



BLACKWOLF WILDLIFE ASSN. NEWSLETTER

September 1, 2004

POTLUCK DINNER- Our annual dinner will be on Wednesday evening, September 8 at our cottage. Please bring a dish to pass. We will start at 6:00 P.M. Bring whatever you would like to drink. This is adults only and wives are very welcome. We will have a short meeting on recent events, questions and ideas. We will eat at 7:30.

RSVP at 688-5123 and let us know what you will be bringing.

HUNTING DATES REMINDER - *Meet at the Bull Pen at 8:30 a.m. - Hunt at 9 a.m.*

- October 2, Saturday
- October 3, Sunday
- October 23, Saturday
- October 24, Sunday
- November 13, Saturday
- November 14, Sunday

Please remember that the starting times are at 9:00 a.m. each of these days, and that you need to have birds purchased for that period. As usual, we will meet at the Bull Pen prior to hunting. The cover looks very good this year. The special wildlife plantings are a lot better than last year. Several of the fields were not planted, but hopefully the weeds and other cover will make up for this.

DOVE SEASON - There appears to be a lot of doves this year and it should be fun for those of you that are good shots. Find one of their flight paths and enjoy!

NEW MEMBERS -

- **John and Barb Skoglund** of Oshkosh, (recommended by Hugh Hughes) John likes pheasant hunting and walking.
- **Todd and Lori Colburn** of Oshkosh. (recommended by Bill Holtz) Todd likes hunting, fishing and music.
- **John and Susan Vette** of Black Wolf - Oshkosh, (recommended by Paul Fowler) (also, a past member). John likes hunting, boating and motorcycling.

PHEASANT ORDERS - You can call or stop by almost anytime and let us know how many birds you want for the different periods. Many of you have already sent me your requests. We have a special delivery coming on the 10th of September for the Pheasants Forever Youth Hunt of 60 roosters, so if anyone wants hens, roosters, partridge or chuckars for their dog training or release here give me a call. The youth hunt is being held in Pickett.

DUCK HUNTING - Lurton Blassingame and I worked on the pond blind last week. Fleet Farm did their annual filming for their ads there last Tuesday, so when you watch TV you may see our cottage or blind. The Lake Winnebago blind will be ready by opening. (Roger Manock and Mark Wiechman are handling.) There is a sign-up notice for the blind at the Bull Pen (or call me).

BULL PEN UPDATE-

- The May 1st social with the Milwaukee band was a lot of fun with over 85 attending
- We will be adding a bulletin board for members (items lost, items for sale, etc)
- The outside area now has two bicycles, a basketball and backboard for member use.

POND/FISHING - We added some nice fish to the pond this spring- hybrid bluegills, rainbows and a few others. I feed the trout each evening at 5-7 and they are very aggressive, often getting me wet up on the dock. The bluegills are being caught on a regular basis and putting up a good fight. We have not seen many bass and they were very present last year so please let me know if you catch any. The pond water temperature is 4 degrees below the past five years.

WORK PROJECTS - I want to thank those of you who have been helping with some of the projects as they are listed at the Bull Pen. If I neglected to list your help please write it in and accept my apologies as well as thanks. There are still a lot of projects that need doing so give me a call if you have any time and I can work with you. Of particular importance: removing the barbed wire by the CRP, clearing vines from the evergreens, and keeping the trails open.

MANY THANKS -

- Lurton Blassingame for his recent help with the blind and clearing the Willow Creek Trail.
- Todd Colburn for his work on the BB Gun Course.
- Dale and Karleen Fisher for their Bull Pen gift of a beautiful natural wreath. (Hung by the inside door).
- Bill Holtz for helping with unloading the bricks for the wall at the Bull Pen.