

October 2009 Warden Web Report – Poynette Area  
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Warden John Buss of Sauk City assisted Warden James Grudzinski of Mauston on a local resident that had shot a deer and the subject was a convicted felon. Wardens Buss and Grudzinski did an investigation and uncovered numerous violations for a felon in possession of a firearm and a felon shooting deer.

Wardens John Buss of Sauk City and Warden Wade Romberg of Adams worked a baiting complaint and found a subject in violation by hunting over a very large pile of carrots.

Warden Heather Gottschalk of Beaver Dam received a call from the Dodge County Sheriff's Office regarding a capsized boat on Beaver Dam Lake. Upon responding Warden Gottschalk observed the bow of a small 12' fishing boat sticking out of the water of a local park, approximately ¼ mile out into the lake. The operator was being picked up by the Beaver Dam Fire Department Boat. Warden Gottschalk provide a jacket and blanket to the operator who spent approximately 20 minutes in the cold water. Warden Gottschalk then went out to the boat with the Beaver Dam Fire Department to bring the capsized boat back in. Warden Gottschalk later determined that the operator did not have a life jacket in the boat. Operator was treated for hypothermia at the Beaver Dam Hospital and released.

Warden Heather Gottschalk of Beaver Dam contacted 3 young hunters that had their decoys set out over an hour before season opener. Warden Gottschalk contacted the hunters only to find out that the youngest hunter knew the decoys could not be put out that early. Due to their age they were given a warning, instructed to pull their decoys and find a new location. They were then turned over to Dodge County Sheriff's Office for motor vehicle operation issues.

Warden Heather Gottschalk of Beaver Dam set up a booth at the Faith Lutheran Church Outdoor festival (Faith, Fin and Fur). Warden Gottschalk answered many questions about the mentor bill, deer season, and waterfowl hunting.

Warden Heather Gottschalk of Beaver Dam spoke with a hunter that failed to attach and validate an antlerless deer tag for 16 hours after harvesting the deer. The person was cited for the violation.

Warden Michael Green of the Dells observed an individual fishing below the Wisconsin Dells Dam who had a slot limit walleye on a stringer tied off below the water line. Warden Green made contact with the individual, performed a routine license check, and asked to see the individual's fish. The individual stated that he did not have any fish until Warden Green told him about the stringer and he admitted to catching the fish and hiding it. A citation was issued for an illegal sized fish.

Warden Paul Nadolski of Poynette took several trapping violation complaints and took enforcement action on several of them. Many of the complaints that Warden Nadolski received were for not checking traps as required.

Warden Nadolski attended the Learn To Pheasant Hunt program held jointly between Pheasants Forever, the Columbia County Sporting Alliance and the DNR.

Warden Paul Nell of Horicon was checking early morning waterfowl hunters on the Theresa Marsh. Warden Nell contacted one hunter who had an unplugged shotgun and had an odor of intoxicants. Warden Nell suspected the hunter of being intoxicated and asked the hunter to walk to Warden Nell's squad about a mile away. Warden Nell conducted field sobriety tests and arrested the hunter for Going Armed While Intoxicated. A blood test revealed that the hunter's blood alcohol concentration was .19%

Warden Paul Nell of Horicon was working late night enforcement when he saw a vehicle intentionally headlight shine for deer the Horicon Marsh after 10:00 PM. Warden Nell stopped the vehicle and determined the driver had been drinking. Warden Nell conducted field sobriety tests on the operator and arrested him for OWI-2nd Offense.

Warden Supervisor David Holmes of Portage and Chief Warden Randy Stark of Madison patrolled on the opening day of duck season in Dodge County. The two wardens made contact with two hunters that were illegally hunting in a refuge. During the contact it was determined that the two hunters were not aware they were in a refuge and they also had unplugged guns. Citations were issued for the unplugged guns.

Warden Supervisor David Holmes and Chief Warden Randy Stark made contact with a bow hunter that was illegally driving his ATV upon the highway to get to his bow stand. The violation occurred near Mayville. After being stopped it was determined that the hunter was cited for the same violation just weeks prior in Price County. Another citation was issued to the hunter for illegally riding his ATV upon the highway.