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### A Message from Your President!

We have posted the latest DNR announcement about the 2009 WI Deer Season on our website, [www.willowriver.org](http://www.willowriver.org)

The club will be hosting a Turkey shoot April 19th, starting at Noon. It's great fun so come out and bust some clays! The public is welcome! The rifle range will be closed during this time.

Trap League starts on Thursday, April 23rd. We will be accepting entire teams or people looking to get on a team. Sign up Thursday April 23rd or 30th. The rifle range will be closed on Thursdays during trap league from 5pm until dark. League shooters must be members.

The club will host a 3D Archery Shoot Sunday, April 26th. Come shoot the 30 target 3D course and have some fun. The public is welcome and the event runs from 8 am to 2 pm. All ranges will be closed all day for the 3D Shoot.

Summer Archery League will start Tuesday, May 5th. Scores may be shot anytime between Tuesday 4 pm and Saturday until dark for any given week. The club house will be open for archery league Tuesday nights. All ranges are closed on Tuesday evenings from 4 pm until dark for archery league.

Rim fire season is here again! Come shoot with the big boys and have some fun. Check the club website for schedules (updating). ARA evening shoots have open classes. Shoot what ya brung and plinkers welcome. The pistol range is closed during the rim fire matches.

Work hours – all of the above offer opportunities for club member to get work hours in and leverage a lower cost membership for 2010.

*Best Regards, Brian Headlee, President, WRR&GC*

WRR&GC Board of Director Announcement  
*The Board has requested the following Guest Policy reminder be added to this newsletter:*

“Members are welcome to use the club with a guest. Guests must be under the constant supervision of a paid Member. Members are asked to bring the same guest once. If a guest would like to use the facility more often, a membership will be required. Members may sign guests in on the sign-in log located in the mailboxes by the Archery range.”

### Willow River Rod & Gun Club News

Prior to the start of the April WRR&GC monthly meeting, Ron Roettger, who is Chairman of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Awards Committee, announced that the Willow River Rod & Gun Club has been named the Conservation Congress's 2008 Local Conservation Club of the year. The award will be presented at the May Conservation Congress State Meeting this year in LaCrosse.

The club's taxes have been filed for 2008.

All archery winter leagues are complete with final scores and positions will be listed on the website. The New Richmond News will be running a follow-up story on the club's archery activities in a future edition.

Clay birds for the upcoming trap league will be purchased soon. Negotiations with the Baldwin club for the purchase of some of their excess equipment have been tabled.

The rifle and pistol ranges are in good shape with new backers built and installed. Additional backers are available in the metal shed next to the east garage and are labeled as to what range they belong. When backer replacement is warranted, replacement should be performed by shooters on the ranges. Damaged backers and debris should be delivered to the dumpster located west of the clubhouse.

The entry gate will be replaced this year with a card opening sliding gate recommended. Costs for the purchase and installation of this gate will be provided by the May meeting with ground site requirements also

obtained. Electrical access is a major consideration.

Fencing around the archery practice range and dumpsters will be constructed this year. Materials needed and cost commitments will be provided by our June meeting. The back door of the clubhouse is scheduled for replacement. Light poles for the various ranges and railroad ties for the shooting ranges backstops will be purchased. The club is looking for an older type, pull behind grader to be used for road and club land maintenance.

Our membership now stands at 396.

Fun Fest and Park Art Fair food booths will again be the club's fund raisers. Plans to modify the activities at these events are ongoing.

Fire extinguishers for the clubhouse and food shed will be purchased with money allotted. Funds were also provided for the grader purchase and food and prizes for the upcoming turkey shoot.

The New Richmond Hunter Education group graduated 23 youth at the spring class and the Bow Hunters Education group graduated 11 students. The Baldwin Hunter's Education Class also recently used the club's facilities for their range day.

A schedule for the "League of Light" use of our club's facilities was provided and will be scheduled into our calendar of events.

Paul Andersen of New Richmond provided the club with a mount of a black-tailed deer that he had harvested. It will be displayed in the clubhouse.

#### Star Prairie Fish & Game Association News *(From March Meeting Minutes)*

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A gift certificate was presented to Don Madson for his generosity and making available his facilities for club use. McMurry Educational Center: A meeting was recently held to get cost estimates on future improvements on the McMurry Preserve. Because of projected land use in the foreseeable future it was felt that the plans should be put on hold at this time and portable restroom (port-a-potties) be purchased.

Bucks Night: A decision at last month's meeting to buy back guns won by club members for the purchased price was revisited. Guns could be bought back the night of Bucks Night before they were registered to simplify the procedure. Guns that have been registered that night to the winner and bought back may pose a problem. This will be looked into by the Bucks Night Committee to arrive at a process to rectify the potential registration problem.

Fisheries/Habitat: A Cedar lake cleanup will be held on Saturday, March 21st. Plans are to meet at Don Demulling's house at 9:00 am.

Outreach/Youth: A check will be issued to the Star Prairie Masons for the club's annual commitment to that organization.

The Village of Star Prairie has requested a sponsorship for the banner that is presently at the ballpark with the SPF&GA's name displayed. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made and approved not to provide funding for this banner. The reasoning was that money was not allocated for it this year in our budget and it also doesn't fit with the club's mission statement.

The New Richmond Hunters Education group was issued a check to help offset Armory rental for the Spring and Fall classes.

Park Party: The Park Party has been moved to the Thursday preceding the Star Prairie Ox Cart Days.

Pontoon Ride: The pontoon ride is scheduled for June 10th.

The Learn to Hunt Turkey Project sponsored by the SPF&GA will be ready to go next year.

The letter to the ice fishing community on Cedar Lake, written to remind them of their responsibility to control litter, demonstrate appropriate behavior and keep Cedar Lake a safe and desirable place to ice fish will be distributed next year early in the ice fishing season. Signs will also be posted on Cedar Lake and Squaw Lake accesses to remind fishers of their responsibilities.

The north Cedar Lake school house property purchase by the DNR has been finalized. A 20 year maintenance agreement on the parking lot and a 5 year lease on the building for the community club use is part of the deal. A club member has indicated an interest in moving the building when the time comes. He will contact the DNR to see about this possibility.

An overview of a three year water quality study being implemented on Cedar Lake beginning this spring was given. It is collaborative effort of the DNR, Lake District and Army Corp of Engineers along with several other partners including the SPF&GA. There is a meeting scheduled on April 11th at the Star Prairie Community Center to lay out the total project. Invitations to this meeting will be sent out to residents of the Lake District, SPLPT and the SPF&GA in the form of a newsletter.

The 2009 New Richmond High School Service Day is scheduled for Friday, May 15th. A list of projects on the McMurry Preserve land will be considered for that day. A group of students will be provided to the SPF&GA to get these projects accomplished. A monetary allotment to cover some of the expenses for that day has been budgeted.

The next meeting of the SPF&GA is scheduled for Monday April 20th, 2009 with the 6:00 pm social hour and the 7:00 pm regular meeting at Don Madsen's on Cedar Lake.



*WRR&GC  
President Brian  
Headlee with one  
of two 2009 Spring  
Nebraska Bow  
harvested turkeys.*



*President Brian Headlee and Paul Andersen with  
black tail deer mount donated to the club.*

Demullings Ice-Out Date Record kept by the  
Dons Jr & Sr since 1980 of Cedar Lake

*(Ice out is regarded as lake navigation by boat to any shoreline)*

1980	April 18
1981	March 28
1982	N/A
1983	April 10
1984	April 11
1985	April 9
1986	April 7
1987	March 25
1988	April 6
1989	April 17
1990	April 5
1991	April 7
1992	April 10
1993	April 19
1994	April 8
1995	April 4
1996	April 24**
1997	April 18
1998	March 30
1999	March 31
2000	March 22*
2001	April 15
2002	April 16
2003	April 12
2004	April 13
2005	April 9
2006	April 9
2007	March 31
2008	April 23
2009	April 8

\*Earliest / \*\*Latest

Warden Paul's Corner - Closed Game Fish Season

Anglers are reminded that with the close of the game fish season (walleye, bass, northern, musky), anglers cannot fish for these species even for catch and release fishing. Once the season is closed, anglers cannot even target these fish. Therefore, someone who is casting a top-water bait for bass, daredevil for northern or other type of

bait targeting game fish, that angler would be in violation.

Turkey Season: Hunters can dust off their shotguns as the spring turkey season is near. Hunters need to remember safety during the turkey seasons as hunters are dressed in full camo and typically hunting from the ground. Remember the 4 rules of firearm safety, which are:

- T – Treat everyone firearm as if it was loaded.
- A – Always point your firearm in a safe direction.
- B – Be sure of your target and beyond.
- K – Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire.

During the turkey season, make sure you know your target and beyond. Do not shoot at what sounds like a turkey. This may actually be a hunter calling turkeys. Hunters should setup with a large tree at their back if hunting from the ground as another safety precaution.

All hunters must have a valid license, turkey stamp, and an unused carcass tag for the zone they are hunting in. The bag limit is one bearded turkey per tag issued. Therefore, if a hunter has multiple tags for the same unit AND same time period, they can harvest multiple turkeys on the same day. No license is required to call turkeys for another hunter as long as the caller does not possess a firearm, bow or crossbow. However, a guide license is required if the caller charges a fee. Consult the turkey regulations for additional laws.

Upon harvesting a turkey, hunters must immediately validate the carcass tag and attach the tag to the featherless part of the turkey's leg before handling or transportation. Registration stations for spring turkey in St. Croix County are:

- B&J Hardware in Somerset*
- Cenex gas station in Burkhardt*
- Freedom Center in Baldwin*
- Holiday gas station at Hwy 64/46*
- Super America in New Richmond*
- Ormsen's Super Value in Glenwood City*

For questions or to report a violation call Warden Paul Sickman at 715-684-2914 X 120.

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## Upcoming Events...

- April 15th thru July 31st .....It is illegal to allow dogs to run free on DNR and Federal lands during this time
- April 15th – 19th .....Spring Turkey Hunt Season A
- April 17th & 18th.....Spooners Gun Show
- April 19th (Sunday).....5th Annual Earth Day Event, YMCA Camp St Croix, 532 Cty Rd F, Hudson,  
Contact Aleisha Miller 715-426-1473
- April 20th (Monday).....Star Prairie Fish & Game Association April Meeting, 6:00 Dinner & Social, 7:00 Meeting,  
Don Madsen's on Cedar Lake, Contact: Dan Bygd 715-246-6477
- April 15th – 19th .....Spring Turkey Hunt Season B
- April 29th – May 3rd .....Spring Turkey Hunt Season C
- April 26th (Sunday).....Early Catch & Release Trout Season closes at midnight
- May 2nd (Saturday).....General inland fishing season opens (See Regulations)
- May 2nd (Saturday).....Musky season opens in waters south of highway 10
- May 2nd (Saturday).....Frog season opens through December 31st
- May 6th – 10th .....Spring Turkey Hunt Season D
- May 13th – 17th .....Spring Turkey Hunt Season E
- May 14th (Thursday) .....Willow River Rod & Gun Club's May Meeting, 7 pm, club land, Contact: Brian Headlee at 246-5322
- May 18th (Monday) .....Star Prairie Fish & Game Association April Meeting, 6:00 Dinner & Social, 7:00 Meeting,  
Don Madsen's on Cedar Lake, Contact: Dan Bygd 715-246-6477
- May 20th – 24th .....Spring Turkey Hunt Season F

Comments, criticisms or input, please contact Mike Reiter 246-6643 or Jessa Nelson 246-0266

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