

**Woodruff Team
Warden WEB Page Report
For October 2009**

Warden Kelly Crotty, of Florence, reports that he worked fall waterfowl, archery, and small game enforcement and issued a citation for harvesting an antlerless deer in the wrong quota unit. Warden Crotty also gave a talk to a Hunter's Safety Class in Aurora as well as a talk on environmental careers at a youth pheasant hunt in Florence County.

Warden Brad Dahlquist, of Crandon, reports that he along with Warden Andy Dryja of Antigo apprehended two different groups that were shining deer while in possession of a firearm. Criminal charges along with several citations are pending. Warden Dahlquist presented a family with an "Outstanding Involvement" plaque donated by the WDNR Boating Safety Program. The family was recognized for their involvement in the rescuing of several boaters following the capsizing of a boat on Lake Metonga. Warden Dahlquist also gave a Trapper Education presentation at the Mole Lake Reservation.

Warden Jim Jung, of Rhinelander, reports that he cited a person for cutting/destroying trees when he constructed an access road across another person's property. The property owner was advised on how to proceed civilly for the value of marketable trees lost. Wardens Jung and Ron Nerva of Tomahawk interviewed two brothers who reportedly shot at a black bear while archery hunting; citations were issued. Wardens Jung and Tim Otto of Antigo interviewed a suspect who was waterfowl hunting off of a dock/pier; citations were issued. Warden Jung and GLIFWC Warden Supervisor Roger McGeshick cited a person for shinning after 10:00 PM in Forest County. Warden Jung investigated a trap theft and harassment complaint between a duck hunter and a trapper who had legal sets placed near a duck blind; investigation continues. Warden Jung issued citations for a loaded firearm on a vehicle, an uncased firearm on a vehicle, illegal tree stands on state property, operating an unregistered ATV and investigated several litter violations.

Warden Pat Novesky, of Three Lakes, reports that he worked night hunting enforcement in Forest and Langlade counties and either arrested or assisted with the arrest of four different groups for shining deer while possessing firearms. Several firearms, spotlights, deer and coyote were involved in the cases. Warden Novesky worked fishing enforcement and located several walleye fisherman that were in violation of the size limits. Warden Novesky worked archery enforcement and issued citations for hunting over illegal bait & failure to exhibit a license on demand.

Warden Tim Price, of Eagle River, reports that he cited a bear hunter for hunting over an illegal bear bait. The bait was laced with bacon grease and was not enclosed properly. The bear hunter was also found not to be wearing his back tag, and was not wearing blaze orange as a result of the youth deer hunt going on. In addition, the hunter was greeted by Warden Price as he pulled up to Prices' truck on his ATV after illegally operating over a mile on Nicolet National Forest property. Warden Price investigated a complaint he received of two deer carcasses that were dumped along a snowmobile trail frequented by several different user groups. Warden Price identified the responsible party and issued a littering citation. Warden Price contacted waterfowl hunters hunting on Frost Lake. One citation was given for failure to report goose registration harvest. Additional warnings were given for late hunting and not possessing a state waterfowl stamp. Warden Price attended a hunter education course at the Lincoln Town Hall in Eagle River where he spoke to 30 students about various rules and regulations, hunter ethics, and firearm safety.

Warden Mike Sealander, of St. Germain, reports that he has heard numerous comments about the number of deer in northern Seal units and a marked decrease in the amount of hunting pressure as a result.

Warden Rich Thole, of Boulder Junction, reports that he and Vilas County Deputies investigated a waterfowl hunting complaint on Papoose Creek on the north end of Rest Lake. Three waterfowl hunters were hunting in the middle of the creek not far from local residences and cabins. The subjects shot at a crippled duck on the

water and caused damage to five windows in a nearby house. The waterfowl hunters agreed to replace the five windows and were cooperative with the landowners. Warden Thole worked illegal deer hunters near Trout Lake. Thole contacted a vehicle that was driving on the snowmobile trail. The passenger in the vehicle had an uncased .243 rifle next to his leg. Thole cited the subject for possessing an uncased firearm in a vehicle. Warden Thole responded to a call about a motorboat that was found capsized on Boulder Lake. The caller reported fishing equipment and life preservers were floating in the water near the boat and a stringer of fish was still attached to the boat. Thole arrived at the landing and learned that three subjects were fishing in the boat when it capsized as one of the subjects stood up to cast. The subjects were pulled out of the water by fishermen on the lake and taken back to the cabin they were staying at. None of the subjects were injured. Warden Thole contacted three waterfowl hunters hunting on Little Horsehead Lake near Presque Isle. The hunters were hunting on the north side of the lake over decoys. The hunters drove across the lake and set up on the north shore that was privately owned. The hunters did not know whose property they were on. Thole explained to the hunters that they could not stand on the shore to hunt waterfowl unless they had permission from the landowner. Thole cited one of the hunters for failing to report a goose harvest.