**MONDOVI CONSERVATION CLUB**

**April 2023 Newsletter**

**Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday April 19th at 7:00pm. The Speaker will be Mark Harsch with S&M Deer Tracking. He will be talking about tracking and shot placement. Should be an interesting presentation.

**Fish and Wildlife Spring Hearings**

Your opinion matters! As sportsmen and women please participate in the Spring Hearings and make your voice be heard! The Fish And Wildlife Spring Hearings are now open virtually Through April 13. The Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invite the public to get involved during the annual spring hearing public input opportunity.

Provide your input at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing>

The WCC/DNR Spring Hearings focus on natural resource-related questions and proposed rule changes. They are again held in a virtual format, as they have been since 2020. This year’s online questionnaire will be open from April 10 at noon through April 13 at noon.

**Buffalo County CDAC Input**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public comments for the 2023 deer season, including harvest quotas and other key parts of deer management as part of the annual County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC) process. The public comment period is open April 8-16. The DNR welcomes comments from anyone interested in helping shape local deer herd management preferences during the online comment period. The received comments will be considered by the local CDACs in the creation of their recommendations for the DNR. Click <https://dnrwi.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eaI3LJvWH4B82AC> to take the survey.

CDAC meetings will take place April 24-May 4 and can be attended in-person or virtually. Check the meeting schedule and location for details on your CDAC meeting.

**Club Clean-up**

We will be doing two different Club Clean-up times this year. The first one will be to remove invasive shrubs/trees from the club grounds and will take place on Sunday, April 23rd starting at 10am. We will be clearing brush and cutting down trees so if you are able to help, please have gloves and proper footwear.

Our regular Club Clean-up will take place on Monday, April 24th 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 at this one, please consider bringing rakes, step ladders, buckets, etc. All help will be greatly appreciated, many hands makes for little work. Afterward there will be pizza catered from Buzz’s.

**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 14th.

**Spring Pheasant Release**

This year’s spring pheasant release will be held Tuesday, April 18th.

**Blizzard Trap Shoot**

The final Blizzard Trap Shoot will be on Saturday, April 15th at the Westgate Sportsman’s Club from 11:00-3:00. Come out and get some practice before Trap League starts.

**Buffalo County CDAC Meeting**

The public is also encouraged to attend their local CDAC meeting to join the discussion about local deer management and provide input on deer season details. Councils review current county data on fawn to doe ratios; harvest trends; herd health; deer impacts on agriculture, forest health, economics and vehicular collisions; and the deer hunter experience.

Buffalo County CDAC meeting is May 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Courthouse in Alma.

Annually, each county's CDAC meets to provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management within their area, based on deer herd metrics, county deer population objectives and the public feedback they receive. Information on each county’s harvest and population metrics can be found on the Wisconsin Deer Metrics System.

These recommendations are reviewed and set annually so they can be adjusted as needed in response to the previous year’s deer harvest, winter severity and other factors and put into effect for the upcoming deer hunting season.

Following the CDAC process, the DNR will bring its recommendations for the 2023 season to the Natural Resources Board for review on June 21.

**Freedom Raffle**

The Club is hosting a calendar raffle again this year to raise funds for club improvements/up-keep. Each day in July 2023, 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 Bite Me Bait Shop, The Lone Pine, Buzz’s, The White Pig, Welcome Matt, and Gunderson’s.

**Mondovi High School Trap Team Raffle**
The Mondovi High School Trap Team is looking for new shooters for the upcoming year!
If you are interested in shooting on the Mondovi High School Trap Team contact Rich Bauer, Coach, at 608-797-8209 or email him at Rabauer1228@gmail.com.
For more information check out the website: <http://wiclaytarget.com/>

Mondovi High School Trap Team Raffle:

Buy a Ticket WIN Both of US a GUN

$10/ticket

Drawing will be held on May 17th, 2023 at 6pm at the Mondovi Conservation Club Trap Range.

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

**Kids Fishing Contest**

This year’s Kids Fishing Contest will be held on Saturday, June 3rd. 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 will be held on Friday, June 9th 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 3rd through August 6th. 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.

**Upcoming Events**

April 8 – 16th – WI DNR CDAC Input

April 10 – 13th – WI Conservation Congress Spring Hearing Online Input

April 19th – Monthly Meeting

April 23rd – Invasive Clean Up day

April 24th – Clean Up Night

April 26th – Trap League Starts

May 3rd – CDAC Meeting, Buffalo County

May 17th – Mondovi HS Trap Team Raffle Drawing

May 20th – Outdoor 3D Money Shoot

June 4th – Kids Fishing Contest

June 9th – Golf Outing

July 1st – Start of the Freedom Raffle Drawings

August 3rd – 6th – Chicken Stand