Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

The lasting pleasures of contact with the natural world are not reserved for scientists but are available to anyone who will place himself under the influence of earth, sea and sky and their amazing life.

-Rachel Carson

Major Hunting Changes Proposed

Make Sure That Your Voice is Heard at Conservation Hearings

Conservation Congress County Meetings

Monday, April 13, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

- Establishing a Spring Bear Hunting Season
- Restoring 2 or 5 day Nonhunting Prior to Current Firearm Season
- Restoring Additional Archery Buck Tags for Current Firearm Season
- Adding 10 days to the Current 9 Day Firearm Season
- Eliminating Anterless Holiday Hunts
- Allow CDACs to Recommend Earn a Buck
- Requiring Non-Toxic Ammunition on DNR Owned or Manage Lands
- Prohibiting Baiting and Feeding Statewide
- Establishing a Spring Bear Hunting Season

See Page 4 for a List of Hearing Locations and Information on In-Person or On-Line Registration

To review the questions in advance see:

[https://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/Documents/spring_hearing/2020_2020_Spring_Questionnaire.pdf]

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

2020 Annual Meeting

April 17-18
Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

President’s Report

February 2020

The 2020s started on a sad note for the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation as we’ve had to say goodbye to a number of friends and former members. Martha Kilish passed this last January. Martha was the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation’s first woman president. She was preceded in death by her husband Bucky this past fall. Jim Forward served on the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation’s Wildlife Committee for years, and was a frequent contributor to Wisconsin outdoor news. Also passing was Larry Freitag. Larry was a longtime WWF Board member and was the liaison to the Wisconsin Federation of Great Lakes Sports Fishing Clubs. Doug Burrows was also a WWF Board Member and very involved in a number of waterfowl organizations, was a longtime leader of our affiliate, the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club, and was recognized as the Conservation Congress delegate of the year. Also passing was Bob Ellingson Jr. Bob was a long-time outdoor communications specialist with the DNR and liaison to the Conservation Congress. Upon retirement he was elected as Chair of the Conservation Congress and was a long-time member and strong supporter of the WWF. His son Bob Ellingson Jr. is a current WWF Board member. Wow, what a loss of great Wisconsin conservationists. The next time you’re outdoors either watching the sunrise or out on a lake, take a minute of silence to remember all the people that we have lost who have shaped and molded conservation in our state.

This year’s calendar sales finished strong, with a sale of 8660 calendars this year. Thank you, thank you and thank you to all of you that made this possible. This puts us in a good position to hit or exceed our long-term goal of selling 9000 calendars in the future. This year out on the ice. It’s times like these that reminds me it’s not the opportunity next year to get together with the friends we made this year out on the ice. It’s times like these that reminds me it’s not the game we take, but the memories we make.

In closing I’m seeing more and more concerns with the dangers of lead in the environment. Wildlife rehabilitation Centers are seeing numerous eagles with lead poisoning especially after the gun deer season. Not only is there a danger to wildlife, human are also vulnerable to the effects of lead ingestion from wild game. I feel we as sportsmen and women need to do better at protecting our environment by voluntarily using non-Lead/non-toxic alternatives. Hopefully if enough of us go to non-toxic alternatives we can avoid the need to use non-Lead/non-toxic alternatives.

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Registration materials will be mailed to WWF Directors and Affiliate Organizations. Registration materials can also be requested by emailing the WWF office at office@wiwf.org.
B y August of 1956 the heavy use of DDT insecticide in the control of Dutch Elm Disease and Plum curculio control of tassue moth, tick control, even mosquito control was beginning to turn up dead birds. The Federation went back to the books and studied all it could find about the effects of hydrocarbon insecticides and herbicides, their effect on both the target species and on other wildlife and the possible effects on humans. By 1949 the only studies were very cursory and incomplete and in some cases incomplete. Harry Blagrough began researching the pesticides a few years later. He concluded, “As in many other control operations involving insecticides, such as spraying for Dutch Elm Disease, if widely adopted it introduced the possibility of serious damage to wild birds and animals.” Blagrough’s studies also showed that there was widespread loss of birds and animals in areas of heavy use. As a result of the studies, the certification of the “Safe- Control Committees which was to set standards and restrictions on use of insecticides in cities, villages, and non-crop areas outside of county limits, but not on crop lands. An ineffective pesticide bill was proposed in Wisconsin in 1961. In August of 1960 we received a request from Rachel Carson for one of our purposes as she said she was interested in them in regard to her forthcoming book on pesticides. Needless to say, we sent them to her. By 1962, Miss Carson’s “Silent Spring” was off the printers press and on public book racks. It accomplished in a few months what all the rest of us had been unable to do in over six years.

RESOLUTION: Warden Service 100 years old.

WHEREAS: The conservation ward- en group of the DNR was formed 100 years ago as strictly a game enforce- ment unit, and

WHEREAS: Their duties have been widened to include enforcement of envi- ronmental laws, and

WHEREAS: This group of dedicat- ed persons have performed all tasks assigned to them in an admirable manner; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Board of the Wiscon- sin Wildlife Federation convened at 6:30 P.M., on Thursday, May 19, 1979, that the Federation extend its congratulations for 100 years of dedicated service and cooperation with the citizens of the State of Wisconsin to the Warden’s State of the Federation, and that this resolution be sent to the DNR Board, Secretary Earl, Chief Warden Don Be- hlig, and all District Headquarters, as well as to Governor Dreyfus.

Chemical Insecticides and Herbicides

We all have a wildlife story to tell. Harvesting a first deer to watching an eagle plunge into a body of water to catch a fish. In those politically de- duce time, there is an opportunity for America’s to unite through the preservation of wildlife. Recently I was a part of a politically diverse group who rallied together to advocate for Members of Congress in DC on a wide array of conserva- tion priorities. Among them, I was able to advocate for Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (RAWA): RAWEA was a piece of legislation that would allocate $3.3 billion dollars annually to State, Tribal and Territorial natural resource and game manage- ment agencies. This funding would be used to better implement State Wildlife Ac- tion Plans and provide the necessary resources for at-risk wildlife populations. 1/3 of wildlife species are at risk of becoming threatened or endangered unless proactive measures are taken. There are 1,000 species on the US Fish and Wildlife Service’s list of endangered species, but hold tremendous value to ensure the greater ecosystem we enjoy is healthy and balanced. Recovering America’s Wildlife Act has already made natural resource agencies throughout the United States states make political sense to the far reaches of the political spectrum. I would highly recommend contacting your United States House Members and urge them to sign on as a cospon- sor of Recovering America’s Wildlife Act.

Cody Kamrowski
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, Board of Directors National Wildlife Federation Board of Directors Waunakee, WI

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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 just for you!
Students in the Conservation Leadership Corps will 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 by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. At the successful completion of the program you will receive a $250 scholarship to further your conservation education!
We welcome applications from high school seniors and college freshman, sophomore, and juniors. Please visit our website: www.wfwf.org for further details. You may also contact the WFWF Conservation Leadership Corps Coordinator at CLLC.WWF.Coordinator@gmail.com or George Meyer, WFWF Executive Director at georgemeyer@jtds.net with any questions or to express your interest in the program.

General Information on the Conservation Leadership Corps

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (WFWF) is in the process of its seventh year as an exciting program to assist in the development of future conservation leaders in Wisconsin, known as the Wisconsin Conservation Leadership Corps (CLC). WFWF has based the CLC on a highly successful and similar project developed by the Conservation Federation of Missouri, our counterpart organization.
The CLC is designed to provide expert training for seniors in high school along with col- lege freshmen, sophomores and juniors to develop leadership skills and techniques to show students the ability to analyze as well as develop conservation policies in his or her subject of interest. Students involved will also gain experience advocating their conser- vation resolutions at the Annual Meeting for WFWF. Successfully written and presented conservation resolutions may be adopted by WFWF to serve as official policies. Training will be provided by current and former natural resource professionals in both public, non-profit as well as private sectors. Students will be presented with real-world experience and will have feedback with professionals with the conservation policy process. Such interactions will be valuable to participants in relation to school success, future career aspirations, and involvement in organizations.
It is anticipated that the eighth year of the program will take place during the 2020-2021 academic year. Events will be scheduled for three weekends throughout the year. Con- servation resolution presentations conducted by those involved would be made at the Annual Meeting of the Wildlife Federation in April 2021. Selected CLC candidates are en- couraged to attend three of the four events. All expenses encountered while participating in the CLC program will be covered by WFWF. At the successful completion of the year, each participant will receive a Certificate of Accomplishment for the training program, a letter of commendation for their resume portfolio and a $250 scholarship to advance their education.
Interested CLC candidates should fill out the application on this page and send it to the CLC Coordinator, at CLLC.WWF.Coordinator@gmail.com by May 31st 2020. Candidates will be selected by June 15th, 2020. All applicants will be notified of the results. More detailed information on the program will be provided to those selected over the 2020 summer.

Background and Contact Information——Please include this information as part of your application:

Name: ____________________________________________________________

City, State and Zip Code: ___________________________________________

Email Address: ____________________________________________________

Phone Number: __________________________

Present School: ____________________________________________________

Year in School: ________

Education: ___________ (Grade 9 to 12)

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

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

---The deadline date for applications is May 31st, 2020.---

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
Conservation Leadership Corps Application

---Please answer the following questions and list your responses to TWO pages in length.

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?

4. What would you like to get out of the experience?

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

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

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**Please include a name and contact information for a reference related to your conservation impact. 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.**

Applications, preferably electronically, should be submitted to WFWF Leadership Corps Coordinator, at CLLC.WWF.Coordinator@gmail.com or sent through mail to the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, 213 Main Street, Suite 100, PO Box 460, Poynette, WI 53955-0460. The Deadline is May 31st, 2020.
2020 WISCONSIN CONSERVATION HALL OF FAME INDUCEES ANNOUNCED: STEPHEN BORN, JENS JENSEN AND STANLEY TEMPLE

The Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame (WCHF) celebrates the year of its 100th Induction on April 25, 2020 in the Attrium at SentryWorld in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The public is invited to attend the 36th annual ceremony to join in celebrating three conservation leaders.

Stephen Born, a well-known UW-Madison professor who specialized in environmental planning and worked on almost every aspect of water management, the Great Lakes, inland lakes, groundwater, rivers and watersheds, in addition to loving all things trout.

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The Federation’s Awards Committee solicits/invites your participation to nominate person(s) and organizations for the 2020 W.W.F. Conservation Achievement Awards Program!

**CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR**
For the outstanding overall conservation efforts and achievements in any field of natural resource management, for a significant contribution to the cause of conservation, or for meaningful progress or achievement toward a solution of a major conservation problem in the state during the past year. Nominees from all other categories can be considered for the Conservationist of the Year Award.

**CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR**
For outstanding contributions to the conservation of natural resources by an organization in the state for an extended period of time. Statewide or local organizations, including sportsmen’s clubs or civic organizations are eligible. The recipient should have demonstrated keen interest in projects and programs within the state which deal with significant natural resource or issues.

**CONSERVATION LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR**
For outstanding legislative accomplishment during their career which has made a significant contribution to the preservation and management of our state’s natural resources.

**WILDLIFE OR FISHES CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR**
For outstanding efforts and accomplishments in making a significant contribution to the management and/or restoration of wildlife resources in Wisconsin.

**HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**
For outstanding efforts by an individual volunteer or organization over an extended period of time in the education of hunter safety. Also such efforts by an individual or organization that has developed an innovative and successful method of educating novice hunters in hunter safety.

**CONSERVATION COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR**
For outstanding conservation efforts by a person, group, newspaper, magazine, radio, television station or form of social media in the state. The recipient of this award may be any recognized communication medium within the state that has accomplished a high degree of public awareness of the importance of natural resource conservation.

**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR**
(2 categories)
For outstanding contributions to the conservation of our land or water. Recipient could be a landowner, administrator, technician or organization involved with such things as watershed management, soil conservation measures, wetlands or estuarine conservation, wild rivers protection and protection of surface or groundwater water quality or quantity standards.

**WARDEN OF THE YEAR**
For outstanding efforts relating to environmental and conservation law enforcement, community outreach and educational programs.

**OFFICIAL CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS!**
For presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.
What is a resolution?
• A formal, written motion which follows a specific format.
Why submit a resolution?
• To set a course of action for the WWF Board of Directors to follow.
• To set and express an opinion of the WWF.
Who can submit a resolution?
• Any member of the WWF Board of Directors.
• Any individual associate or sustaining member – please contact an Associate Director or District Director to submit it on your behalf.

Mail your resolutions to:
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
Attn: Resolutions
PO Box 460
Poynette, WI 53955-0460

Contact the office for additional information or for specific writing format guidelines.
(800) 897-4161
About the Program/Event: Open to new or “novice” hunters at least 10 years of age. We strongly encourage participation of anyone interested who has never hunted turkeys before! Age does not matter. A parent or adult chaperon is encouraged to participate as well. Hunter safety is not required, but hunters will need to have a WI DNR # (can obtain at no cost by simply calling WI DNR). Participants are paired with an adult mentor with a minimum of 5 years turkey hunting experience to teach and show them all about turkey hunting.

Thursday Night Event: Participants are required to attend a fun filled educational/training session on the Thursday April 2nd. Thursday night activities include meeting the mentors, firearm safety and sighting in/shooting of guns, dinner, turkey hunting rules & regulations and safety by WI DNR Wardens, a talk on turkey biology by a UWSP wildlife biologist, Turkey hunting 101 seminar, Tips on Bow Hunting Turkeys, safety and rules. Range time will begin at 4pm with director/education sessions starting at approximately 5pm.

The Hunt: The hunt itself takes place on Saturday April 4th and Sunday April 5th. Time and place arranged by mentor. Both days of the hunt all are encouraged to meet back at Brooks Farms Club around noon for provided lunch, hunt stories, weighing of birds, photos, and raffles! Location: Brooks Farms located at N757 County Rd A, Waupaca, WI 54981 (located approx 2 miles south of Waupaca Fleet Farm at intersection of highways 10 & A).

The event is provided at no cost to the participants and provides a turkey tag (license) for each participant. Hunters should bring clothing, boots, gloves and hat appropriate for weather conditions. camoflauge or dark outer clothing, snacks, shooting stick and weapon (gun, bow, crossbow). Specific hunt times and any gear that may need are to be arranged by the mentor and hunter.

If interested in participating as Hunter, Mentor or Sponsor, please call/text Charlie Wanty at 715.281.8862

Find us on Facebook to learn more and see past videos!

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Thanking Thrivent Financial For Supporting The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation. Special thanks to those Thrivent beneficiaries who elect to provide “Choice Dollars” which in turn help fund the Federation’s Conservation Programs.

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A tom turkey displaying in fall

Photo credit: Jerry Davis

Hunters Register 3,792 Birds During 2019 Fall Turkey Hunt

“By moving to a bag limit, we are simplifying the process for trappers. There will no longer be an application deadline to remember or physical permits to wait for in the mail,” said Shawn Rosaler, DNR furbearer specialist. “The department can shut down the season if the harvest report process is problematic. The key point to remember is that each harvest authorization permits the take of one otter - just like with a tag.

For each otter registered, trappers will use their unique harvest authorization number in the harvest reporting process in Gamelock. Trappers will also need to provide the county and game management unit of harvest during the harvest reporting process.

Physical registration with a conservation order or other authorized DNR staff is a mandatory requirement. Trappers must report their otter by phone or online within 24 hours of harvest. These requirements allow the department to monitor otter harvest throughout the season. If the harvest approaches the season quota, the department can shut down the season early to ensure the approved quota isn’t exceeded.

Trapping is one of the oldest forms of hunting. Trapping in Wisconsin is highly regulated to ensure that wildlife management goals are met and healthy populations are sustained. New trappers must pass a Trapper Education course before purchasing a trapping permit.

Attention Trappers: Changes To Otter Season

DNR Moving To Bag Limit/Quota For Otter

Wisconsin trappers will now receive two otter permits with their trapping license. Photo credit: DNR

MADISON, Wis. - With another wild turkey season complete, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reports hunters reg- istered 3,792 birds during the fall 2019 wild turkey season.

There were 74,775 harvest authorizations were issued for the 2019 fall sea- son, an increase of 860 from 2018. Of those sold in 2019, 70,084 were awarded a fall turkey license and 4,691 were sold over the counter as bonus harvest author- izations.

As in 2018, the fall turkey drawing was waived in 2019. Anyone with a fall turkey license and stamp was awarded one harvest authorization for the zone of their choice. In addition to the harvest authorization included with a fall turkey license, a total of 13,000 bonus harvest authorizations were available for pur- chase in zones 1-4.

With a difference of only 10 more birds registered, the fall harvest in 2019 was almost identical to 2018. There were 3,782 turkeys registered during the 2018 fall season. This season’s harvest success rate was 5.1%, also equal to 2018. The success rate is calculated based on the number of harvest authorizations sold and is not corrected for non-participa- tion.

Although this year’s fall harvest is nearly identical to 2018, over the last de- cade, we have seen a steady decline in the number of turkeys harvested in fall.” said Mark Witecka, DNR upland wildlife ecologist. “Reductions in har- vest over the last 10 years are largely due to a decline in hunter participation and effort. The annual fall hunter survey shows continued declines in fall turkey hunter numbers and a larger portion of these hunters are pursuing turkeys sec- ondary to other species.

The wild turkey is truly one of Wis-consin’s wildlife management success stories. A key role in the success of the wild turkey management program can be attributed to hunters through their purchase of the Wild Turkey Stamp which provides vital financial support in providing for future opportunities for turkey management and hunting in Wis-consin.

Three wild turkeys were first suc- cessfully reintroduced into Wisconsin in 1976, population levels continue to in- crease and expand statewide. Successful restoration of the wild turkey resulted from tremendous hunter and landowner support, good survival and high-quality habitat. The DNR first initiated a fall turkey season in 1989 after an increase and expansion of turkeys throughout the state. Since then, hunters have been able to harvest turkeys during both fall and spring seasons.

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12th Annual Sportsman's Rummage Sale

Saturday April 4, 2020
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Beaver Dam Legion - 300 Beichl Avenue
Beaver Dam, WI

Wisconsin trappers will now receive two otter permits with their trapping license. Photo credit: DNR

MADISON, Wis. - The Wiscon- sin Department of Natural Resources will shift to a bag limit/quota in November. This change is intended to simplify regulations while maintaining safeguards that ensure the river otter population remains abun- dant.

River otters are found throughout the state and appear to be thriving,” said Dr. Nathan Roberts, DNR furbearer research scientist. “We use multiple in- formation sources to assess otter popu- lations and the sustainability of otter harvests.”

Annual harvest goals and permit availability are determined based on the best available scientific data. Dur- ing recent trapping seasons, the number of otter permits available exceeded the number of applicants. As a result, many applicants receiving two permits.

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Tri-County is donating to CLC in hopes that other clubs will also donate to the CLC program. CLC students are the fu- ture of WWF. We need to support this program and encourage our youth to get involved with WWF.

12th Annual Sportsman's Rummage Sale

Saturday April 4, 2020
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Beaver Dam Legion - 300 Beichl Avenue
Beaver Dam, WI

Wisconsin trappers will now receive two otter permits with their trapping license. Photo credit: DNR

MADISON, Wis. - The Wiscon- sin Department of Natural Resources will shift to a bag limit/quota in November. This change is intended to simplify regulations while maintaining safeguards that ensure the river otter population remains abun- dant.

River otters are found throughout the state and appear to be thriving,” said Dr. Nathan Roberts, DNR furbearer research scientist. “We use multiple in- formation sources to assess otter popu- lations and the sustainability of otter harvests.”

Annual harvest goals and permit availability are determined based on the best available scientific data. Dur- ing recent trapping seasons, the number of otter permits available exceeded the number of applicants. As a result, many applicants receiving two permits.

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“The wildly popular Land and Water Conservation Fund is America’s most successful and effective tool for keeping nature and wildlife within reach for millions of Americans. Period. That’s why the Trump budget request — and its refusal to support permanent, mandatory funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund — is so telling,” said Laura Daniel Davis, chief of policy and advocacy at the National Wildlife Federation. “Budgets reflect our values, and this sends a clear and disconcerting message to Americans about how the Trump Administration values our public lands and wildlife heritage.”

The president’s budget request also takes aim at federal programs that keep nature and wildlife within reach for all Americans. The National Wildlife Federation applauded testimony by former U.S. Forest Service Chief Tony Tidwell and echoed his support for legislation introduced by Representative Betty McCollum (D-Minn.), which would withdraw mineral rights from 234,000 acres near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and protect the area’s pristine waters from mining. The legislation is in response to an announcement by the Trump administration to renew copper mining leases in the headwaters, which flow into the wilderness area.

“Subsidiary copper mining in the watershed of the Boundary Waters is unacceptable,” concluded Tidwell at a House Natural Resources Subcommittee hearing. “The risks are high. The rewards are low. And our ability to fix anything when it goes wrong is non-existent without compromising the very wilderness character that we are legally and ethically required to protect.”

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area is a paradise for outdoor recreationists of all ages with remote landscapes and nearly 2,000 pristine lakes that offer excellent hunting and fishing opportunities,” said Aaron Kindle, senior manager for Western sporting campaigns at the National Wildlife Federation. “The Boundary Waters Canoe Area also is an outstanding habitat for moose, bear, otters, lynx, wolves and dozens of other species. Even a single open pit mine above this watershed could pollute the pristine waters forever. That must never be allowed to happen.”

“Mining near Boundary Waters Is "Unacceptable"
2019 WWF BANQUET DATES

DISTRICT CONTACT DATE LOCATION
District 3 North (Oswego) 2019
District 4 East (Pleasant Valley) Sept. 5, 2019
District 4 West (Neenah) April 4, 2020
District 5 (Fox Valley) March 26, 2020
District 6 (La Crosse) Feb. 1, 2020
District 6 (Black River Falls) March 7, 2020
District 8 (Oconomowoc/Pewaukee) March 13, 2020
District 9 (Milwaukee) March 6, 2020
District 10 (Sheboygan) Jan. 25, 2020

2019 Calendar Donors

Platinum
Jon’s Sport Shop Ecker Motorsports
Falls Bowl Outfitters Dave Verhage

Gold
Becoming An Outdoor Woman
Nicky Boy Charter Fishing Services
Matthews Bow
Jeff O’Brien, CHN Outdoors
Lake Superior Bluetick kennel

Bronze
Tri-County Sportsmen
Lil Pipping
Sheboygan County Conservation Assoc.
Jim Swanson
Hotel Meal
Keith & Judy Pamperin
Bill Tallard

100th Cash

Variations on the All-American Hamburger

Juicy Lucy
1 ½ lb hamburger divided into two equal parts
1 slice American cheese
Form the two parts hamburger into patties place American cheese in center of one patty. Smooch two patties together especially the edges and grill or broil.

Grunnies Famous Burgers
1 lb hamburger
½ cup ketchup
¼ cup mustard
2 tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce
Mix all ingredients together and form into patties and grill or broil.

Bacon stuffed Burgers
4 bacon strips
½ grated Parmesan cheese
¼ cup chopped onion
1 ½ teaspoon pepper
1 4 oz can mushroom finely chopped
2 lbg hamburger

Cook bacon until crisp. Remove to paper towels, drain pan, but leave some bacon grease and saute onion in drippings, crumble bacon and mix with mushrooms. In a large bowl mix burger, cheese, pepper, garlic powder and steak sauce. Shape into 16 patties. Divide bacon/ mushroom mixture on 8 patties. Smooch remaining patties on top of bacon mix patties seal edges tightly. Grill. Serve on toasted buns.

Blues Burgers
½ lbs fresh mushrooms, sliced
2 tablespoons butter
½ teaspoon paprika
1 ½ lb burger
1 ¼ teaspoon salt
1 2 oz crumbled blue cheese
1 slice American cheese
BBQ sauce

Sauté the mushroom in butter until tender. In large bowl mix burger and spices and form into 8 thin patties. Sprinkle half the patties with blue cheese. Place remaining patties on top of blue cheese and smooch together especially the edges. Grill or broil for ten minutes or till desired doneness, top with BBQ sauce and mushrooms and place on a toasted bun.

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18 Winchester Walnut 20 Gauge Shotgun Courtney Klues, Oostadl 9429
16 $100 Cash Sherry & Phil Doering, Colorado Springs 10622
15 Armsco 12 Gauge O/U Shotgun Nicki Boldt, Sheboygan Falls 0083
14 Bone handle block knife set engraved Rod Smazac, Unity 10387
13 Moultrie Reaction cam/pro Tom Furrer, Bagley 5996
12 Half day fishing trip in June on Lake Superior Evelyn Schmitt, Milladore 5723
9 $100 Cash Dana Foreman, Cobb 6074
29 $100 Cash Larry Yaeger, New London 6401
28 Cooler Bag Set and engraved 3 piece knife set Duwayne Dost, Slinger 8216
26 $100 Cash Evan Rogers, Crivitz 1223
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WWF “Kitchen News”

February 2020 Calendar Winners

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