and between them I planted over 20 different types of cover. It will be interesting to see how they work out and I am looking forward to your comments so we know what to plant next year. Our new crop farmer, Jeff Schultz has done a wonderful job of cooperating in the placement of corn for our hunting and cover.   Also, we have again leased the Harvey Werner property.

Hollywood Star - Last week a film production company spent the day here filming our duck blind and pond and they needed an actor. Roger Manock spent the day with them with his decoys and dog. At the end of the day they were highly complimentary of Rodger

and suggested they might want him again. This same company was here last year and used our cottage as a prop for a Fleet Farm commercial. The videos will be here soon of last year and this year.

Work Commitment - Please let me know if you want to take on a special project or help me with some wildlife habitat work. I am around the farm daily and always have a list of projects. For example: cutting dead trees, pulling vines off of trees, building fences, picking up old barb wired fences, building a quail motel, cutting willows where they are taking over our hunting areas, cutting areas by the roads so the deer are visible to the cars, trimming along our trails, raking weeds in the pond, etc.

Hen Release - Thanks to a special contribution from Dennis O'Grady we were able to release over 35 hens in May.

Short notes…
Roger Jacobsen finally found the Black Pheasant in December.
Andy Hansen is working on a small archery course in the Zentner woods.
I saw a beautiful Woodcock north of Howlett in May.

Black Lab Puppies for sale-Jack Doemel (friend of mine) has several 7 week old puppies for sale, AKC, shots and well bred. His number is 231-1096.

The following picture shows a very large coyote shot by the Nimmers and brought here for their bounty earlier this year. This animal was huge as you can see with the comparison to Ruby.