

BLACKWOLF WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 15, 1999

SPECIAL HUNT

December 24 to January 2, 2000. Let me know how many birds you want (six minimum per group) at \$10 each, and send a check ASAP. I need to order by December 22. Also, let me know when you want your birds released. If you want to hunt as a group and order less birds (2), let me know and we'll set a date. In all cases, please pay up front when you order. Also, if you need to change your release date later, that can be arranged.

TRAP SHOOT

Our trap shoot station has been very popular since the thrower has been left at the site. You are welcome to use it any time. Also, I have clay pigeons at my garage. There is a box where you can leave your payment for the clays.

PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET

Thursday, January 27, 2000 at the Pioneer Inn. BWWA will have a table, so hope you can come and support this excellent pheasant organization. I am including an application, if you are interested.

DUES 2000

Our dues for the year 2000 will increase \$10 from \$90 to \$100. I should also mention that there has been a huge increase in the cost of our game farm license from the state. This will surely affect our dues next year.

SIGHT- IN RANGE

Since installing this 100-yard range, it has been one of our more successful projects. It has been used on a daily basis since October 1st.

SPECIAL RELEASES

Many of our members have taken advantage of our new program of special releases. Of the twelve special releases, 80% of the birds have been harvested. Special releases will continue next year, and also will be a major topic of our winter meetings.

SUMMARY OF OUR HUNTING SEASON

The success rate of our three Saturday releases was much higher this year compared to prior years. The special releases reduced the number of birds released on Saturdays, and this left fewer meals for the predators.

NEW MEMBER

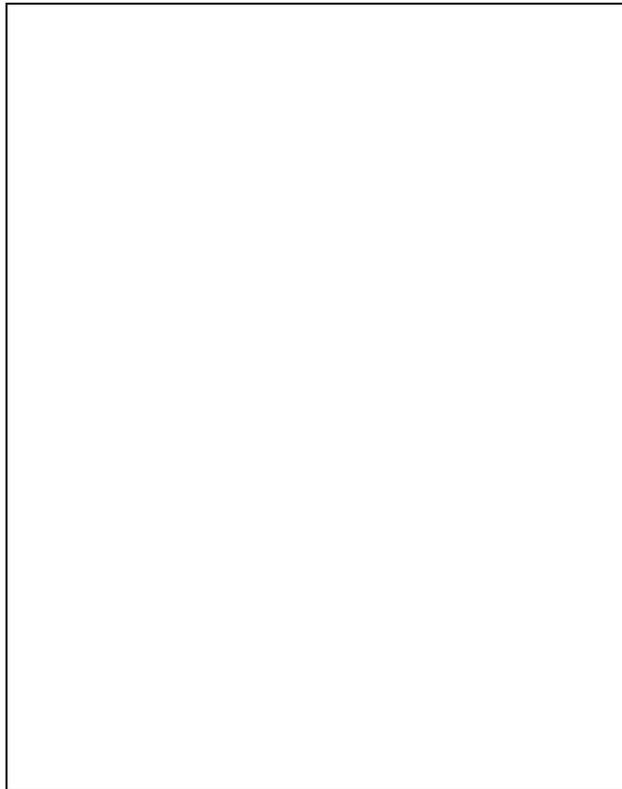
Alan Vlack of Bar Harbor, Maine. Al visits Oshkosh occasionally and had some good hunting here this year.

PREDATORS

We continue to have a lot of predator losses - hawks, fox and coyotes. I am close to announcing a bounty on fox, coyotes, and raccoons. One of the reasons for the high predator kill is our own fault. We are finding many wounded birds. Some members have shot 0 for 24 at our trap range. One rooster was shot at seven times and five of these shots were out of range. These birds that are wounded are especially easy lunches for our foxy friends.

SPORTING CLAYS

The new shooting course is almost complete. The new house has a lock on it so the equipment should be safe. The shooting stations are also complete, but the final locations need some work. Several people have been advising on this, including Steve Procknow and Al Vlack. Call me if you would like to try it out and I'll arrange a time.



BWWA BOUNTY PROGRAM