**January 2022 Newsletter**

**Monthly Meeting**

Our first Monthly Meeting of 2022 will be held on Wednesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. Rack scoring for the club's Big Buck Contest will begin at 5:30pm with deer contest winners announced toward the end of the meeting. Election for the 2022 Board of Directors will take place at this meeting. We will have Ice Fishing Contest tickets/information available, and you can pay your 2022 Membership Dues as well. There will be no guest speaker at this meeting.

**2022 Board of Directors Nominations**

The annual election for Board of Directors will take place at the January Monthly Meeting, January 19th.

If you would like to run or nominate someone for the Board, please contact Krista Nygaard at 715-225-9844.

**2022 Steve Larson Memorial Ice Fishing Contest**

The 2022 Ice Fishing Contest will be held on Sunday, February 6th at Mirror Lake. All members should have or will be receiving their annual mailing which includes raffle tickets. Please help support the Ice Fishing Contest and the club by selling the books that were went. Workers are needed in multiple areas the day of the contest. Please contact Andy Sandberg at 715-579-8847, Angie Michlig at 715-456-1682 or Krista Nygaard at 715-225-9844 if you are able to help out before, during or after the contest.

We will also be having a 5-Gun Walk Around Raffle. We are selling 200 books of tickets total but only 125 are available for sale before the fishing contest. The other 75 will be available the day of the contest. Tickets are $25/ticket or a book of 5 for $100. You can purchase 5-Gun raffle tickets by contacting a Board member.

**Archery League**

The indoor archery range is set up and the archery league has started. For more information on the archery league please contact Rod Brommer @ 715-495-7588 or Krista Nygaard @ 715-225-9844.

**Blizzard Shoot**

The first Blizzard Shoot of the year is set for February 19th and will be held at Westgate. This is always a fun time had by all and a good way to get ready for the upcoming Trap season.

**Youth Drawing**

Youth attending the September, October and January meetings will be entered into the January drawing. Youth attending the February, March, April and May meetings will be entered into the Spring Swap Meet drawing.

**Rifle Range**

At this time the Range may be used if you are an MCC Certified Range Safety Officer (meaning you have taken the Safety Officer Training Class) or you have an MCC Certified Range Safety Officer with you.

If are not a MCC Range Safety Officer or don’t know one, please contact one of the range officers and they will be happy to set up a time for you to shoot or will provide you with range safety training.

Al Urness 715-781-2517
Thomas Mathews 715-279-6285
Keith Michlig 715-495-3159

**Hunter Safety**

We have had a number of inquiries about Hunter Safety. We will be holding a class, but we are waiting on a few things including COVID related requirements as the DNR has been stopping all in person events again due to the outbreak and outcomes of legislative actions. Currently there are three bills going through the legislature and a Spring Hearings question. We anticipate putting a plan together for a class at the end of February and will announce the details then.

**January 26, 2022, Natural Resources Board Meeting**

Agenda topics include: Land Acquisition - Tiffany Wildlife Area - Pepin County (85.06 ) Information can be found at: [2022-01-4K-Approval-Land-Acq---Tiffany-WA---Pepin-County.pdf (widen.net)](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwidnr.widen.net%2Fview%2Fpdf%2Fyfhiqoxmqj%2F2022-01-4K-Approval-Land-Acq---Tiffany-WA---Pepin-County.pdf%3Ft.download%3Dtrue%26u%3D2ge66j&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C21fc424780664d28e57d08d9d6c80142%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637776978279875600%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=vOTe9gVE3qxYszQ%2FmpG1tX2ldlzHiXJeRLHeXXD7dRE%3D&reserved=0)

**2022 WI Conservation Congress/WI DNR Spring Hearings and Delegate Elections**

The hearings will again be fully virtual this year due to the concern with the rising number of Covid cases. Given the difficult situation many hospitals around the state are in regarding full beds and staff shortages, it doesn’t seem responsible or safe for delegates, DNR staff, or the public to congregate in large groups where masking and distancing may not be able to be accomplished.

THE ELECTIONS FOR WCC SEATS WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE SAME TIME AS THE SPRING HEARINGS…they will come later as they will be held virtually as well.

More to come in February as we learn more from the Conservation Congress.

**WI Wildlife Federation**

The Club has become a member of the WI Wildlife Federation. They are doing great work legislatively to support sporting groups and conservation in WI.  Learn more about the Federation at <https://wiwf.org> or follow them on Facebook at: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/WisconsinConservationLeadershipCorps/posts/](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fpg%2FWisconsinConservationLeadershipCorps%2Fposts%2F&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C21fc424780664d28e57d08d9d6c80142%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637776978279875600%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=GjDL3HNFSGDCAa52dW6yylvnSMDxR30XCxuNjUk9m7A%3D&reserved=0)

**Preliminary Deer Hunting Numbers**

The Preliminary deer harvest numbers are published on the DNR website and can be found here: [2021 Wisconsin deer harvest summary | Wisconsin DNR](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdnr.wisconsin.gov%2Ftopic%2FWildlifeHabitat%2Fharvest%2Fdeerharvest.html&data=04%7C01%7Ckrista.nygaard%40roehl.net%7C21fc424780664d28e57d08d9d6c80142%7C7fec76f7fd4c44d2937a53fa14464d33%7C0%7C0%7C637776978279875600%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=126uvUc85S73KwOx2L48TGiQKvZBkys7WO2FNN9fSkY%3D&reserved=0)

**Upcoming Events/Deadlines**

* January 19th – Club Meeting at 7pm (Buck Scoring starts at 5:30pm)
* February 6th – 2022 “Lars Memorial” Ice Fishing Contest
* February 16th – Club Meeting at 7pm
* February 19th – Blizzard Shoot at Westgate
* March 5th & 6th – Archery Indoor Brush Shoot
* March 16th – Club Meeting at 7pm
* March 19th – Blizzard Shoot at MCC Trap Range