**Mondovi Conservation Club**

**February 2021 Newsletter**

**Monthly Meeting**

Our February meeting will be held on Feb. 17th at 7:00 PM.

**2021 Officers and Board of Directors**

President: Krista Nygaard

Vice President: Andy Sandberg

Secretary: Angie Michlig

Treasurer: Terri Roehrig

Board Members at Large: AL Urness, Terry Pittman, Rick Brantner, Dave Engstrom and Rich Bauer

**Virtual Ice Fishing Contest**

The 2021 Virtual Ice Fishing Contest drawing was held on February 14th. Thank you to everyone that purchased tickets this year. We would also like to thank our donors:

Alliance Bank

Durand Sportsman Club

Gunderson Foods

Iron Workers Local 512

Marten Transport

Midwest Dental

Welcome Matt

We are hoping that next year we can hold a normal Ice Fishing Contest!

**Hunter Safety**

The club will be hosting an Online Hunter Internet Field Day course on Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. All participants must complete the online course and provide their completion certification in order to attend the Internet Field Day. The online class can be found at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/.../OutdoorSkills/safetyEducation>. Any age is welcome, but course is fast paced and designed at the 6th grade level. Anyone under 12 automatically hunts under the mentor law, regardless if they have a hunter Ed certificate or not. COVID Guidelines will be followed.  DRESS for Weather as most of Field day is OUTSIDE regardless of the weather (snow, cold, rain, etc). Must bring $10 and Completion Certificate to participate in the Internet Field Day or you will not be allowed to attend. Plan to arrive between 7:30 am and 7:45 am to allow for registration. You Must Register to Enroll in the Field Day at [https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/idcheck.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdnr.wisconsin.gov%2FEducation%2FOutdoorSkills%2Fidcheck.&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C4fda2151cf0d4e95e8d408d8cd3ac859%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637484999670368655%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=OCuHf8rNvfLTkw1DbwPrY%2B9IywmWaV%2Bgznvkiljp2gs%3D&reserved=0) Due to DNR requirements, Hunter Ed classroom training WILL NOT BE held in 2021 statewide.  If you have further questions, please contact Terri Roehrig at 920-540-2775

**Blizzard Shoot**

The first of 3 Blizzard Shoots against Westgate Sportsman Club will be held on Feb. 20th

The first shoot will be held at Westgate 11am – 3pm

**Freedom Raffle**

Once again, the Mondovi Conservation Club will be hosting a calendar raffle with proceeds going towards new concrete patio at the main club house and maintenance of the club house. We will be drawing for 31 guns/Scheels gift cards during the month of July.

As a Club member, we need your help in our fundraising effort! If each Club member sold 5 tickets, we would easily meet our goal of selling 2,000 tickets. Please visit the Club’s website [www.mondoviconservationclub.org](http://www.mondoviconservationclub.org)) for complete raffle details including how to obtain tickets to purchase and sell. Thank you!

**Golf Outing**

This year’s golf outing will be held on Friday, June 11th at The Valley Golf Course in Mondovi, WI. More details as the date gets closer.

**Buffalo County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC)**

Buffalo County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC) recommended to **MAINTAIN** the deer herd in the county as their FINAL recommendation for the new 3-year goal that starts in 2021 and will run through 2023. The recommendation is currently being vetted for approval through the DNR and will go before the Natural Resources Board (NRB) for approval in their February meeting. This is a change from the previous goal of decreasing the deer herd over the last three years. While the goal of decreasing the herd was not met, the council members felt that with more predator issues, less browse available and less overall sightings based on public input, that the change should be made.

The CDAC will hold their Preliminary Spring Quota Setting meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 @ 7:00 pm. via Zoom. The objective of this meeting is to set preliminary antlerless tag quotas, bonus tag quotas, additional seasons such as Holiday Hunt and Extended Bow season. The public input for the preliminary recommendation will also occur in mid-April. The CDAC will meet in early May to review and discuss the public input and make their final recommendations. The DNR and NRB will review and approve the final CDAC recommendations at their late May meeting. Meeting information can be found on the CDAC website at: [https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/CDACFind.aspx](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdnr.wi.gov%2Ftopic%2Fhunt%2FCDACFind.aspx&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C4fda2151cf0d4e95e8d408d8cd3ac859%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637484999670378610%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=xTTcaoFnaNmqFPnGXK1FijEBNuodatAukVNmP%2FHrG9k%3D&reserved=0).

**Railroad Crossing Legislation**

For those of you that like to ice fishing on the Mississippi River and are challenged by the Railroad crossing issue, there is a renewed effort by the Wisconsin Wildlife Association and Safari Club International to draft legislation to push through to legalize the crossing of the railroads to access the river. A Zoom meeting is being held on Thursday, February 11 to discuss with groups and stakeholders up and down the Mississippi River. More to come on this as the legislation is developed.

**Spring Hearings**

The Spring Hearings provide an opportunity for the public to weigh in on citizen resolutions, Wisconsin Conservation Congress Advisory questions, DNR and NRB Advisory questions related to natural resources. The input process will be online again this year and will occur from April 12 - April 15. If you are interested in writing a resolution for consideration, click: [https://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/Documents/spring\_hearing/HowToWriteAResolution.pdf](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdnr.wi.gov%2FAbout%2FWCC%2FDocuments%2Fspring_hearing%2FHowToWriteAResolution.pdf&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C4fda2151cf0d4e95e8d408d8cd3ac859%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637484999670378610%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=eUZO%2FNr1YJMgVLY5LuLZtPjiX762H5YtDMtr6CqI8Ng%3D&reserved=0). For more information on the Spring Hearings visit: [Annual spring public hearing and county meeting | Wisconsin DNR](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdnr.wisconsin.gov%2Fabout%2Fwcc%2Fspringhearing&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C4fda2151cf0d4e95e8d408d8cd3ac859%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637484999670388568%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qI0mwY9ssLh2fj3rn69i%2BqOv6Q9L%2BdfPkdzLDRJT0dY%3D&reserved=0) or contact any of your Wisconsin Conservation Congress Delegates for Buffalo or any other county here: [https://dnr.wi.gov/about/WCC/Documents/DelegateResources/2020\_Delegates.pdf](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdnr.wi.gov%2Fabout%2FWCC%2FDocuments%2FDelegateResources%2F2020_Delegates.pdf&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C4fda2151cf0d4e95e8d408d8cd3ac859%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637484999670388568%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=x0IdaKkRj4SInpaTNA2RzTLcq8MqUgbsWfYHTLo%2BoJQ%3D&reserved=0).

**Tiffany Bottoms Wildlife Area- Additional Land Purchase Update**

In late January, the Natural Resources Board (NRB) approved the purchase of 160 acres (~11.75 miles) of the old railroad corridor from Northern States Electric (Xcel Energy). This will allow continued public access to the Tiffany area and allow the Chippewa Valley Motorcar Association to continue operating the Tiffany train into the property. The Buffalo County Conservation Alliance and supporting clubs - including Mondovi Conservation club provided written testimony to the NRB requesting support of this purchase. Terri Roehrig, Treasurer of the club, provided verbal testimony on behalf of the Alliance as well requesting support of the purchase. The Chippewa Valley Alliance also provided verbal testimony in support of the purchase.

The additional 1024 acres that has been for sale by Xcel Energy and was approved back in 2018, still requires Joint Finance Committee approval. Because that purchase will be supplemented by a Federal grant which is set to expire in April of 2021, the club also re-penned a letter to all members of the Joint Finance Committee asking for support of this purchase. If you would appreciate the opportunity to allow the public to continue to enjoy the many recreation opportunities the Tiffany Wildlife area provides in addition to preserving the habitat needed for some of the rare and threatened species with the Tiffany area, feel free to reach out to the members of the Joint Finance Committee here:  [https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2021/committees/joint/2293](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.legis.wisconsin.gov%2F2021%2Fcommittees%2Fjoint%2F2293&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C4fda2151cf0d4e95e8d408d8cd3ac859%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637484999670388568%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=fU2tAksJBDvyKMBVHzanC4xBjrHAKnneOC1qhs1tUUk%3D&reserved=0)

**Member Attendance Drawing**

This month’s Member attendance drawing will be $700!

**Youth Attendance Drawing**

All youth attending the February monthly meeting can sign up for a drawing for a $25 Scheels gift card. All youth that sign up will also be in for the big drawing at our spring cookout and swap meet in May for a $100 Scheels gift card.

**Upcoming Events**

February 20th - Blizzard Shoot @ Westgate

March 6th – Internet Field Day

March 12th & 13TH – Archery League Shoot Offs

March 18th – Monthly Meeting