

## **Peshigo Team Warden Web Report – October 2009**

### **Wausaukee:**

Warden Dave Oginski Jr (Wausaukee) and Deputy Warden Couvillion investigated a complaint of a shine and shoot complaint in SE Marinette Co. The investigation was turned over to Warden Mike Stahl since the suspect was from Oconto.

Warden Dave Oginski Jr (Wausaukee) investigated a complaint of a coyote that was left in a trap off of Highway K for several days. The coyote was able to be released and the trapper was cited for not checking his traps every 24 hours.

Warden Dave Oginski Jr (Wausaukee) contacted three groups of ATV's during Halloween that were towing trailers around the village of Wausaukee. All three groups were warned for illegal operation on the roadway and for helmet issues.

### **Crivitz**

Warden Matt Meade (Crivitz) closed out several criminal deer cases in October. In one case, a Marinette man used the headlights of his truck to illuminate deer in a field and then shoot at them with a rifle. As the men were looking for the deer in the field, Warden Meade arrived and four people fled into the woods. Warden Meade parked his squad nearby and waited the men out as it was cold and windy. Approximately 2 hours later, the men emerged from the woods and tried to leave the scene. Warden Meade arrested a total of 4 people one man received a fine of \$2,234.00 and lost his fishing, hunting, and trapping privileges for 3 years. The court also seized the firearm used in the violation.

Warden Matt Meade (Crivitz) closed out another criminal deer case from 2008. In this case, several Coleman/Pound men were found to be poaching deer illegally. Several of the men were hunting without licenses, hunting during revocation, and shining and shooting deer at night. In a combined case from Marinette/Oconto County Circuit Courts, the men received fines in excess of \$15,000, 18 years of additional revocation of all chapter 29 privileges, and lost 3 firearms and two compound bows. The main suspect in the case also received 30 days in jail due to his continued DNR violations and the severity of his involvement. In total, 10 deer were seized included 8 bucks that were illegally harvested.

### **Lakewood**

Warden Joe Paul (Lakewood) issued a citation to a Lakewood resident for having an uncased and loaded firearm while operating an ATV on Village View road.

### **Oconto Falls**

Warden Mike Stahl (Oconto Falls) responded to a hotline complaint of a dog caught in a trap. The trap was set illegal on a roadway in the Nicolet National Forest. The trap owner was identified and possible trapping charges are pending.

Warden Mike Stahl (Oconto Falls) received a complaint of late hunting and possibly shining of deer on the Edgewood Golf Course on Logtown Rd. The investigation determined that this was a late hunting incident and one subject was cited for shooting after hours.

Warden Mike Stahl (Oconto Falls) investigated two separate hunting accidents. One of them near Amberg involved a father who shot at a grouse and the pellets struck his son. The son was taken to ER room in Oconto Falls for treatment. The other was self-inflicted where the subject was attempting to shoot at a squirrel and tripped and fell and shot himself through the right heel.

### **Oconto (vacant)**

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### **Shawano East**

Warden Mark Schraufnagel (Shawano) assisted the Sheriff's Department and DCI with very large marijuana grow discovered within the Navarino Wildlife Area.

Warden Mark Schraufnagel (Shawano) spoke with the Conservation classes from the Shawano High School regarding conservation warden work.

Warden Mark Schraufnagel (Shawano) assisted Warden Todd Wippermann (Clintonville) with a fisherman which failed to check his setlines and left the setlines out after the close of the season. Enforcement action was taken.

### **Shawano West**

Warden Jim Horne (Shawano) assisted Warden Mark Schraufnagel and other law enforcement agencies in the surveillance disassemble/destruction of the Illegal Marijuana Grow on the Navarino Public Hunting ground. Warden Horne also spotted another major grow camp from the National Guard helicopter and then directed teams to the site for evidence and destruction.

Warden Jim Horne (Shawano) worked the two deer gun seasons in October. The youth hunt had some activity. The four day antlerless hunt had very limited participation but several calls of shooting off the road. Warden Horne caught up with the suspect who used a Class A handicapped permit which allowed him to shoot from a vehicle but he didn't follow the permit requirements at private property. He was also a convicted felon hunting with a firearm that he was not allowed to have. In addition, he fled when law enforcement came; the Shawano County Sheriff Department K-9 assisted assuming he couldn't be too far. Suspect was finally located several miles away without the aid of his wheelchair, which was still in his vehicle. He was arrested and jailed for the firearm and hunting violations.

Warden Jim Horne (Shawano) talked to two Learn to Hunt programs. The Woodland Deer hunters sponsored a Learn to Hunt - Pheasant hunt and Horne then talked to a USSA Learn to Hunt – Deer hunt. Both programs were very successful and are well

received in the communities and by the local public. Horne also stopped in and visited with the Handicapped deer hunt at the Marquardt Farm where around 70 participants and their assistants meet for a lunch and good fellowship sponsored by the Waverly Lodge.

Warden Jim Horne (Shawano) worked the opening weekend of the northern waterfowl opener. All but one of the hunters was from the south. Local hunters avoid the opening weekend because of crowding from southern hunters. A tree was accidentally set on fire by a waterfowl hunter in the Navarino Public Hunting Grounds. The local Fire Dept responded and cut down the dead snag.

Warden Jim Horne (Shawano) responded to a call at 4:30 am regarding a stop by Shawano County Sheriff Deputies who were out on a complaint and ended up in a chase with suspects running. Deputies eventually found one suspect hiding in a field. He was arrested for OWI and DNR charges for shining and shooting are pending.

Warden Jim Horne (Shawano) participated in a Transition Fair for area high school students to educate them on opportunities working in a natural resources field.

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