State Budget Proposals Harmful to Hunting, Fishing and Trapping

By George Meyer, Executive Director

Sportsmen and women need to be alert to changes in the proposed state budget that will have major negative impacts on Wisconsin hunters, anglers, trappers and conservation in general. The most important changes are:

1. Removing decision-making authority from the Natural Resources Board. In 1928, sportsmen and women, including Aldo Leopold became fed up with hunting and fishing regulations set by the politicians and their cronies and pushed the Legislature and the Governor to establish a six-citizen Conservation Commission, the predecessor to the current Natural Resources Board. Having a citizen Board gives a chance for average citizens, groups and especially the Conservation Congress, a very public and direct way to have a major impact on all matters related to conservation and outdoor recreation. It is done in a very public setting with members of the media including the Outdoor News reporting the discussion throughout the state. NRB members being citizens like us are very sensitive to make sure average voices are listened to. That does not otherwise happen in government bureaucracies. Our predecessors in 1928 saw that it was not good to centralize conservation decisions in politicians and their appointees. It is very good to see many statewide conservation and agricultural groups weighing in to keep the NRB as a strong voice for sportsmen and women.

2. Ending any conservation land purchases until 2028. The proposed state budget sets a formula by which no land can be purchased for public access, hunting, fishing, trapping or other forms of public recreation until 2028. This issue, however, has two sides. It is clearly important to continue to protect public lands for future generations for access for hunting, fishing and trapping especially in areas of the state with limited amounts of public land. However, we all need to be concerned about the debt that is incurred by the borrowing done for the Stewardship program. At one time, the program was funded at $87 million for state and local land acquisition and property development, last year the funding was down to $32 million. There needs to be some balance between high spending levels and zero spending. This is not a bipartisan issue as the Assembly Republican Caucus led by Speaker Robin Vos has come out for some level of Stewardship funding for land acquisition.

3. Major reductions in DNR science research positions. The three components of natural resource management are: science research, management (regulations and land management) and enforcement. Without all three of these basic features you cannot have successful natural resource management. Without research into fish, wildlife and their habitat and how management options affect them, fish and wildlife managers are acting without basic knowledge of what will work. The proposed state budget eliminates 18.4 DNR Bureau of Science and Research scientists who do the basic studies of fish and wildlife in this state. This may well be the worst conservation proposal advanced in the proposed state budget since it will have dramatic long-term impact on the future of hunting, fishing and trapping in this state. It is reported that an influential legislator is strongly supporting these cuts because he did not like the results of some past DNR research. That is an extremely dangerous conservation position to take. The final decision-makers (the NRB and the Legislature) are not required to adhere to the results of scientific research, but they definitely need to know what the possible scientific outcomes of their decisions are.

If you are concerned that these three budget proposals are not good for long-term conservation in this state, it is critically important that you contact your Assembly Representative and your State Senator and let them know. If you are not sure how to contact them, just go on line to the Wisconsin Legislature webpage, click on Find My Legislator, click on the map and email or call their offices. Sportsmen and women made their voice heard in 1928, make yours heard today!
REQUEST FOR 2016 CALENDAR ADVERTISEMENTS!

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation would like to offer you an opportunity to extend support by purchasing an advertising square(s) in our 2016 Raffle Calendar. The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation is a non-profit statewide conservation organization. Our organization is 56 years old and works toward protecting outdoor sporting opportunities such as hunting, fishing, and trapping within Wisconsin.

Your purchase of advertisement(s) that appear within our raffle calendar will help make our calendar program a success. Calendar ad space measures approximately 2” x 3.5” (business card size) and three ads appear together at the bottom of each month. What a great way to give your company or organization’s name and logo exposure for an entire month, state wide!

With your purchase of ad space you will receive one FREE 2016 raffle calendar! You can then be eligible to win! $100,000.00 in prizes is given away each year! Drawings are held each month in our office. The cost guidelines are below.

If you wish to purchase an advertisement(s), please send artwork (or your business card), measuring 2” x 3.5” and the form below to the address listed by Friday, May 1st, 2015. Please make checks payable to the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

If you have any questions, please contact the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation office at 800-887-4461 or (920) 623-9795. We look forward to receiving your advertisement(s) for 2016.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, 2016 Calendar Program, Advertisement Registration
Name of Business: ____________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________
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Please list the month(s) you would prefer your advertisement to appear on.

Mail this form, fee and artwork to:
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
Attention: Calendar Program
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Columbus, Wi 53925
Email: office@wifw.org ...subject line “2016 Calendar Ad”

Learn to Hunt Turkey
March 27 & April 4
Organized By:
Conservation Wardens Ryan Propson & Mike Young
Volunteer Scott Roon
No licenses or permits needed
(Open to adults interested in Learning to Turkey Hunt)
(Not open to those who have previously purchased a turkey license)

TURKEY CLINIC March 27th
5:30 pm – 9:30 pm
• Lessons on Turkey Biology
• Turkey Hunting Techniques
• Calling Demo
• Review of Turkey Hunting Regulations
• Pattern your Shotgun (ammo provided if necessary)

TURKEY HUNT April 4th
All Day
• Each hunter will participate in a mentored turkey hunt
• Hunters will have lunch and discuss morning hunts
• Afternoon hunt for those interested

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT TURKEY HUNTING AND GET A CRACK AT THE TURKEYS BEFORE THE GENERAL TURKEY SEASON OPENS

Turkey Clinic
Friday, March 27, 2015, 5:30pm-9:30pm
Outagamie Conservation Club
N3502 Mayflower Rd.
Hortonville, WI 54944

Hunt will occur in Outagamie County

Contact Scott Roon immediately to reserve your spot
920-915-3243
scottroon1021@yahoo.com
Applications for Wild Turkey, Pheasant and Waterfowl Stamp Funding Due April 10, 2015

M ADISON – Conservation organizations and units of government have until April 10, 2015 to apply for funds for developing, managing, preserving or restoring habitat for wild turkey, pheasant and waterfowl. The funds are generated from the sale of Wisconsin wild turkey, pheasant or waterfowl stamps.

The Federation is a strong supporter of the DNR’s efforts to go on record that the work done by the DNR research positions are not funded by General Purpose Revenues, rather these positions are extremely productive and nationally recognized for their work. Staff and volunteers provide information as the basis for all of the fish and wildlife management activities. All of these positions are funded by project management plans and necessary to obtain the Federal funding under the Pittman-Robertson program, the State Wildlife Grant Program and the Sports Fishing Restoration Program.

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Department of Natural Resources – Conservation Congress – Natural Resources Board

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

Chairman Cole, Members of the Board, Secretary Stepp,

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February, 2015

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A B 14——Updating the State Raffle Rules Status: Approved by the Assembly

WVF Position—Support

SB 4——Counterpart Bill Status: Approved by the Revenue, Financial Institutions, and Rural Issues Committee

WVF Position—Support

AB 15——Manufacture and sale of Products Containing Microbeads Status: Approved by the Assembly Environment and Forestry Committee

WVF Position—Support

SB 15——Counterpart Bill Status: Approved by the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee

WVF Position—Support

SB 20——Transfers of Hunting and Fishing Approvals to the Disabled Status: In the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee

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The full body of the Federation is forwarding this testimony on behalf of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation regarding the proposed changes if within 3 feet of a shoreline, Attended a meeting and speak/vote on current proposals. **Meeting Location on Page 6

Wisconsin Conservation Editor D.A. Gries

March 2015

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By Ralph Fritsch, Chair, WVF Wildlife Committee and Past President

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Funding for successful applicants will be available during the Wisconsin 2016 and 2017 fiscal years, which run from July 1 through June 30.

For eligible information and criteria, application guidance, funding priorities, and other information, search the website, divisions, for keywords “wildlife stamps.”

The Federation is a strong supporter of the DMR’s efforts to go on record that these tags are not going to have an impact on the county’s deer population and the number of permits issued to the general public to manage the county deer population. On its face, it does not seem possible that it will not have such an effect.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify today on behalf of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

The Federation is submitted by: George Meyer Executive Director Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

August 13, 2014

2015 “Spring Hearings”
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

Conservation Leadership Corps

Are you a High School Junior or Senior or a College Student?

Interested in being a leader in conservation?

Interested in having your voice heard on conservation issues by Wisconsin and National policymakers?

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation has created a Conservation Leadership Training Program for you!

Receive training in conservation leadership, conservation policy development and how to advocate for sound conservation policies. Training will be provided by experienced conservation leaders.

Training will provide an excellent opportunity to network with state, federal and private conservation organizations.

All your expenses for involvement in the program will be paid for by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. At the successful completion of the program you will receive a $250 scholarship to further your conservation education!

Please visit our website: www.wiwf.org for further details. You may also contact Molly O’Grady, WWF Conservation Leadership Corps Coordinator, at Molly.T.OGrady@uwsp.edu or George Meyer, WWF Executive Director, georgemeyer@tds.net with any questions or to express your interest in the program.

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Conservation Leadership Corps Application

(Please be concise and limit your response to two pages in length—the deadline date for applications is May 31, 2015)

1. What is your personal and professional interest in conservation?

2. What would you say are the high points in your life related to conservation, either from an educational, personal, or organizational standpoint?

3. Why do you want to be a member of the Conservation Leadership Corps with the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation? What would you like to get out of the experience?

4. Why is the concept of a Wisconsin Conservation Leadership Corps important?

5. What role do you see conservation organizations have in the future of conservation in Wisconsin?

6. Will you be willing and able to attend a majority of the training sessions?

Background and Contact Information:

Name: ______________________________________________________

Street Address: ________________________________________________

City, State and Zip Code: ________________________________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________

Telephone Number: ____________________________________________

Present School: ________________________________________________

What Year will you be in school next year? (please specify whether high school or college): ____________________________

What do you think your own role will be in the CLC?

Applications, preferably electronically, should be submitted to Molly O’Grady, WWF Leadership Corps Coordinator, Molly.T.OGrady@uwsp.edu, or mail to the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at 1540 W. James St., Suite 500, Columbus, WI 53925.

Please include a name and contact information for a reference or references related to your conservation interest. The reference can be a parent, teacher or other adult that you have had contact with related to conservation. The reference is a very important part of the application.

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“CLC” Update

by Molly T. O’Grady - Coordinator

The Conservation Leadership Corps students have just recently finished their third training session. Students from both CLC year 1 and CLC year 2 worked diligently with one another to develop policy resolutions on their conservation topics of interest. The topics of their resolutions included: implementation of wildlife corridors, protection of pollinators, aquatic invasive species education and management, and the construction of environmental and wildlife friendly building structures. CLC students worked alongside professionals such as Sherri Gruder (sustainable energy specialist), Jon Rehaisok (WDNR), Christelle Guedot (UW-Madison), and Kayzie Stushok (Golden Sands) whom provided guidance and suggestions for their chosen topics. We are happy to announce that the students have also elected board members who will aid in leading the CLC positively into the future! The positions chosen, which will run for one year, include: President (Cody Kamrowski), Vice President (Emma Koss), Treasurer (Andre Virden), Secretary (Michael Sinclair), and Publicist (Elsa Litecky). After a hard days work, the CLC students were treated with a snowshoeing experience around Schmeeckle Reserve, as well as a tour through the Schmeeckle Conservation Hall of Fame and their museum in Stevens Point, WI. Our CLC students are well on their way to becoming conservation stewards and look forward to presenting their hard work at the WWF Annual Meeting!

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Frequently Asked Questions (Continued) 3/15

Q I want to take my two kids on my UTV (utility terrain vehicle) to ice fish. Do my kids need helmets? Because they are under 12 years old, they do not need to wear a helmet.

A Great question. Quick answer is you still need a license to trap. Here’s why: You would not qualify for the license exemption spelled out in s. 29.237(1), Wis. stats. and still would need to purchase a trapping license to be authorized to trap on the leased land. Leasing the hunting and trapping rights to private property does not satisfy the requirement to be the owner or occupant of the land. The term occupant is not statutorily defined; however, the DNR has historically interpreted this as meaning “someone who resides on the land by virtue of a legal agreement.” Merely renting farm land for hunting, for example, does not qualify the hunter as an occupant because they do not reside on the tract. Similarly, someone who is just visiting a property is considered a guest of the landowner or occupant, and themselves are not a legal occupant for purposes of the statute. Thanks for asking.

Q I have a question about access to a stream from a road and if I need permission. I want to access the stream from the road. If the stream goes under the road, do I have to get landowner permission to access the water right at the road? Is there a distance from the center line of any road that is public?

A Roadways are always a confusing topic because there is no uniformity statewide. Certain roadways have a right of way that allows for the public to use the land in the course of transportation (includ- ing on foot) a certain distance from the center line. Other roadways are owned by a political subdivision (state/country/town/govern- ment), and the ownership ends with edges of the road—meaning the ditch is entirely private property and the public has no right to travel there without permission. What does that mean for you? It means you need to contact the local county property records division to determine land ownership/public easements that exist at that stream crossing; or, if they could just obtain landowner permission. As long as we’re on this topic, here’s what we have in our treat regulations book. Access to streams or lakes on Native Ameri- can reservations must be with the permission of the landowner or from lands open to the public such as public roads. Entering or fishing from tribal lands could subject you to tribal or federal trespass laws.

Q I want to take my high school class ice fishing—introduce them to this outdoor activity. I am wondering if all of my students need a fishing license or do I get a group license?

A This sounds like fun homework! The DNR offers an educational waiver and you as a teacher can apply. This allows you to take your students fishing without licenses. But, I wasn’t kidding, there is some homework. Your students must contact DNR to get a cus- tomer service number and you as their teacher need to send the list of your students with those num- bers to Theresa Stahl of the Angler Education Program. The purpose is two-fold. One is to get the kids through the motions of getting a license. Second, it enables the DNR to track the students to see if they buy licenses after this free experience. There are other forms and requirements spelled out in this link: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/ anglereducation/LicenseWaivers.html.

Q I need help! I am trying to help my students with their homework. They want the history behind how we got to fish for the first time. Can you help them?

A Yes! See the future Conservation Leaders in Wisconsin! Meet the thirteen students that are completing the Wisconsin Conservation Leadership Academy that was established by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. The students will be taking full part in the Annual Meeting and will be presenting conservation policy resolutions that they developed as part of their training.

APPLYING FOR WWF YOUTH IN THE OUTDOORS PROGRAM GRANT

FORWARD: The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation has established an annual $2500 grant program to support local organizations in creating and/or operating local youth focused outdoor skill events. The Federation will give grants of up to $250 to local organizations sponsoring such events.

The WWF Education Committee has the responsibility for reviewing and approving such grants. At least two components of these events must involve skills used in hunting, fishing, or trapping, but a wide range of other outdoor knowledge related programs are encouraged. The Education Committee will give preference to WWF affiliated clubs in the issuing of grants.

Please complete this application for and submit it to:

Jim Huhn, WWF Educ. Com. 1607 Neenah Street Watertown, WI 53094 huhnz@me.com 920.518.2378

Name of sponsoring group: ________________________________

Date(s) when the event will take place: ____________________________

Location where event will take place: ______________________________

Name of contact person: ________________________________

Phone # of contact person: ________________________________

E-mail address of contact person: ________________________________

Brief description of the event’s activities including the two required components of hunting, fishing or trapping. (Brochure or poster would be helpful.)

How do you plan to use the grant of up to $250 in this endeavor?

What is the target date for receiving this grant?

Approved: ________________________________

Authorised Signature ________________________________

Date: ________________________________

Interested Parties Can Now Obtain Recreation Trail Aids Grant Applications from the DNR

MADISON – Applications for the Recreation Trail Aids Program are available from the Department of Natural Resources for municipal governments and incorporat- ed organizations whose primary purpose is trails or trail usage. The grant can be used for the following eligible projects:

• Maintenance or restoration of exis- ting trails;

• Development or rehabilitation of trails/trailhead facilities and trail linkages;

• Construction of new trails; and,

• Property acquisition for trails.

The deadline for submitting an ap- plication is May 1, 2010. For information on the Recreational Trail Aids program and to find information on how to apply, please visit the DNR website. Please call the DNR website for Recreation Trail Aids Program. See the future Conservation Leaders in Wisconsin!

2015 Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Annual Meeting Agenda

Friday, April 10 – (Riverbend Ballroom)

12:00 pm Registration Open

1:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting

5:00 pm Adjourn for Dinner (on your own)

7:00 pm Guest Speakers – Pail Strong, Forest Supervisor, Chequamegon- Nicolet National Forest (Invited)

7:00 pm Conservation Leadership Corps Meeting

8:00 pm Evening Social Time – Park Lane, 2nd Floor (Join us – bring a dish to pass! Drinks provided)

Saturday, April 11 – (Riverbend Ballroom)

8:00 am Registration Open

8:30 am Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, Description of Meeting, Distribution of Conservation Leadership Corps Resolutions

9:00 am President’s Address

9:20 am Colm O’Mara, President and CEO, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (Invited)

10:05 am Break

10:20 am Jane Wiley, Member, WI Natural Resources Board

11:05 am Presentation of Conservation Leadership Corps Resolutions

12:00 pm Lunch and President’s Awards (Grand Ballroom)

1:00 pm Adjourn and Policy Resolutions

2:00 pm Voting on All Annual Meeting Resolutions

3:00 pm Nominations for Board of Directors and Officers (caucus if necessary)

4:00 pm Delegater adhy (WWF Board of Directors meet to elect Officers & Associate Directors)

4:30 pm Adjourn

5:30 pm Social Hour – Raffles

6:30 pm Conservation Awards Banquet – Conservation Awards are given to individuals and organizations for their outstanding efforts and achievements in serving the people of Wisconsin through conservation

Installation of 2015-2016 Board of Directors

Recognition of Conservation Leadership Corps Members

Presentation of Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Awards

Featured Presentations:

1. Forest, Wildlife and Fisheries Management on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

Hear directly from Paul Strong, Supervisor of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National For- est on forestry, wildlife, fisheries and public access on the 1.5 million acre federal forest state/county/town government

2. The Future Direction of the National Wildlife Federation

We are privileged to have new President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation, Colm O’Mara present the future vision and current activities of the National Wildlife Federation.

3. Current Status and Future Natural Resource Management in Wisconsin

Hear from retiring Wisconsin Natural Resources Board Member Jane Wiley on the current status and future of Natural Resources Management in Wisconsin.
Take Note!

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February 2015 Calendar Winners

1 $1000 Cash Dayton Stumpf, Omro, WI 781
2 Browning Silver Scott Spencer, Verona, WI 2642
3 Stealth Cam - Skout-7 Roy Petska, Two Rivers, WI 4420
4 Gander Mountain Card $100 John Haack, Algoma, WI 8331
5 Remington 11-87 WIN Dave Beach, Ripon, WI 1076
6 $100 Cash Jeff Tesarowicz, Pewaukee, WI 5765
7 Gander Mountain Card $100 Kevin & Pam King, Mukwonago, WI 3286
8 Stoeger 500 12ga Jason Medina, Waterford, WI 2551
9 Gander Mountain Card $100 Steve Clark, Woorffull, WI 3984
10 $100 Cash Josh Metz, Mountian, WI 10065
11 Tikka T3 300 6 Tim Metz, Owasso, WI 5041
12 Gander Mountain Card $100 Myron Benkind, Tarpon Springs, FL 8955
13 $100 Cash Tom McKean, New Paltzer, WI 8758
14 1/4 ct. TW Diamond Pendant - 10kt gold Mark Wolts, Menasha, WI 9691
15 Remington 870 Express 12ga Mike Elke, Dunellen, WI 2485
16 Gander Mountain Card $100 Mike Gaffney, Holmen, WI 5735
17 $100 Cash Austin Roed, Neosho, WI 6758
18 Bench Nova 12ga Mark O’Hanlon, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 9573
19 Gander Mountain Card $100 Kathy Larick, Oshkosh, WI 7554
20 Savage 22 WIN MAG Palmyra Fish & Game, Palmyra, WI 8055
21 Gander Mountain Card $100 Shane Cartier, Owosso, WI 818
22 Thompson Center Bone Collector Karen Greaves, Spring Green, WI 8358
23 Gander Mountain Card $100 Roni Rominger, Waukesha, WI 8087
24 Henry 22LR lever action John Wagner, Stoughton, WI 9756
25 Gander Mountain Card $100 Robert Dale, Manitowoc, WI 7542
26 $100 Cash Brian Doeram, Sparta, WI 6011
27 TU Sport 50 Cal Shane Bobula, Pewaukee, WI 3359
28 Gander Mountain Card $100 Russ Shinn, Kenosha, WI 8260

SPARTAN'S RUMMAGE SALE

Sat., April 11, 2015
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

JOHN'S
1201 Madison Street, Beaver Dam
General Admission $2.00 • Vendor Space: $15.00

Contact: Harold Drake (920) 386-2831 for reservations or questions

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2015 WWF BANQUET CALENDAR

DISTRICT CONTACT LOCATION DATE
Distr. 3 North Brian Hobbs Crickets Bar & Grill Sat. Feb. 21, 2015
(Ooccus) 754-294-3854 Amery, WI
(Platteville) 608-566-6129 Darboy, WI
District 5 Jerry Lingofski Darboy Club Thurs. March 19, 2015
(Fox Cities) 920-841-8427 Darboy, WI
District 6 Michelle Graf LaCrosse Sat. Feb. 7, 2015
(LaCrosse) 608-787-7637 LaCrosse, WI
District 8 Tom Nielsen Hixton Fri. April 3, 2015
(Woodruff) 262-719-5295 Hixton, WI
District 9 Janet McLaughlin Hixton Fri. March 13, 2015
(Milwaukee) 414-573-3634 Hixton, WI
Statewide Wayne Thayer Hixton Fri. Feb. 28, 2015
Banquet 608-754-4965 Wisconsin Dells, WI

SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS, INC.
C.T.O. Inc. is a non-profit organization, dedicated to serving
the recreational needs and desires of the physically challenged sportsperson.
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HWY 154 - 2 miles west of Navarino – 715-758-8134
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included with your round of Sporting Clays
$25 for 50 TARGETS – SHOOT AGAIN FOR $15
2 COURSES
4 LEWIS CLASS PRIZES
DOZENS & DOZENS OF FINE DOOR PRIZES

RAFFLE – LOOK AT THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN !!!

REMEMBER '78 300 WIN. MAG CAMO Safety Club International
STEVENS MODEL 523, 12 GA, 7” Shell, Over & Under - River Rail, Sturgeon
ROSSI 243 WIZARD - Colwitz BP, Blooms
CVA WOLF RIVER, .50 CAL, 24” Barrel - Blooms Sportsman Club
SWORDER 12 GA, 7” Shell, 26” Barrel - Shadows on the Wolf, Sturgeon
ROSSI 243 WIZARD - Sturgeon Area Barrel League
WATERSHED FA-08 12 GA, 3” Shell, 28” Barrel - CTO Members
MOSSBERG 12GA Turkey, 20” Barrel - Jim Adamovich, CTO member
4-Person Lake Michigan Charter Fishing Trip - Tom Charters, Roger Meyers
Swing: Mike & Gordon Baich, CTO Superfans

1 - 12 x 12” rotten Refraining/Coating: Joe’s Hardware Floor, Kaukauna
One Night Stay: Country Inn & Suites, Little Chute
10-day Free CAR Rental: Kessio Toyota Scion:
SNIP Picture “Clay Bank Bear”: Gary/Link’s Vendors Havel
3 rods & reels: Sturgeon Lions Club
3 rods & reels: Seymour Lions Club
3 rods & reels: Black Creek Lion Club
3 rods & reels: Grand Chute Lion Club

NUMEROUS OTHER PRIZES!!!!!!

TICKETS – 1 for $5 / 3 for $10 / 10 for $20
Available at the Fundraiser

www.CTOforME.org
e-mail: CTOforME@yahoo.com