

## **Green Bay Team Warden Web Page October 2009**

### Green Bay:

Warden's Andy Lundin and Ben Treml, of Green Bay, worked the southern opener of the waterfowl season on the Bay of Green Bay. Most hunters contacted were successful in harvesting ducks. Multiple warnings were given and citations were issued for no PFD's, failing to report goose harvest and shooting a protected species (Pied Billed Grebe).

Warden Andy Lundin, of Green Bay, has received numerous complaints of tree stands left on state land overnight. Hunters are reminded to remove their stands and blinds at the end of the day if they are hunting on state land.

Warden David Allen, of Green Bay/Kewaunee, worked a lot of hunting activities during the month of October, with the archery season, ducks and geese, small game and the youth and antlerless deer seasons. Warden Allen ran into quite a few hunters on the opening weekend of pheasant season which coincided with the antlerless deer season, who did not have the proper amount of blaze orange on, as required by law. Warden Allen deduced that not all Wisconsin hunters are deer hunters and did not realize they needed to follow the blaze orange requirements during a gun deer season. Although it does clearly state it in the regulation books printed by the state.

Warden David Allen received information from the Brown County Sheriff's Department about deer carcass parts being dumped in Village of Allouez. The Brown County Deputy was able to locate who dumped the deer carcass and the investigation showed that the hunter did not tag or register the deer as required by law. Warden Allen will be following up with DNR charges. Excellent work by the Brown County Sheriff's Deputy.

Warden Supervisor George Protogere, of Green Bay, received a hotline complaint regarding a waterfowl hunter on Lake Winnebago near the City of Neenah that shot a red fox on the shoreline. Upon arriving on the scene, the Neenah Police Officers were in contact with the suspect. The suspect stated that the fox had attacked his dog, but the witnesses stated otherwise. Warden Protogere investigated the scene and found other violations. Fox season was closed at the time. Enforcement action was taken and the fox was seized. Many cases are made by concerned citizens calling the DNR Hotline.

### Sturgeon Bay:

Warden Chris Kratcha, of Sturgeon Bay, spoke with participants in the Door County Fish, Farm, and Game Club's Annual Youth Pheasant Hunt. Warden Kratcha discussed pheasant hunting regulations, ethics, hunter image, and also answered questions from the hunters, mentors and parents.

Warden Chris Kratcha, of Sturgeon Bay, assisted Warden Darren Kuhn with a citizen complaint of five goose hunters shooting geese on the Door/Kewaunee line during the southern-zone split-season closure. Eight geese were seized and five citations issued for hunting waterfowl during the closed season.

On Friday of the 4-day antlerless gun deer hunt, Warden Chris Kratcha, of Sturgeon Bay, seized a small forked buck with brow tines after the hunter immediately self-reported shooting the deer. The hunter was warned and the deer sold to a needy family. On Saturday of the same season, in two unrelated situations, Warden Kratcha seized two bucks, a spike with brow tines and an 11-pointer, after the hunters immediately self-reported shooting the deer. Enforcement action was taken against the hunter that shot the 11-point buck. Both deer were sold to a needy family.

Kewaunee:

Warden Darren Kuhn, of Kewaunee, responded to a hotline complaint of people hunting ducks or geese prior to the legal hunting hours. Upon arriving, Warden Kuhn located two people in an alfalfa field with decoys, shotguns and layout blinds. One of the two individuals had harvested two geese prior to the 9:00am opener. The second person who was hunting early also failed to report 10 geese and had hunted during the closed goose season. Enforcement action was taken.

Warden Darren Kuhn, of Kewaunee, contacted a group of field hunters who were just packing up. Upon contact it was discovered that one hunter had two geese punched on 9/16 during the closed season. When the hunter was told that the 16th was during the closed season he stated that he didn't know when he shot the geese because he isn't able to hunt during the week. Either way the hunter stated that he could not remember if he reported the harvest. The investigation showed he did not report the harvest. Enforcement action was taken.

Manitowoc:

Warden Robert Stroess, of Manitowoc, investigated a fatal ATV accident involving a 14 year old on a three-wheeled ATV.

Warden Robert Stroess, of Manitowoc, and a Sheriff's Department deputy investigated a complaint that bullets were nearly hitting a bow hunter in a tree stand. The investigation showed two individuals were target shooting several hundred yards away without a back stop and over the crest of a hill. The case is being referred to the district attorney for charges of "Endangering Safety by Use of a Dangerous Weapon."

Warden Robert Stroess, of Manitowoc, contacted an ATV operator riding an ATV without registration on a neighbor's property and with two passengers, including a four year old without a helmet. He was given two weeks to get the ATV registered to avoid citations for the violations. He did not follow through so was cited for both violations.

Wardens Stroess and Groppi, of Manitowoc, investigated a complaint of a pheasant hunter shooting a pheasant from the road. The hunter ended up being approximately ten feet from the pavement when he shot and was issued a citation for \$240.40 for the violation.

Appleton:

Warden Jason Happe, of Appleton, investigated a walleye snagging complaint near the dam in Menasha, WI. During the investigation, Warden Happe could not find evidence that the individuals kept any foul hooked fish, but two citations were issued for fishing without a license.

Wardens Jason Happe, of Appleton, and Mike Disher, of Chilton, worked waterfowl enforcement on opening weekend at the Kiel Marsh in Calumet County. Citations were issued for unplugged guns, no small game license and failing to report goose harvest.

Reedsville: Vacant

RSW – North:

Recreational Safety Warden Jeremy Cords and RSW Assistant Brenda Nordin, of Green Bay, attended and provided information at the Statewide Hmong Convention that was held at the KI Center in Green Bay on Oct 30-31.