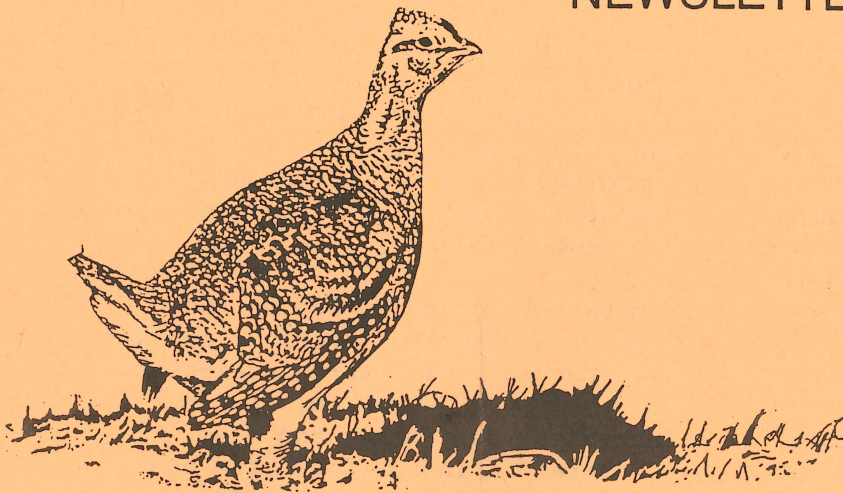


WISCONSIN SHARP-TAILED GROUSE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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SHARPTAIL POPULATIONS STABLE

While down substantially from the cyclic high of 1991, dancing male populations on most managed properties are about the same as the past several years. Good news from Douglas County Wildlife Area and Moquah Barrens which saw slight increases, albeit at modest levels. As you may remember from past newsletters, WSGS helped with the research in the transplant of birds to Moquah.

Pershing Wildlife Area is a different story with a declining population.

Pershing has been experiencing increased hunting pressure for the past few years. Whether the decrease is related to hunting, habitat loss, predation or whatever is debatable, but to be on the safe side the DNR is closing the area to hunting this fall.

Hunters should remember to obtain and use their mandatory sharptail report cards this fall. The DNR is getting some valuable information from the returns on these cards.

Table 1. Sharptail Population Trends on Managed Lands

Property	Number of Dancing Males							
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Crex Meadows W.A.	42	67	81	103	126	47	53	59
Douglas County W.A.	10+	10+	7	3	5	4	2	8
Kimberly-Clark W.A.	13	15	25	40	56	32	20	20
Moquah Barrens W.M.A.	2	2	-	3	6	9	6	7
Namekagon Barrens W.A.	15	15	15+	33	37	25	16	25
Pershing W.A.	30	39	43	23	37	34	24	16
Riley Lake W.M.A.	25	30	20+	20	25	8	5	7
Wood County W.A.	42	-	32	-	54	13	11	16
Dike Seventeen W.A.	-	-	-	-	16	10	9	9
Totals					362	182	146	167

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What's new in WSGS? Well, a number of significant developments have taken place this summer, most significantly we now have a brochure developed. Hats off to Wisconsin Trails Magazine for donating their expertise to develop a negative (proof) of our brochure. Special mention will go to Publisher Howard Mead, as well as Director Kathie Campbell, writer and WSGS board member Tom Davis, Metro Chapter President, Tom Jancoski, and member David Uihlein who generously donated \$400.00 towards its development. This project is a main cog in our operation for the future.

Last week I signed up a new member, John Brenholt, here in Eau Claire who has seen sharptails in eastern Eau Claire County on numerous occasions in the last two years. His accounts seemed highly reliable. This would be really good news for the bird as it would seem to indicate they are "hanging on" in some pretty marginal habitat. Maybe with the combination of CRP, the jackpine budworms, and more logging, they might increase.

Lastly, we are having a committee business meeting combined with a sharptail hunt on Friday evening, October 14th through Saturday October 15th at Crex Meadows. We have room for a few more members. If you want to go call me at 715-834-2627; my machine is on 24 hours.

Yours truly,

Tom Ziegeweid

P.S. Have a good hunt and outdoor experience this fall! Smell the roses, its later than you think!

HARVEST MOON: A WISCONSIN OUTDOOR ANTHOLOGY

The writing of good friend and board member, Tom Davis, appears in a new book by Lost River Press. The book, Harvest Moon: A Wisconsin Anthology, is a collection of 26 evocative stories and essays all by Wisconsin authors.

Tom Davis's contribution to the book, "In Peshtigo Country", appears with the work of other contemporary writers George Vukelich, Justin Isherwood, Dan Small, and Clay Schoenfeld. In addition, the book contains the work of some of Wisconsin's finest outdoor writers of yesteryear, including Aldo Leopold, Gordon MacQuarrie, Dion Henderson, and Mel Ellis.

HARVEST MOON: A Wisconsin Outdoor Anthology: 6" x 9" /hardcover/illustrated / 228 pages / \$19.95. From Lost River Press, P.O. Box 1381, Woodruff, WI 54568 (800-366-3091).

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AH, THOSE NAMEKAGON BARRENS WHEN THE AREA REALLY PRODUCED GROUSE

Ken Wallin - A Citizen

Having lobbied the Burnett County Board of Supervisors in negotiating with the DNR for DNR management of a portion of the famous Namekagon Barrens to, among other things, sustain a sharptailed grouse population. I vividly recall how good it was 57 years ago.

In the fall of 1937 I drove from Milltown, Wisconsin to Ike Walton Camp at Yellow Lake, north of Webster, Wisconsin (now Ike Walton Lodge) to join several others for a sharptailed grouse hunt up at the Namekagon Barrens. Having served as a guide at Ike Walton during the early thirties I had visited the barrens area for hunting, trout fishing at Dogtown Creek, and bass fishing on the Namekagon River.

Five of us, Joe, Carl, Henry, Burnett, and I, (I remember the first but not the last names of these resort guides) with two seasoned Labrador retrievers parked our two cars at a lone pine tree in an open area. We had driven up the Namekagon Trail, crossed the river on the Iron bridge, and traveled north and east.

We were thrilled by the view of this wild area, its bio-diversity, and ease of foot travel. Henry, the oldest of the group, suggested we fan out in a row 200 to 300 yards and travel slowly in a huge circle.

It was pleasantly cool, little breeze, and fairly dry. Henry insisted we proceed slowly and soon reprimanded Joe, the youngest and most eager, who walked too fast for a while and birds got up behind him where the dog was doing his job.

The labs worked back and forth nicely. Sharptails were holding quite well and some coveys were flushed again after settling in our direction of travel.

Regulation permitted starting hunting at 7:00 a.m., and we had finished our first big circle back at the cars. After a respite, watering the dogs, and placing a good harvest of grouse in the shade under the cars, we set out on another large circle.

Henry kept insisting that we not shoot at birds out of range. He and I were each carrying L. C. Smith doubles, a fine gun for this work.

A phenomenon noticed was a bird with a pellet hit in the head would fly a last thrust straight up about 50 feet and fall. Evidence of grouse dusting in the pocket gopher mounds were sure signs of birds in the area. In this circle we found more small scrub oak brush and scattered Jack Pine. The prairie grass and sand was soft underfoot.

Concluding this circle back at the cars about 11:30 a.m., we now had our daily limit of Sharptails - I'm quite sure it was five per hunter. We were in a feeling of deep satisfaction and appreciation. We tied up the dogs, enjoyed a basket of fried chicken and cold beer in a tub of ice which Mose (Jens Vorm), proprietor of Ike Walton Camp, had prepared for us. We then drew the birds, put grass in their cavities, and left the entrails for the birds of prey and wild animals.

Ken Wallin - continued

This was at a time when Mother Nature with her magic wand managed the area. Fires were prevalent. But it has become a disappearing habitat, fire control, tree planting, minimal agriculture, brush and tree growth.

We didn't really know or comprehend back then that it was a complete ecosystem driven by nature. Does anyone really know the degree to which hunting overkill or habitat destructive forces have brought the decline in numbers of sharptail grouse or prairie chicken or ducks? There are stories of hunters coming to the Crex Meadows area at the turn of the century and later, hiring a

farmer with a horse and small wagon and harvesting fantastic numbers of prairie chicken and sharptailed grouse. We've also read about shipments of thousands of sharptailed grouse to the Twin City market from Spooner. Managing the habitat so as to maintain a viable population is the least we should do whether we ever kill another sharptailed grouse. Just to know they are there may be our best satisfaction. To restore the population by habitat improvement and introduction of birds, etc. and to permit reasonable hunting would be a greater reward.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

In this newsletter you get two opportunities to find out if you're a paid up member. First, look at your mailing label and there's your membership date the same as always. Then you can look at the membership list where everyone can see if

you're paid up or not. We will need to keep memberships up to date to pay for a good sized printing run of the brochure and to start any habitat work. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL
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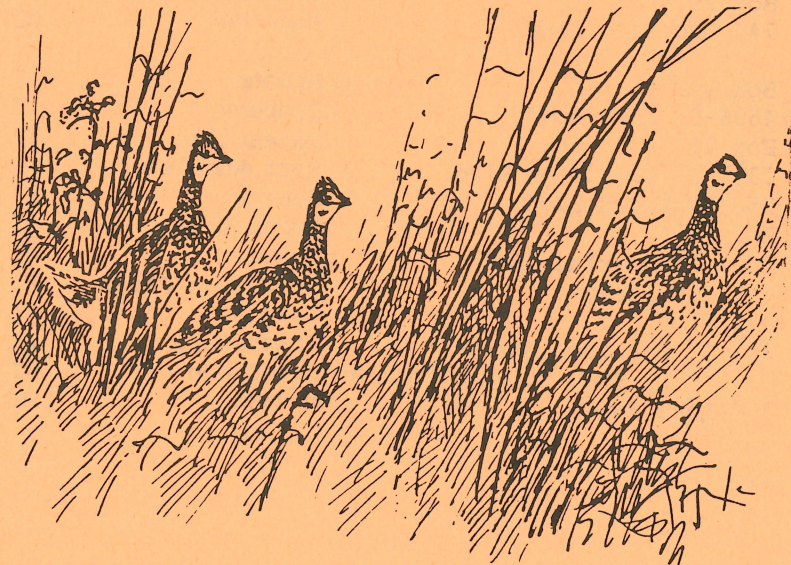
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Anderson	Chet & Eloise	R 2 Box 338	St. Croix Falls	WI	54024	12 92
Anderson	Shirley	Box 74	Ashland	WI	54806	12 92
Angell	David & Joan	3824 Claymore Lane	Eau Claire	WI	54701	12 92
Baade	Tom	125 Highland Ave	Thiensville	WI	53092	01 95
Babcock	Cratis	1030 S 11th Ave	Wausau	WI	54401	12 92
Bahr	Rod	1615 8th Street	Menomonie	WI	54751	04 95
Balzer	Buzz	Box 68	Cashton	WI	54619	12 92
Banks	Bob	Star Route Box 2493	Solon Springs	WI	54873	12 93
Behnke	Herbert	Box 68	Shawano	WI	54166	12 93
Bennett	Keith	N7821 1090th St	River Falls	WI	54022	03 94
Berg	Bill	995 Cty Rd 326	Bovey	MN	55709	01 95
Bergstrom	Tim	3010 N. 21st	Superior	WI	54880	12 92
Berquist	Ken	84-1021 Lohilahi Street	Makana Beach	HI	96792	09 94
Biller, D.V.M.	Ray	R 1 Box 165	Balsam Lake	WI	54810	04 95
Binkley	Neil	5843 River Road	Waunakee	WI	53597	07 95
Bleich	Kelly	2093 Creek Road	Mosinee	WI	54455	04 94
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Braker	Nancy	333 W Mifflin St #107	Madison	WI	53703	03 94
Bremer	Matt	W 10443 Hwy O	Portage	WI	53901	09 94
Brehmer	Steve	1108 Pershing	Eau Claire	WI	54703	
Bronk	Donald	224 W Randolph St	Wausau	WI	54401	02 94
Bublitz	Don	R 1 Box 1208	Lake Nebagamon	WI	54849	01 95
Campbell	Arnold	16785 W Hearthside Dr	New Berlin	WI	53151	02 94
Capozzi	Tim	1406 Virginia Lane	Eau Claire	WI	54703	
Cane	Tom	740 Third Street	Wausau	WI	54401	12 92
Carlson	William A.	402 W Wabasha St	Duluth	MN	55803	12 93
Castellano	Jim	1306 S. Chestnut	Marshfield	WI	54449	07 94
Castellano	Ray	Box 194	Milltown	WI	54858	03 95
Clausen	David	R 2 Box 328 B	Amery	WI	54001	12 92
Clemetson	John	RFD Box 3121	Long Grove	IL	60047	02 95
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Davis	Harlan	1305 Morningside Dr	Sioux City	IA	51106	03 95
Davis	Tom	7241 Hwy 57	Bailey's Harbor	WI	54202-9106	03 95
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Dreis	Bob	632 Smith St	Spooner	WI	54801	03 95
Dunsmoor	Gary	R 2 Box 2324 E	Spooner	WI	54801	01 95
Eaton	Charles	3816 North Shore Drive	Eau Claire	WI	54703	12 92
Easterday	Jeff	1001 W. College Ave.	Appleton	WI	54914-5294	
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Eggers	Richard	N 7851 CTH M	Shiocton	WI	54170	
Eisele	Tim	129 South Segoe Road	Madison	WI	53705	12 92
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Engel	Tim	P.O. Box 476	Clear Lake	WI	54005	03 94
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Evenson	Dave	Box 1115	Cumberland	WI	54829	01 95
Evrard	Jim	630 N Pine St	Grantsburg	WI	54840	01 95
Ferrando	John	R 1 Box 355	Ashland	WI	54806	12 92
Frank	Ed	1205 Ellen Ave	Madison	WI	53716	01 95
Gavin	Stephen	7788 Riverside Road	Verona	WI	53593	01 95
Gilbert	Barry	4043 N. Newhall Street	Shorewood	WI	53211	01 94
Girolamo	Tom & Kathy	517 Washington Avenue	Stevens Point	WI	54481	01 94
Goltz	Tom	1630 N 1st Ave	Wausau	WI	54401	01 94
Granica	Martin	2816 Cty Rd G	Glenwood City	WI	54013	04 95
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Gunville	Bob	4909 N. Wildwood	Whitefish Bay	WI	53217	01 94
Haggler	Tom	PO Box 80320 Delta Branch	Lansing	MI	48908-0320	12 92
Hahn	Pete	W7382 CTH E	Phillips	WI	54555	12 92
Hall	Wayne	N78 W29059 Flynn Road	Hartland	WI	53029	01 94
Hamerstrom	Fran	Rt 1 Box 448	Plainfield	WI	54966	12 92
Hansen	Ron	Park Point Drive	Balsam Lake	WI	54810	12 92
Hansen	Glenn D.	N 7379 810th St.	River Falls	WI	54022	12 92
Hanson	Ronald	416 Park Drive	Balsam Lake	WI	54810	12 92
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Helland	Stan	Box 410	Wisconsin Dells	WI	53965	12 92
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Hennessey	Fred	R 1 Box 460	Gordon	WI	54838	03 95
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Hoefler	Jim	10549 Blomgren Road	Grantsburg	WI	54840	07 95
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Infield	E. S.	2318 Grandview Ave	Wooster	OH	44691	04 95
Irving	Frank	1745 Tatum Street	St Paul	MN	55113	07 95
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Johnson	Roy	Balsam Branch Road	Maple	WI	54854	03 95
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Lang	Lyman	Box 367	Grantsburg	WI	54840	04 95
Larson	Vern & Muriel	335 Poygan Road	Omro	WI	54963	12 93

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Lindeman	Wade	Box 431	Minocqua	WI	54548	12 92
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McDonald	Kermit	1792 Millwood Drive	Roseville	MN	55113	12 92
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Saaski	Willard	Box 29	Iron River	WI	54847	04 94
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Vanacek	Frank	406 Summit Ave. W.	Ladysmith	WI	54848	03 95
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Vogl	Andrew	#2D	Villa Park	IL	60181	12 93
Vogl	Mike	1430 Longwood Ave	Elm Grove	WI	53122	01 95
Volkert	William K.	W 996 Birchwood Drive	Campbellsport	WI	53010	01 95
Wallin	Ken	1400 N. Wood Ave	Marshfield	WI	54449	03 95
Walstrom	Shane	Box 1027	Comstock	WI	54826	04 95
Wells, Jr.	C. Topf	4914 Marathon Dr.	Madison	WI	53705	12 93
White	John Robert	Box 261	Marine	MN	55047	10 94
White	Keith	170 Apple Tree Court	Green Bay	WI	54302	01 95
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Wilde	Jonathan	R 1	Belleville	WI	53508	12 93
Wilson	Dugan	1378 County Road J	River Falls	WI	54022	12 92
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Wilson, D.V.M.	J. B.	302 Bering St W	Milltown	WI	54858	03 94
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Ziegeweid	Tom	2950 E Wellington Dr	Eau Claire	WI	54703	01 95
Ziegeweid	Greg	2106 S 106th Street	West Allis	WI	53227-122903	94
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ANNUAL MEETING - APRIL 15-16, 1994

Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center

About 20 members attended the 4th annual meeting at Sandhill. President Tom Ziegeweid opened the meeting with introductions and a short summary of accomplishments over the last year. Election of board members was held with Jim Shurts and Bob Dreis each being elected to a three year term.

SE Wisconsin Chapter Report - Tom Jancoski

Tom reported on the possible upland buffer expansion at the Horicon National Wildlife Refuge. This is meant mostly to be a watershed protection measure to prevent intensive agricultural runoff from affecting the marsh, but there is potential for restoring some oak savanna/surrogate prairie. It probably will not become a sharptail site maybe chickens. We voted to have Tom Jancoski draft and circulate a letter to the board for approval and corrections, to be sent out under president's signature.

Brochure

Tom Davis told us that the new brochure is just a few weeks away from final draft. We spent a fair amount of time brain storming who the audience for this brochure would be. because color is pricey we will want to make sure we use them wisely. Some people we thought of were: sharptail viewers in sharptail blinds; county boards in selected counties, legislators within the prairie restoration curriculum package for teachers. Prairie seed nurseries, cranberry companies. We also discussed how

much we could afford to spend on this since we were turned down by two foundations. Tom will get better information on costs and circulate the draft prices to the board shortly. We also talked about other educational tools such as video.

Great Lakes Sharptail Association

We discussed the concept of joining together with the Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society and the Michigan Sharp-tailed Grouse Association to form some sort of regional organization. There was a feeling that a sharing of communications through newsletter exchange and a possible meeting of presidents would be worthwhile. Most people were not real interested at this time in co-mingling funds, or going through the effort of making a bigger organization. We approved a motion backing the concept of a general MOU. Tom Ziegeweid will talk to Jim Shurts about drafting such a document.

Central Wisconsin Issues

We discussed Quincy Bluff as a potential "pet" project for the WSGS, as well as other central Wisconsin potential or present sharptail areas. We decided that we should send a letter to the Wisconsin DNR, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Necedah, The Nature Conservancy affected County Boards and others to encourage a coordinated effort in central Wisconsin. Dick Thiel will draft a

Annual Meeting continued

By-laws Change

Also associated with central Wisconsin, we approved a change in the Purpose Statement to include sedge meadows and bogs as important habitats which should be included in our concerns.

STCP Membership

The Society Tympanuchus cupido pinnatus (Prairie Chicken Society) is conducting a membership drive. We discussed how we could help them, either through sending them our membership lists or through a blurb in our newsletter. Dave Evenson will explore with them what would be most useful.

We closed with a good prairie grouse video, and a door prize, drawing, in which almost everyone got something.

MOSINEE PAPER LANDS AND SHARPTAIL

Neil Niemuth is doing research toward a doctorate on the pine barrens of northwest Wisconsin. In his research travels he found a good population of sharptails on industrial forest lands owned by Mosinee Paper Company. Neal received tentative permission from the forest manager to put up a WSGS sign acknowledging this value on land that some might consider just brush. Do we have any sign painters out there? We will be visiting this area for next spring's annual meeting.



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