

Oshkosh Team Warden Web Page October 2009

Fond du Lac:

Warden Kyle Kosin, of Fond du Lac, and Warden Jason Higgins, of Oshkosh, were working night enforcement duties when Kosin and Higgins observed a vehicle shining after 10 pm. The vehicle was stopped and a bow and shotgun were found inside the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

Warden Kyle Kosin, of Fond du Lac, and Warden Mike Disher, of Chilton, were about to check a group of waterfowl hunters when they shot and killed a goose. Kosin and Disher waited for a period of time. Upon contact it was found that neither hunter had validated their goose tag. One goose was shot roughly an hour and a half earlier. Goose hunters are required to immediately validate their tag/permit prior to handling the goose that was just harvested. Enforcement action taken

Warden Kyle Kosin, of Fond du Lac, and Warden Paul Nell, of Horicon, assisted the Montana Fish and Game Department with an investigation involving a large group of Wisconsin hunters who have been poaching large bucks in Montana over the past few years. Kosin and Nell conducted numerous interviews and seized approximately 7 shoulder mounts, 16 antler mounts, one turkey mount, and numerous firearms. Enforcement action pending in Montana.

Winneconne:

While checking duck and goose hunters, Warden Tom Truman, of Winneconne, contacted several hunters who had validated their goose carcass tags. Upon checking several of the individuals had not called in and registered their kills as required within 48 hours of the harvest. Citations were issued.

Waupun:

During the opening weekend of duck hunting, Warden Ben Nadolski, of Waupun, contacted a number of mentored hunters (10 and 11 years old) with their first ducks. The young hunters and the mentors were equally excited.

During the month of October, Warden Ben Nadolski, of Waupun, issued several citations to waterfowl hunters for hunting migratory birds with shotguns capable of holding more than three shells.

Warden Ben Nadolski, of Waupun, led local Cub Scout Troop 3777 on a nature hike at the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. Warden Nadolski had "hidden" items for the scouts to find along the way. Warden Nadolski showed the scouts mounts of many of the ducks that they would see along the way.

Oshkosh:

While checking duck hunters on Lake Winnebago, Wardens Jason Higgins, of Oshkosh, and Tom Truman, of Winneconne, observed a subject wound a duck and retrieve the duck in a motorboat, never loading or unloading his firearm. Upon contact at the landing area the subject's gun was still loaded. It is illegal to operate a motorboat with a loaded firearm. Enforcement action was taken.

During the Southern duck hunting split (closed season), Warden Jason Higgins, of Oshkosh, observed a subject hunting ducks near Oshkosh. The subject was contacted and stated the season was opened and showed Higgins the timetable in the back of the waterfowl regulation pamphlet. Higgins informed the subject that the northern duck season was still open but he needed to read the duck hunting season framework section. The subject was also found to be in possession of lead shot. Enforcement action was taken.

Warden Jason Higgins, of Oshkosh, observed a subject parked in a field lane dumping white bags into a fence line. The subject also had two 5 gallon buckets behind his truck containing apples. Higgins walked the property and found the subject had placed too much bait near tree stand locations on the property. Three bait piles were located all consisting of 4 gallons of apples and corn. Two gallons is the maximum amount of bait allowed per bait site. The subject was contacted a couple days later hunting over one of the illegal bait piles. The subject was cited for illegal bait.

A criminal sturgeon case from April was settled in Winnebago County Courts. Warden Jason Higgins, of Oshkosh, charged the subject with possessing a sturgeon during the closed season. The subject caught and kept a sturgeon by hook and line. The subject paid \$2113.00 and will serve a 3 year revocation of all his hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges and approvals.

Chilton:

Warden Michael Disher, of Chilton, and Jason Happe, of Appleton, investigated a complaint of early shooting activity on the Kiel Marsh on opening day of duck season. Disher and Happe checked numerous hunters and issued multiple citations and warnings for failure to report geese, no hunting license, unplugged shotguns, no personal flotation devices, hunting with unattended decoys, expired boat registration, and a loaded firearm in a motorboat.

Warden Michael Disher, of Chilton, investigated an archery deer hunter who was allegedly shooting deer for other people to tag from a private woodlot near Lake Winnebago. The investigation revealed the hunter had shot at least two deer with a crossbow, and had called two different friends to tag and register these deer. Disher issued more than \$1,700 in citations to the three suspects for multiple loan/borrow tags,

failure to register a deer, and registration fraud. The shooter is also facing possible charges for obstructing a warden.

Warden Michael Disher, of Chilton, investigated an archery deer hunter who had hung a tree stand and placed an illegal bait pile on the neighbor's property without permission. The hunter had trimmed multiple branches from an oak tree to make room for the stand, which was placed overlooking more than 5 gallons of apples. Calumet County is a no baiting county. The hunter was contacted during the 2 day youth gun deer hunt (blaze orange required) and was dressed in full camouflage. Disher issued a citation and warning for the illegal bait and failure to wear blaze orange. A Sheriff's Deputy issued a second citation for trespassing.

Warden Michael Disher, of Chilton, and Recruit Warden Matt Groppi (Madison) observed a group of five pheasant hunters a short distance from the road on the Brillion State Wildlife Area. Disher pulled over to the side of the road to check licenses. As Disher and Groppi exited their squad truck, one of the hunters shouted obscenities multiple times for the wardens to move their squad as the group was pursuing a pheasant in the direction of the road. Disher noticed this hunter had a juvenile son with him. Disher and Groppi walked out to the group, and the hunter suddenly changed his tone after getting a better look at the wardens' uniform shirts. The hunter was reminded about the safety issues involved with shooting across a roadway, and was reminded of a public hiking trail just on the other side of the road. When asked, three of the five hunters did not have a valid hunting license.

Neenah: Vacant

Campbellsport: Vacant

Oshkosh Team Supervisor: Vacant

RSW – South: Nothing to report