

Warden Webpage Report, Lower St Croix Team Sept. 2009

**Warden Bill Wrasse**, of Durand, worked Lake Pepin on Labor Day Weekend. Boat traffic was very busy. Many boaters reported being out on the water for the first time this year. Several citations for expired boat registration were issued.

**Warden Wrasse** contacted a person that was in possession of a loaded concealed Handgun while on the Chippewa River. Upon checking an arrest warrant was also issued on the subject. Enforcement action was taken.

**Warden Paul Sickman**, of Hudson, responded to a call concerning an anchored boat on the St. Croix River with reports of one person in the water and one person drowned. After investigation it was found the person in the water swam to shore and told campers his passenger drowned. However, this was not the case. The subject was intoxicated and did not remember the companion was dropped off at the boat launch.

**Warden Sickman** took enforcement action on boat noise violations, boat equipment violations and failure to validate goose permits as required.

**Warden Brad Peterson**, of Ellsworth, found two archery deer hunters that had been placing bait illegally prior to the start of deer season. Enforcement action was taken.

**Warden Peterson** assisted in registering a large Black Bear harvested in Pierce County near Spring Valley.

**Warden Wayne Flak**, of Menomonie, worked early goose and dove hunting enforcement in the early season. Flak contacted a hunter who was found to be using an unplugged shotgun and possessing lead shot. While talking to the hunter Flak asked him to unload his gun. The hunter explained that his ejection lever was broke and he had to open the chamber with a knife. The hunter began trying to open the chamber when the knife slipped and almost cut off his little finger. Flak provided medical attention and advised him to go to the hospital. Enforcement action was taken.

**Warden Flak** worked areas of State Wildlife Areas that are popular "hang-out" spots for the returning college students. Flak and sheriff deputies issued underage drinking citations and citations for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

**Warden Flak** received a complaint of a vehicle that drove past a gate onto the beach in the Dunnville State Wildlife Area. The subject was located and found to have operated his vehicle in a prohibited area, underage drinking and obstructed officers. Enforcement action was taken.

**Warden Jim Cleven**, of Colfax, and **Special Warden Gary Schwoch** located numerous illegal deer baits, Several baits were found to be placed before the bow season opened, and several baits were located that contained more than 2 gallons of bait. Several citations were issued for baiting violations with more pending.

**Warden Cleven** gave a hunter safety presentation to the Colfax hunter safety class. Cleven presented Hunter Safety instructor, **Jim Nosker**, an award for teaching Hunter Education in Colfax for over 25 years.