**March 2023 Newsletter**

**Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday March 15th at 7:00 pm. Guest speaker will be Mark Rasmussen, DNR Wildlife Biologist and Warden Bob Jumbeck to discuss CWD in Buffalo County by sharing the facts and debunking the social media myths. Also, will discuss the CDAC changes for this year and importance of public input in setting deer quota goals and antlerless permits.

**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 5 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.

**Blizzard Trap Shoot**

The next Blizzard Trap Shoot will be on March 18th at the Mondovi Club. Westgate won the first shoot in February so let’s have a great turn out in March and try to take the “W”! The final shoot will be on April 15th, location to be announced.

**Hunter Safety**

Hunter Safety classes will be held from March 21st through April 1st with Archery Safety being held on April 8th. The classes are full!!

We are always looking for additional Hunter Safety Instructors, this would allow us to take more students for future classes. If you are interested, please contact Terri Roehrig at 920-540-2775.

**Trap League**

The 2023 Trap League will start on April 26th. There will be a Trap League Meeting on Monday, March 20th at 6:30pm at the main Club building. Each team should have a representative attend with a list of team members and their contact information, including email addresses.

**Archery League Banquet**

The 2023 Archery League banquet will be held on Saturday March 25th at the Mondovi Conservation Club. The doors will open at the 6pm and food will be ready at 7pm. We will be having raffles this year as well. If anyone is interested in donating a prize or basket for the raffle, please contact Krista Nygaard. Hope to see you there!

**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 and Eleva-Strum or on our website at [www.mondoviconservationclub.org](http://www.mondoviconservationclub.org) under the “Youth” tab. 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.

**Mondovi High School Trap Team**
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.

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC)/DNR Open Houses and Delegate Elections**

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress and the DNR will be holding open houses in each of the 72 counties from April 3 – April 6. <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/openhouses>

* Buffalo County will be on April 3, at the Alma School, Hwy 35, Alma, WI.
* Eau Claire County will also be held on April 3, at CVTC Business Education Center - Room 103a/b - 620 W Clairemont Ave. Eau Claire, WI.
* Dunn County will be on April 6 at Dunn County Fish and Game Association, 1600 Pine Avenue, Menomonie, WI 54751

Doors open at 6:00 pm and provides an opportunity for the public to engage with the WCC delegates, show proof of WI and county residency in order to vote, get to know the nominees for election and engage with the DNR staff.

At 7:00 pm, the WCC will conduct delegate elections. There are two positions up in each county, a 2-year term and a 3-year term. We are **STRONGLY URGING** you attend these open houses to vote for the delegates that support natural resources, wildlife management and conservation policies supporting our hunting, fishing, and trapping rights. We are aware of a very organized statewide effort on behalf of the “pro-wildlife conservation group” (that is what they call themselves) that are looking to take over seats of the WCC to support policies to ban hunting, trapping and fishing in WI. We have several counties (Bayfield, Jackson, Dane, Milwaukee) in WI where members of the pro-wildlife conservation group have taken over seats within the WCC. It takes all of us to continue to fight for our rights to utilize public hunting and fishing areas and harvest public wildlife resources to put on our tables.

Immediately after the delegate elections the DNR staff will discuss local, county and state projects of interest and it allows the public opportunities to ask questions, engage with staff and learn more about what projects are going on locally. The WCC will also share a bit more about the organization and the role they play in natural resource management and policy. The Open Houses will end no later than 9:00 pm. If you have any questions about the open houses, please contact Terri Roehrig (Treasurer) and the Vice Chair of the WCC.

**Online WCC Spring Hearings**

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress will be holding online Spring Hearings this year from April 10 – April 13 (noon). This is an opportunity for citizens to provide input to the Wildlife management, Fisheries Management and Wisconsin Conservation Citizen Resolutions. You can preview the questions on the WCC/Spring Hearings website:
[Wildlife Management Proposed Rule Changes [PDF]](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/About/WCC/2023/SpringHearing/WildlifeQuestions.pdf)

[Fisheries Management Proposed Rule Changes [PDF]](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/About/WCC/2023/SpringHearing/FisheriesQuestions.pdf)

[WCC Advisory Questions [PDF]](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/About/WCC/2023/SpringHearing/2023_WCC_Spring_Hearing_Questions.pdf)

More information will be shared as the Spring Hearings go live on April 10th at Noon and how you can participate. Again – it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you provide your input as the same “pro-wildlife conservation groups” are also providing input and have the ability to influence the input statewide. If you have any questions about the Spring Hearings, please contact Terri Roehrig (Treasurer) and the Vice Chair of the WCC.

**County Deer Advisory Council Meeting**

Buffalo County Deer Advisory Council meeting will be on May 3rd at 7:00 pm and the public is encouraged to attend. The CDAC will have a new format this year and the Wildlife Biologist will be sharing more about the new process this year including the public input process and Final recommendation on the deer herd population goals, antlerless permits, and bonus permits at our meeting on Wednesday. We will try to get the Eau Claire and Dunn County dates for the club meeting on Wednesday.

**Upcoming Events**

March 12th & 13TH – Archery League Shoot Offs

March 15th – Monthly Meeting

March 17th & 18th – 5-Spot Tournament

March 18th – Blizzard Shoot

March 20th – Trap League Meeting

March 21st – April 8th – Hunter Safety/Archery Safety/Field Day

March 25th – Archery League Banquet

April 3rd – WCC/DNR Open Houses & Delegate Elections, Buffalo County & Eau Claire County

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