

Cuffs and Collars Report *September 2009 - Spooner Team*

Warden Jesse Ashton, of Luck, and Deputy Warden Tamara Larson worked baiting complaints in Polk County. Ashton located a subject driving out of a private drive near a rural cabin construction site. The subject stated he had permission to be there but could not tell Ashton who the landowner was. Ashton located a pipe used to smoke methamphetamine. In addition, several other items of drug paraphernalia were located. Ashton arrested the subject and he was booked into the Polk County Jail.

Warden Jesse Ashton, of Luck, contacted three subjects that were hunting over illegally baited areas on the same property near St. Croix Falls. Law enforcement action was taken on an adult for placing illegal bait and several warnings were given to juveniles for various violations.

Warden Jesse Ashton, of Luck, and an intern were patrolling near Atlas when Ashton observed a subject attempt to run and hide in the woods of a County Park. Ashton contacted the subject and found he was hunting squirrels with two companions. One of the subjects had already shot a bag limit of squirrels that morning. The subject was found to have shot more squirrels later that day. A citation for over bagging was issued. Consequently the subject was arrested and transported to jail on an outstanding warrant for possession of an untagged turkey.

Warden Jesse Ashton, of Luck, and Deputy Warden Tamara Larson contacted a subject driving out of the woods after bear hunting. The subject had three loaded and uncased firearms in the vehicle. The wardens also located three illegal bear baits on the property. Law enforcement action was taken.

Warden Jesse Ashton, of Luck, investigated a fraud license case where a Minnesota resident used a Wisconsin address to purchase several years of Wisconsin resident deer hunting privileges. Several citations were issued.

Warden Jon Hagen, of Spooner, followed up on two hotline complaints of illegal PWC operation on Spooner Lake. Warden Hagen issued a citation for towing a tuber without an observer and a warning for failing to have a competent observer.

Warden Jon Hagen, of Spooner, and Warden Supervisor Rick Rosen, of Spooner, worked the holiday weekend patrolling Long Lake for fishing and boating activity. The Wardens issued a citation for failing to register a boat and issued several other warnings for fishing and boating violations.

Warden Jon Hagen, of Spooner, surveilled a hunter on opening day of the bow season. The subject came out of the woods and sat in a vehicle. The subject drank beer in the vehicle and threw cans into the ditch. Warden Hagen contacted the subject after he and

an arriving companion had drug a deer out of the woods. The subject had not validated the carcass tag fully. The subject was warned for failing to immediately validate his tag, however, he was cited for littering.

Warden Jon Hagen, of Spooner, assisted a Washburn County Sheriff's Deputy with a search of a vehicle using a drug dog. The dog "hit" on the vehicle and an ensuing search turned up a marijuana pipe and a baggie of marijuana.

Warden Christopher Spaight, of Grantsburg, and Warden Paul Martin, of Webster, received a citizen complaint about fishermen that appeared to be harvesting a significant amount of fish. The Wardens investigated the complaint and subsequently seized several hundred panfish over their possession limit. Approximately \$5,000.00 in fines were issued.

Warden Christopher Spaight, of Grantsburg, and Warden Dave Swanson, of Minong, received a citizen complaint about a fisherman catching a bag limit of fish, leaving the lake for a short time and then returning to catch a second limit of fish in the same day. The wardens investigated the complaint and seized hundreds of panfish from multiple freezers. Several thousand dollars in citations were issued.

Warden Christopher Spaight, of Grantsburg, and Burnett County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Bybee worked ATV enforcement on area trails. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for illegal exhaust, expired registrations, no trail passes and underage operation.

Warden Dave Swanson, of Minong, Warden Chris Spaight, of Grantsburg, and Warden Jon Hagen, of Spooner, investigated a citizen complaint of a fisherman overbagging on panfish on a lake near Minong. The Wardens worked on the case for several days and subsequently seized hundreds of panfish from the fisherman. Citations issued and fish seized. Warden Steve Sanidas, of Milwaukee, also assisted on the case.