**MONDOVI CONSERVATION CLUB**

**April 2022 Newsletter**

**Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday April 20th at 7:00pm. Speakers will be Adam Foehringer, DNR Forester. He will be going over the walk through that he did of the Club’s land and what his recommendations are to clean up the invasive species, remove the Ash trees as they die from the EAB and other logging recommendations to improve the habitat and create understory in the woods.

**Club Clean-up**

Club Clean-up will take place on Monday, April 25th at 5:00 pm. Please help keep our Club looking nice and come out and lend a hand. There will be some outside clean-up as well as cleaning inside the clubhouse. Anyone that is coming out to help, please consider bringing rakes, step ladders, buckets, etc. All help will be greatly appreciated, many hands make for little work. Afterward there will be pizza catered from Buzz’s.

**Freedom Raffle**

The Club is hosting a calendar raffle again this year to raise funds for club improvements/up-keep. Each day in July 2022, we will be drawing for a gun. Don’t want the gun, there is the option to take an equal value Scheels gift card. Tickets are $25 each, only 2,000 tickets available. 31 opportunities to win. If each Club member sells just 6 tickets, we will easily meet our 2,000-ticket goal. To get your tickets, contact Angie Michlig @ 715-456-1682 or Krista Nygaard @ 715-225-9844. Tickets are also available to purchase at The Welcome Matt, The Lone Pine, Buzz’s, The White Pig, Gunderson’s, Bite Me Bait Shop and Mercantile 85 (Rock Falls).

**Blizzard Trap Shoot**

The final Blizzard Trap Shoot will be on Saturday, April 16th at the Westgate Sportsman’s Club from 11:00-3:00. Come out and get some practice before Trap League starts.

**Trap League**

The 2022 Trap League will start on April 27th.

**Mondovi Conservation Club Scholarship Application**

Each year the club gives out $1,000 in scholarships to high school seniors in our area. Entry time is now open. You can get a copy of the application from the following schools: Mondovi, Gilmanton, and Eleva-Strum. A student that belongs to the Club, but attends a different high school is also eligible to apply. Please return the completed application and essay to Krista Nygaard by Friday, April 22nd.

**Open House**

Sunday, May 22nd we will be hosting an Open House, 11am-2pm. Early plans include opportunities to experience the shooting ranges, booths from partner conservation organizations, and kids activities. This will be a family-friendly event open to the public. More info will be posted in the near future.

**Spring Pheasant Release**

This year’s spring pheasant release will be held sometime in May. We will post the date once we have a for date set.

**Statewide Spring Hearings – IMPORTANT!**

Citizens will be able to provide input on Wisconsin’s natural resource issues through the 2022 Spring Hearings which will again be online beginning April 11, 2022 (starting at 7:00 pm) and remain open through 7:00 pm on April 14, 2022.

It is very important that sportsmen and women participate and provide their input! It doesn’t take you that long to provide your input, but your input is critical to ensure our conservation, hunting, fishing rights are preserved. You can preview the statewide questions here:

* [Review DNR Advisory Questions](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/About/WCC/2022/SpringHearing/2022_DNRAdvisoryQuestions1.pdf)
* [Review NRB Advisory Questions](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/About/WCC/2022/SpringHearing/2022_NRB_Advisory_Questions.pdf)
* [Review WCC Advisory Questions](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/About/WCC/2022/SpringHearing/2022_WCCSpringHearingQuestions_FINAL.pdf)

Citizens were also able to provide their own resolutions that will show up on their county Spring Hearings. We won’t know how many resolutions are introduced in Buffalo County until the night of the Spring Hearings. For more information: [Annual Spring Public Hearing and County Meeting | Wisconsin Conservation Congress | Wisconsin DNR](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing)

**Buffalo County CDAC – Opportunity to provide input!**

The Buffalo County Deer Advisory Committee has made their preliminary recommendations on the 2022 deer season including anterless quotas and permits, season structures and bonus permits. Their recommendations are open for public input from April 9 – 15th and will be online. The public input will be reviewed by the CDAC and their final recommendations will be made on May 3, 2022 (meeting is open to the public). For more information go to [Help Shape Deer Hunting In Wisconsin | Wisconsin DNR](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/newsroom/release/55696)

**Mondovi High School Trap Team Raffle**
Mondovi High School Trap Team Raffle:

Buy a Ticket WIN Both of US a GUN

$10 each

You Win A Browning Citori CX ($2300 Value or $1500 cash option)

I WIN a Browning BT-99 Micro

We Both Win!

If interested in purchasing a ticket, contact one of the High School Shooters or Rich Bauer.

**May Swap Meet & Cookout**

The annual swap meet and cookout will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 6:00pm. If you have hunting, fishing, or outdoor gear that you are interested in selling or swapping, bring it out to Club.

The drawing for the HS Trap Teams Gun Raffle will be held on May 25th at the annual swap meet.

**Kids Fishing Contest**

This year’s Kids Fishing Contest will be held on Saturday, June 4th. Registration will begin at 8:30am at the new pavilion and the contest is from 9:00-10:00. We will have other fun things for the kids to participate in this year as well. This also coincides with the Free Fishing Weekend in WI.

**Golf Outing**

The annual Golf Outing is on for this year. It will be held on Friday, June 10th at The Valley Golf Course. Watch for more information to posted and advertised as we get closer to the date.

**Chicken Stand**

The Buffalo County Fair is scheduled to be held from August 4th through August 7th. We need to start planning for the Chicken Stand and will need to start getting volunteers to work throughout the weekend. If you have in the past ran a shift or worked a shift and know that you can do it again this year or would like to volunteer to help out, please reach out to Krista Nygaard at 715-225-9844 or Matt Thompson at 715-240-0763. This event takes a lot of people to make it run smooth, so please anything you can do would be greatly appreciated.

**Youth Attendance Raffle**

Youth members are encouraged to participate in the Club's Monthly Meetings. We will be raffling another a $100 gift card at the May Swap Meet. Each time a youth attends a monthly meeting February - May, they will have the opportunity to enter their name into the raffle. Monthly prizes will also be awarded at each meeting.

**Upcoming Events**

April 8-15- Input to CDAC Recommendations for 2022 Deer Season

April 11th – 14th – Spring Hearings, Online – **IMPORTANT!**

April 20th – Monthly Meeting

April 25th – Clean Up Night

April 27th – Trap League Starts

May 3rd – Buffalo County CDAC Meet at Alma Rod and Gun Club

May 14th & 15th – Spring Outdoor 3D Archery Shoot

May 22nd – Club Open House

May 25th – Swap Meeting

June 4th – Kids Fishing Contest

June 10th – Golf Outing

Aug. 4th – Aug. 7th – Chicken Stand