

Oshkosh Team Warden Web Page September 2009

Oshkosh:

While checking fishermen near High Cliff State Park, Wardens Jason Higgins, of Oshkosh, and Kyle Kosin, of Fond du Lac, contacted three subjects fishing from the break wall. Two of the three subjects did not possess a valid fishing license. As Kosin was walking off the break wall and getting back into the patrol boat one of the subjects began waving to a female fishing nearby. The subject then called her on his phone and the female subject set her fishing rod down and walked to a picnic table and pretended like she was sleeping. Higgins had already watched her fishing. The female subject was also cited.

While checking goose hunters returning to a landing on Lake Winnebago, Warden Jason Higgins, of Oshkosh, checked a group of three hunters that had one goose. Higgins moved his squad out of the landing area and observed one subject retrieve something from a gun bag in the boat and go to the passenger side of their vehicle. Higgins returned and told the subjects he needed to check licenses and walked up behind the subject near the passenger side of the vehicle and looked over his shoulder. Higgins repeated that he needed to see licenses and the subject stated he was just going to validate his permit first. The subject stated he shot the goose an hour earlier and had transported in the boat to the landing without his tag being validated. Enforcement action was taken.

While at a landing on Lake Winnebago Wardens Jason Higgins, of Oshkosh, and Kyle Kosin, of Fond du Lac, observed a subject operating a PWC on Lake Winnebago and entered into a channel 20 yards to the north of Higgins and Kosin's location on plane at about 25 MPH. The subject was cited for operating a PWC within 200 feet from shore at speeds greater than slow no wake.

Chilton:

Warden Michael Disher, of Chilton, checked dove and early season goose hunters. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for possession of lead shot, unplugged firearm, hunting without a license, failure to display / validate a goose permit, hunting after hours, and unsigned stamps.

Warden Michael Disher, of Chilton, monitored nighttime deer shining activity along the east shore of Lake Winnebago. Disher contacted two men shining deer from a vehicle with a compound bow and arrows in the back seat. A search of the vehicle revealed open intoxicants. Enforcement action was taken.

Warden Michael Disher, of Chilton, investigated a complaint of illegal ATV use on the Brillion State Wildlife Area. Disher checked and found recent mudding activity on the exposed bed of the Conservation Flowage impoundment. Disher monitored the site and

apprehended four ATV drivers who were operating in the posted closed area. Disher issued multiple citations and warnings for operating in a closed area, operating on the exposed bed of navigable waters, unregistered machines, no safety class, no helmet, modified exhaust, and illegal operation on the roadway to access the marsh.

Fond du Lac:

Warden Kyle Kosin, of Fond du Lac, and Warden Supervisor George Protogere, of Green Bay, contacted an individual fishing from the shore of Lake Winnebago. Kosin asked to see the individual's fishing license. Kosin asked the individual about personal information on the license. The individual looked at Kosin and stated, "You got me—that's not mine." Enforcement action taken.

Warden Kyle Kosin, of Fond du Lac, and Warden Paul Nell, of Horicon, investigated a road hunting complaint where an individual was observed shooting a bow from the bed of a vehicle at turkeys in a field. Enforcement action taken. Individual also cited for placing illegal deer bait.

Warden Kyle Kosin, of Fond du Lac, was checking hunters near the Eldorado Marsh. Kosin located a suspicious vehicle and checked for occupants or hunting equipment. Kosin observed hoses running from the exhaust into the window of the vehicle and an unresponsive individual laying in the rear of the vehicle. Kosin called Fond du Lac County SO and paramedics. Case was transferred to Fond du Lac County SO.

Waupun:

Warden Ben Nadolski, of Waupun, contacted dove and early season goose hunters on State owned public hunting grounds (PHG) north of the Horicon Marsh. One hunter possessed lead shot loaded in his shotgun. The hunter had goose decoys out. He stated he was hoping to shoot doves before the geese arrived and that was the reason for the lead shot. It is illegal to possess lead shot while waterfowl hunting or when dove hunting on State or Federal owned lands. Enforcement action was taken. Two days later, Wardens Nadolski and Kosin of Fond du Lac observed the same hunter in the same field with goose decoys set. It was obvious that the hunter had driven his truck out on the PHG instead of carrying all his gear. A citation was issued for illegal operation of a vehicle on State lands.

Winneconne:

Warden Tom Truman, of Winneconne, contacted several individuals fishing the Winneconne Bridge. Warden Truman discovered that some of the anglers were fishing with too many lines and also possessed live crayfish while angling. Enforcement action was taken.

Neenah: Vacant

Campbellsport: Vacant

Oshkosh Team Supervisor: Vacant

RSW – South:

Recreational Safety Warden April Dombrowski, of Oshkosh, worked the dove and fishing seasons on Labor Day Holiday weekend in Fond du Lac County. RSW Dombrowski also worked with the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department boat patrol on Lake Winnebago. This was an opportunity for RSW Dombrowski to work with the Sheriff's Department on laser radar enforcement.

Recreational Safety Warden April Dombrowski, of Oshkosh, continued to work with the Department of Transportation on the Hwy 41 expansion project over Lake Butte des Morts in Winnebago County. Waterway marker applications are required for placement of buoys for survey markers and turbidity barrier placement to ensure public safety comes first.

Recreational Safety Warden April Dombrowski, of Oshkosh, assisted in providing Hunting Incident Investigation training to the past two warden classes at Sparta for three days. Conservation wardens are required to investigate hunting related shooting incidents and this training is designed to ensure that investigations are handled in the most effective and efficient manner.

Recreational Safety Warden April Dombrowski of Oshkosh traveled to Texas for the National Boating Law Administrator Conference in place of Administrator Roy Zellmer who is serving in active military duty. This conference provided a great deal of training, networking and information sharing which directly benefits our work to enhance boating safety here in Wisconsin.