

Women's Hunting and Sporting Association

September 2006 Newsletter

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President's Corner:

Welcome New Member Wendy!

Seven WHSA members traveled to Tomahawk to enjoy the trails of Lincoln County on ATV's. Friday we made the journey and enjoyed dinner together at the Tomahawk Lodge. We arrived at Sharon's log cabin quarters, unpacked and settled in for the evening. Fog covered the calm water of the river in front of Sharon's cabin as we awoke from our slumber Saturday morning. We made our way to the front screened in porch and enjoyed a tasty breakfast prepared by Jean and Jill. We watched the fog lift as the crisp air chilled our toes and noses.

Fall had set upon us. With full bellies we wrapped ourselves in fall garb and loaded the ATV's and set out to the trails. We arrived, unloaded, then lined up and took a group picture. Sharon led the way to the trails and off we went. The group stopped at a fork in the trail to read the map and decide which way to go, but where was Jean and Jill? Shoe shopping again? No, Jill's ATV had broken down. Jean used her mechanical skills, which started the ATV again, however it would not go far until it broke down again. Luckily we were very close to the start of the trail and Jill was towed back. Jill decided that she would be a passenger and ride on the back seat of my ATV. So we loaded her ATV back on the trailer, and off we went again. Sharon led us through the trail system again into a mud pit with ruts about two feet deep. What great fun for me as I accelerated and mud was flying! We navigated our way out of the mud onto a dirt trail, but where was Jean? The group turned their machines around to find her. There she was stuck in a rut. Wendy had the ATV with the most power and a winch so she and I went to rescue the sunken machine while the others stayed back to take pictures and video. Jean, Wendy and I picked up the back of the ATV and maneuvered it so we could hook it up to the winch. We certainly did not foresee that we might have our second incident of the trip, as it would be easy to get her out. No such luck. SNAP! Jean's hitch broke, but Sandy has good video of the attempt. We did get Jean's machine out, but I can't remember too many details about how because I felt so bad about the hitch.

Jill would no longer ride with me, and hopped on Wendy's ATV. It is still not clear if she didn't like my driving, or if Wendy's seat was more dry and comfortable. We resumed and went back to higher, dryer ground. As we came to a clearing to read the map again and pick an alternative route with wet pant legs and puddles in our boots I put on my "big bird" rain suit. As my fellow ladies chuckled, I thought wait and see this will be a big help. Sandy and I enjoy running through puddles creating a tunnel over our heads as we

trek the trails. I know Sandy was wishing she had some water proof pants on, because the water spilled out of her pant legs, and she made a slosh, slosh noise as she walked.

It seems as if the club was divided in half, there was the speedy bunch, and the site seeing bunch. We traveled many miles for a few hours without incident and as the speedy bunch came to a turn in the trail where we could go either way they waited a couple of minutes for the other group. As we waited Sharon says, "It sounds like something is slapping my mud flaps" and she gets off her ATV and discovers her tire is flat. (Our third incident because it is always an adventure with us!) Luckily we do have some prepared members who had fix a flat. Too bad the can leaked all over when Sharon attempted to spray it into her tire. Jean had another bottle, which inflated the tire beautifully. So now we needed to find the parking lot, which was around 20 miles from where we were, and we rode. As we stopped one more time Sharon found the hole in her tire. Jean to the rescue again! Jean had a tire patch, which she skillfully applied to the hole in the tire, and to much amazement it stuck and held the air in.

We made our way back to the parking lot, and like real pro's loaded our machines onto our trailers. As we arrived at Sharon's cabin again everyone put on some dry socks, and most had to change into dry clothing. As we relaxed and stretched out the tightened muscles, dinner was being prepared. We enjoyed a fresh salad, warm biscuits and crab legs on the front porch dinning table. Sandy started a fire in the pit and we sat around it during the evening sharing stories and laughing together.

Wendy and Sandy left early Sunday morning. Jill and Sharon graciously offered to clean the cabin while Jean, Sue, and I went exploring other ATV trails around Lincoln County. This was a beautiful area and I would recommend going again. Thank you to Sharon for inviting us to her and Matt's cabin in Tomahawk and for showing us a great time. Sharon was very hospitable and generous to have us all there.

During trips like this I realize that with our monthly outings the mission of WHSA comes alive and is fulfilled. Many incidents happened on the trails that empowered members. There were women who thought that they could not load or unload a trailer, back a trailer, drive a trailer etc., There were women who thought they didn't know how to read a trail map, there were women who did not know they were mechanical, and guess what you all did it, and did it well. YOU GO GIRLS! One of the wonderful things about WHSA is watching you all find out that you can do it, and all of the personal empowerment and growth that being a part of this club brings to each member who participates.

Please note our video archery outing is coming up. Dates and details are in the calendar of events. I hope you can come! Waterfowl and archery season are here! Included in this newsletter are season dates for waterfowl. If you would like to go hunting contact me and I will be happy to take you out. We also thought that having a club waterfowl-hunting outing would be fun. We will discuss and plan this event during the October meeting. Good luck to the ladies who participate in these activities.

Wishing you all a safe and successful hunt.

Sarah Ingle-Gazdecki
President

Waterfowl Dates:

Ducks

- **Northern Zone** *: September 23 – November 21, 2006
- **Southern Zone** *: September 30 – October 6, 2006 and October 14 - December 5, 2006

* *Note the North/South zone line change. Please see [regulations](#) for more information.*

Canada Geese

- **Exterior Zone:** September 16 – December 16, 2006
- **Mississippi River Subzone:** September 30 – October 6, 2006 and October 14 – December 15, 2006
- **Horicon Zone:** Four time periods from September 16 - December 16, 2006
 - **Period 1:** September 16 - September 29, 2006 and September 30 (9:00 a.m.) - October 29, 2006
 - **Period 2:** September 23 - September 29, 2006 and September 30 (9:00 a.m.) - November 3, 2006
 - **Period 3:** October 14 - November 24, 2006
 - **Period 4:** October 28 - December 16, 2006
- **Collins Zone:** Three time periods from September 16 - November 17, 2006
 - **Period 1:** September 16 - September 29, 2006 and September 30 (9:00 a.m.) - October 1, 2006
 - **Period 2:** October 2 - October 22, 2006
 - **Period 3:** October 23 - November 17, 2006

Other Geese

- **Light geese, brant (light geese: Snow, Blue and Ross):** Seasons are the same as for the Canada goose zones and subzones.
- **White-fronted geese:** September 22 – December 16, 2006 (except in Collins Zone and Mississippi River subzone where dates are the same as for Canada goose hunting)

Geese – Dates are the same as the statewide gun season.

Reporting Requirements

Hunters must report each Canada goose harvested within 48 hours by calling 1-800-99-GOOSE (1-800-994-6673). Hunters can monitor the Exterior Zone harvest progress by calling 1-877-833-2837.

Bag Raffle:

Our newest member, Wendy, won the bag raffle! What luck! She won a poker set.

Upcoming Events:

If interested in going or you need more information, call the event coordinator!

Sept 27th-Video Archery

Event Coordinators: Sharon 262-965-4716 sharon@hillsidecottage.com

Place: Buck Rub (off the freeway in Waukesha/Pewaukee) at 6:30 pm.

Please call or email if you are planning on attending so I know how many are coming!

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is October 3, 2006 at 7:00 pm at Wern Valley. Please join us for a night out to talk about your activities and get a chance at our bag raffle.

Recipe Corner: Venison Irish Stew

1/4 cup olive oil
1 1/4 pounds venison steak or roast, cut into 1-inch pieces
6 large garlic cloves, minced
6 cups beef stock or canned beef broth
1 cup of Guinness beer
1 cup of fine red wine
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon dried thyme
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 bay leaves
2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) butter
3 pounds russet potatoes, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch pieces (about 7 cups)
1 large onion, chopped
2 cups 1/2-inch pieces peeled carrots
Salt and Pepper
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

1 Heat olive oil in heavy large pot over medium-high heat. Add beef and sauté until brown on all sides, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and sauté 1 minute. Add beef stock, Guinness, red wine, tomato paste, sugar, thyme, Worcestershire sauce and bay leaves. Stir to combine. Bring mixture to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, then cover and simmer 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

2 While the meat and stock is simmering, melt butter in another large pot over medium heat. Add potatoes, onion and carrots. Sauté vegetables until golden, about 20 minutes.

3 Add vegetables to beef stew. Simmer uncovered until vegetables and beef are very tender, about 40 minutes. Discard bay leaves. Tilt pan and spoon off fat. Transfer stew to serving bowl. Sprinkle with parsley and serve. (Can be prepared up to 2 days ahead. Salt and pepper to taste. Cool slightly. Refrigerate uncovered until cold, then cover and refrigerate. Bring to simmer before serving.)

Serves 4 to 6.

Minutes of the Meeting, September 5, 2006

(by Sue Krueger)

Meeting called to order 7:15 p.m. Quorum established.

Treasurer's report: \$3,224.24. Rent to Wern Valley is paid through October.

Secretary's report: was accepted as written in the newsletter.

Member's Activities:

Sarah & Greg were early goose hunting and saw one flock-no shooters.

Sue was dove hunting on opening day and didn't see a bird.

Jill was on her cruise to Alaska and had a great time. She saw just about every different species of wildlife: bear, moose, caribou and deer. She highly recommends a trip. Half was a cruise and the other half was on land.

Meeting adjourned.