

# **CHIPPEWA BOWHUNTERS INC.**

## **1947-1948**

Organizers: Holly Meier, President; George Cahoon, VP; Dayton Hokestrom, Secretary-Treasurer.

Leased property on Lake Wissota from NSP, which is now occupied by Chippewa Rod and Gun Club. Used room in the city hall for meetings and to make archery equipment. We had 33 members and a cash balance Dec. 31st of \$13.99.

## **1949-1953**

These officers held office for 5 years: Frank Proulx, President; George Cahoon, VP; Elizabeth Proulx, Secretary-Treasurer.

Leased land across the lagoon from Luecks cycle shop for space for more bunkers and over water shooting. The first club members to shoot a deer, was Vic Frye, a doe. The late December season began in 1953. An annual Bow hunter Banquet was at Needles Nite Club (now Connells) with 38 members. Banquet costs, including tips, was \$62.70. Quinn Nindorff shot the clubs second deer, a doe, in 1953.

## **1954-1956**

3-year officers: Bill Mintzman, President; Vic Frye, VP; Dorothy Hintzman, Secretary-Treasurer.

Began indoors shooting in 1954 in the Holy Ghost gym. Our Wednesday "Fun nights" were started by Howie Kohlhepp, owner of Howies Liquor store, furnishing refreshments at his cost and an honor system paying for these purchases. We subleased an area to a Mariner Boy Scout troop for a place to put a building they are buying from the city of Chippewa Falls, who built them for temporary housing for returning WW2 veterans.

It was not until 1956 that club members shot a deer. Eddie Proulx shot a 180 lb. six-point buck in less than one hour, on opening day near Big Falls. Vic Frye followed with a nub buck.

## **1957-1960**

Records regarding officers for this period are incomplete, except for 1958 with Floyd Back, President; Kenny Blake, VP; and Vic Frye, Secretary-Treasurer.

1958 saw the club subleasing property from the Chippewa Rod and Gun club who purchased the Mariner Boy Scout building. We found it necessary to locate some bunkers south of the road.

1958 was the year Howie Kohlhepp donated the first 10-year traveling trophy for the clubs heaviest deer. That year it went to Joe Loughrase for a fork horn shot on opening day, near the Chippewa rendering plant. Kenny Blake, Floyd Back, and Bernie Liedl registered three does.

During 1959, two deer were taken. The traveling trophy went to Bill Schmidt for a buck and Howie Kohlhepp shot a doe. During the 1960 season, 11 deer were registered, with Vic Frye taking the traveling trophy, with a 126 lb. 4 pt buck. Our club was able to convince other clubs of the Chippewa Valley Archery league to stage conservation shoots. Proceeds from these shoots to be donated to a specific conservation project in the 5 county area of the league. Efforts to continue to eliminate or curtail bow hunting. These shoots were to show that bow hunters, are not a self-interested group, interested only in bow hunting, but have active interest in conservation and improving recreational activities. Members of the clubs would sell conservation raffle tickets, offering a variety of prizes to ticket holders. The Eau Claire club in Carson Park held the first shoot. It netted \$450 and was used to build the Hay Meadow Flowage #4 in the Chippewa County forests. Exerts from the March 30th, 1960 Herald-Telegram tell this story: Floyd Back of Chippewa Falls overcame far more than natural pressure when he won the Wisconsin Field archers annual shoot at the indoor championships at Milwaukee. After drilling all but 4 bulls-eyes, tournament officials checked his medals, which he had won in various shoots glued on his bow. Thinking he was using them as a shooting device, ordering him to remove all medals, he let Floyd shoot and continue the competition. If he got through the second half without missing any more shots than he had the first quarter, Floyd said "he just didn't dare miss or all my hard work would have gone for naught, along with the reputation of the club". He missed the bulls-eye or dead center only 6 times out of 112 possible. The total score was 548 out of 560.

## 1961

Officers: Paul Smith, President; Kenny Blake, Vice President; Vic Frye, Secretary-Treasurer.

With the help from the late John Frederick, we were able to purchase the 40 acres of land for our archery range from Eleanor Miller, who inherited the property from her mother, Mrs. Geo Frederick. Prior to that time, Eleanor's father, Geo Frederick owned this land and leased it to L.D. Crane for dynamite storage, which had two buildings of dynamite caps. Crane was in the wholesale dynamite business. The front part of the property was all open field. We paid \$825 with a \$300 down payment, \$100 yearly payment with 5 percent interest. The down payment was made through profits of seven years of Wednesday "Fun Nights".

We began shooting in Junior High Gym, which continued through 1965. Val LeMay's 135 lb. doe shot at Necedah, WI, took the "Traveling Trophy", four other deer were shot, one in late season. The second Conservation shoot was held at the

Pines Ballroom in Bloomer by our club, \$1,200 was pledged for waterfowl habitat in the Hay Creek wildlife area of Dunn County.

## 1962

Officers: Gary Gaier, President; Kenny Blake, Vice President; Howie Kohlhepp, Secretary-Treasurer.

Quinn Nindorf arranged fourteen bunkers. In order to get material to the bunkers, sod was piled on the hood of a car placed upside down, and John Frederick used his tractor to skid the sod to bunkers. A year or so later, Geo. Mallum let us use his jeep to haul sod; we planted 500 Spruce trees, A five-man team of club members participated in a target shooting contest with the Eau Claire Peace Officers Club at the Chippewa Rod and Gun Club's annual chicken feed.

Bow hunters were: Gary Gaier, Bill Schmidt, Bernie Liedl, Kenny Blake, and Ray Rapienski, who scored 906 points with the pistol shooters getting 940. This was the first of several other Bow vs. Pistol contest at the Chippewa Rod and Gun. The third Conservation Shoot held at the Edson Pavilion by the Stanley Archery Club pledged \$1,299 for forest trails in Clark County near Rack Dam.

Nine deer were registered, six were does, four deer late season. Traveling Trophy to Dennis Bowe's 155 lb. nine-point buck, shot at Barksdale, WI, near Superior. Articles of Incorporation were approved and registered with the state. Our first sets of Bylaws were approved, which since, have been revised many times. The club began special beginners' classes on Thursday evenings. Howie Kent shot the club's first bear.

## 1963

Officers: Gary Gaier, President; Kenny Blake, Vice President; Jerry Parley, Secretary-Treasurer.

A low bid of \$391 from Popple & LeDuc Lumber Company was approved for the 20'x30' shelter. One thousand Spruce and Norway pine were planted. The fourth Conservation Shoot by the Durand Archery Club was held at the Arkansas Recreation Hall, raising \$1,200 for the O'Neil Creek Flowage in the Chippewa County Forest. Nine deer were shot, five were does, one deer late-season. Geo Mallum won traveling trophy with a 169 lb. ten-point buck.

## 1964

Officers: Bob Nowak, President; Geo Mallum, Vice President; Jerry Parley, Secretary-Treasurer.

The club has an all time high of 118 members. The fifth Conservation Shoot was sponsored by the Gilman Club at Kolmo's BallRoom raising \$1,200 for South Foster Ranch game trails in Clark County. Nineteen deer taken, thirteen were does, one deer in late-season. Bill Schmidt took the Traveling Trophy with a 126 lb. doe. Jim Hibbard, Floyd Back, and Val LeMay shot bear.

## 1965

Officers: Jim Hibbard, President; Geo Mallum, Vice President; Ace Loschko, Secretary-Treasurer.

The club has archery shirts for sale: Cost \$7, you pay \$5 and the club will cover \$2. First year of Special Bow hunters Licenses, Adults \$5 with hunters 18 years and younger \$1. These junior licenses are available only at County Clerk's Office. The sixth Conservation Shoot by the Cornell Bowmen is at the Cornell High School Gym. Proceeds were \$1,200, which were given to help pay for the Hickory Ridge Trail in the Chippewa County Forest.

Nineteen deer were shot, records not complete regarding sex of kill. Traveling Trophy went to Jim Hibbard's 121 lb. doe. Two deer during late season and one bear by Ron Curry. Vic Frye was awarded the Meritorious Service plaque.

## 1966

Officers: Ace Loschko, President; Geo Mallum, Vice President; Dale Frederick, Secretary-Treasurer.

Drilled the 110-foot well at a cost of \$395. Raised club dues to \$3 for adults; \$4 for man and wife; family dues are now \$5; Juniors, 16-18 are \$1; and Cadets, 15 and under are fifty cents. Our membership hit 217. Eleven deer were killed, four were does.

Traveling Trophy for a 150 lb. buck two deer were shot during late season, and Ron Curry with another bear. Conservation Shoot was held at Eau Claire Archery Range with \$900 for Willow Creek Flowage east of County "H" in Eau Claire County.

## 1967

Officers: Howie Kohlhepp, President; Willis Rice, Vice President; Dale Frederick, Secretary-Treasurer. Poured floor in shelter, \$190. Purchased plywood for temporary shelter from windy conditions. Archers began having Archery Golf Shoots at the Eau Claire Range and Durand at Nine-mile Island. Twenty-two deer were taken, fourteen were does, one in the late season. Another bear by Ron Curry. Traveling Trophy to John Melville for a 176 1/2 lb. Buck.

The first 10-year Traveling Trophy was retired having been won by Bill Schmidt for two of the heaviest deer shot during the past ten years. The 1967 Conservation Shoot was staged by the Chippewa Bow hunters' outdoor range, with the donated of \$1300 game trails in the Sherdoow-Washburn area of Clark Bounty. The Meritorious Service award was given to Glen Holen.

## **1968**

Officers: Howie Kohlepp, President; Willis Rice, Vice-president; Dale Frederick, Secretary-Treasurer.

Built 14 additional bunkers. Purchased a jeep from George Mallum for \$400. Expanded the parking lot with shale delivered by the Town of Lafayette for giving them permission to widen the road on our south line. In addition we got 2 culverts. Frederick-Koepl built the mound on the east side of the parking lot to prevent excessive runoff from the hill in addition to the other road work for \$220.

30 deer killed, 20 were does. 12 were shot in the late season. Bea Kent with her 141 lb., 9-pt. Buck, won the first Leinenkugel traveling trophy. The 9th conservation shoot was held at the Augusta Archery range. raising \$1000 for the Hamilton Falls game trails in Eau Claire county and \$500 for the forest openings near hickory trail in Chippewa county forest. We are able to get the Notre Dame school gym to resume indoor shooting.

## **1969**

Officers: Lewis Kohn, President; Don Nysti, Vice-President; Don DeRusha, Secretary-Treasurer.

17 deer were shot including 10 does. Lyle Willwarth took the traveling trophy with his 160 lb. 10 pt.. Menomonie Archery club had the 10th annual conservation shoot pledging \$1500 for game trails the town of Seymour in Eau Claire county and renovation of trails in Chippewa County.

## **1970**

Officers: Lewis Kohn, President; Art Sedani, Vice-President; Cliff Roder, Secretary-Treasurer.

Built by Quinn Nindorf memorial flag pole base for \$190. Plaques for deceased meritorious service recipients were installed for Fred Hess and Frank Proulx. 36 deer were taken including 17 does. Club members took 4 bear: rod Curry, Bernard Gavre, Elmar Luce and Eddie Rushman. The traveling trophy went to John Bilderback for his 240 lb. 10 pointer, the Gilman club held the 11th conservation shoot in the Gilman ball room having pledged \$1500 for the silver Creek waterfowl habitat in Taylor County's perishing wildlife area.

## 1971

Officers: Marv Belnap, President; Art Sedani, Vice-President; Rosa Blake, Secretary-Treasurer.

Built new toilets at a cost of \$544.76 plus \$25 for Fritz Koepl back hoe. the old toilets were located below the hill just north of the new structure. Builders were Don DeRusha and Marv Belknap. Tree stands were legalized, the 12th conservation shoot was held at the Eau Claire archery range pledging \$1000 for water fowl control structure in the New Auburn wildlife area and \$500 for renovating Eau Claire county game trails.

36 deer were registered including 19 does. Ron Curry's 130 lb. doe took the traveling trophy. Eddie Rushman and Ron Curry registered bear. A second target shooting contest between the Eau Claire pistol club and Bow hunters at the Chippewa Bow hunters summer feed. Club members included Art Sedani, Lewis Kohn, Oscar Munson, John Quinlan, and Jerry Naiberg. The pistol club won with a score of 860 points and the bow hunters had 850.

## 1972

Officers: Oral Perry, President; Art Sedani, Vice-President; Terry Moulton, Secretary-Treasurer.

Jim Stevens poured the foundation for the fireplace last fall for \$268.15. The fireplace built from rocks and stone from the town of Lafayette with a few from club members who picked them up while out west. Lloyd Ricksford was the builder with help from Don DeRusha who was unemployed because Peter's meats had closed down. Cost was \$850. the conservation shoot was held at the Chippewa Range pledging \$1500 for a handicapped fishing dock on the Chequame Flowing east of Gilman, \$500 for Eau Claire game trails, and \$500 for a proposed Paint Creek project in Chippewa County.

36 deer were killed including 16 does. 19 were taken in the late season. Eddie Rushman shot a bear. The Traveling Trophy went to Del Zwiefelhofer for his 210 lb. 6 pointer. Our community was in shock when a six-year-old 1200 lb. bull elk with a spread of over 6 feet was killed in Irvine park with an arrow. All efforts to trace the identity of the killer failed. Our Chippewa club and the Chippewa Valley Archery League offered cash awards for information.

## 1973

Officers: Lyle Thompson, President; Bill Herman, Vice-President; Terry Moulton, Secretary-Treasurer.

Major Vandalism that included broken pump, damaged picnic tables, etc. Damage was estimated at \$97. Another shooting contest between the Eau Claire pistol club and the Bow hunters were the main attractions for the Chippewa Rod and Gun Clubs summer outing. Steve Loiselle, Larry Gullickson, Gene Moe, Bob Malnory, Jeff Sharpe and Arnie Johnson represented Bow hunters. The pistol club used .38's and 45's. In other contests they used .22's. The Bow hunters won 1235 to 1231. 39 deer were registered, 12 doe. The late season produced 4.

Jim Moe won the traveling trophy with a 162 1/2 lb. 7 pointer. Larry Gullickson registered a bear. The 13th conservation shoot was at the Eau Claire archery range with \$1500 pledged for game trails work in Chippewa, Eau Claire, and Clark counties.

## 1974

Officers: Steve Loiselle, President; Lyle Thompson, VP; Bill Herman, Secretary-Treasurer.

More maintenance and repair of the road to the shelter by Frederick-Koepf cost \$429. Rebuilt the line fence on the East Side of the range, using steel posts costing \$85.

Our clubs activities were featured in the January issue of Archery World. We took 50 deer including 19 does. The late season produced 6. Lyle Thompson registered a bear. Traveling Trophy went to Dennis Aaron for his 150 lb. 7 pointer.

## 1975

Officers: Steve Loiselle, President; Dick Kraft, VP; Bill Herman, Secretary-Treasurer.

Larry Gullickson of Bloomer a member of our club defended his title as state champion in the open men's Freestyle limited competition at LaCrosse. This year marked the end of the pistol against bow shooting contests at the Chippewa Rod and Gun Club. The Pistol Club returned to using .22's. Bill Solie, Larry Gullickson, Mark Stackhouse, Bob Malnory, Bob Rada, and Gene Moe represented the Bow hunters. The pistol club won 1202 to 1120.

We registered 52 deer including 22 does and 11 in the late season. Ron Curry's 163 1/2 lb. 8 pointer took the traveling trophy. Brent Dressland and Ron Curry shot bear. Don DeRusha was given the clubs meritorious service award. While the conservation shoots ended, surplus funds of \$1000 were donated to game trail work and seeding in Chippewa and Eau Claire counties.

## 1976

Officers: Dick Kraft, President; Tom Whalen, VP; C.W. King, Secretary-Treasurer.

54 deer were taken including 16 does and 1 in the late season. Mary Nussenberger was awarded the traveling trophy for her 208 3/4 lb. 12 pointer. Ron

Curry, Bill Solie, Mary Solie, and Roger Mlsna took four bear. Banquet fees were at \$5 per person at the Left Guard in Eau Claire. Music was by Jerry Way Trio. You bought your own refreshments.

### 1977

Officers; C.W. King, President; Gene Hurt, VP; Howie Kolhepp, Secretary-Treasurer.

66 deer were registered including 24 does and 3 deer in the late season. 4 bear were taken but no names of the hunters were recorded. Club membership totaled 282. The traveling trophy went to Marge Hibbard with an 183 lb. buck The Leinenkugel trophy was awarded to Ron Curry who shot 2 of the heaviest deer in the last ten years.

Club fees increased to \$4 adults, Couples \$5, and Family \$7. Juniors and cadets remained at \$1 and \$.50. Steve Loiselle was our third club member to win a state championship taking top honors in the men's freestyle LTD at the Milwaukee Sports show. He scored 297 out of a possible 300. Steve Teamed up with another club member, Larry Gullickson, and Dace Phillips of Eau Claire and Bruce Johnson of Menomenie to take 2nd in the team event. Terry Moulton organized a surprise party at Connells Supper Club attended by all conservation groups to acknowledge Vic's contributions to conservation.

### 1978

Officers: Arnie Roytek, President; Terry Moulton, VP, Howie Kohlhepp, Secretary-Treasurer.

60 deer registered including 15 does. Three deer were shot in the late season. Kevin Curry Eddie Rushman, Jack Quail, and Larry Barsamian all got bear. A new Leinenkugel heaviest deer trophy saw Paul Flesch with his 176 lb. 6 pointer as its first winner.

### 1979

Officers: Jeff Sharpe, President; Roger Mlsna, VP; Vic Frye, Secretary-Treasurer.

57 deer were tagged including 18 does. Three late season deer were shot. The traveling trophy went to Tom Smith for a 197 lb. 8 pointer.

A special membership meeting was held the same night as our Brat feed (June 21) to vote on a by-law change to include Wisconsin bow hunters dues along with our club fees. The proposal was approved to change club dues to \$8 and for the club to pay the \$5 WBH for cadets' 15 yrs. and under. We can not use the Notre Dame gym for future indoor shooting.

### 1980



Officers: Steve Loiselle, President; Tony Fransway, VP, Vic Frye, Secretary-Treasurer.

68 deer were registered including 18 does and 6 during the late season. Paul Smiths 164 lb. 8 pointer took the traveling trophy. John Spurs and Arnie Johnson shot bear.

## 1981

Officers: Tony Fransway, President; Tim Crawford, VP, Vic Frye, Secretary-Treasurer.

61 deer were taken including 18 does and 7 during the late season. Dan Berg won the traveling trophy with a 175 lb. 7 pointer, the club disqualified a 194 lb. 8 pointer that was registered. The clubs first out of state kills went to Arnie Roytek and Dale Lee for antelope. Ron Curry, Ray Harling, Paul Fleisch, Eddie Rushman, and Bob Zech registered bear. Indoors shooting began at the "Y".

## 1982

Officer: Jeff Fransway, President; Jim Mlsna, VP; Howie Kohlhepp, Secretary-Treasurer.

69 deer were killed including 17 does and 7 late season. Dave Peterson's 234 lb. 14 pointer took the traveling trophy. Steve Loiselle, Jeff Balsiger, Eddie Rushman, Ray Harling, and Marg Hibbard registered bear. Out of state kills went to Arnie Roytek, Dale Lee, and Paul Fleisch, for Mule deer and a bear by Paul Fleisch from Canada.

The jeep we purchased to replace our ailing one turned out to be a "white elephant" and we began using 3 wheelers for range work. Lauren Vance re-roofed the shelter.

## 1983

Officers: Jim Mlsna, President; Dave Dobbs, VP; Howie Kohlhepp, Secretary-Treasurer.

63 deer were registered with 18 being does. 9 shot in the late season. The traveling trophy went to Dennis Wilcox with a 185 1/2 lb. 11 pointer.

Our membership fee schedule was changed because even though our dues were due the first part of the year, some 207 members did not pay until September. This membership surge caused a lot of last minute work for the Secretary and the Wis. Bow hunters to complete records before the season opener. Membership dues are to remain at \$8 if bought by August 1 (later changed to July 1), \$10 before September 1, and \$15 after Sept. 1.

Out of state kills: Arnie Roytek with a Canadian bear and Dale Lee with a Mule deer.

## 1984

Officers: Tim Crawford, President; Jody Blum, VP; Dave Peterson, Secretary-Treasurer.

28 3D targets were purchased for our 1st 3D shoot. A-1 Redi-Mix donated the marble sized rock for around the shelter. 70 deer were taken including 15 does. 5 deer were registered in the late season.

Traveling trophy was won by Val LeMay with a 226 lb. 8 pt Kenny Belnap, Marg Curry, and Eddie Rushman all shot bear.

Out of state kills went to Steve Loiselle and Bill Herman with Canadian bear, and Arnie Roytek and Dale Lee with Mule deer.

## 1985

Officers: Jean Loiselle, President; Tom White, VP; Dave Peterson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Ace Loschko was appointed Assistant Sec-treas. We had an all time high in memberships of 344. The club shot 100 deer including 20 does. There were 6 late season kills. John Pritchards 191 Ib. 9 pt. won the traveling trophy. Dave Holte shot a 30 Ib. coyote.

Out of state kills included: Bill Herman with an 8 pt. Minnesota buck, Harry Schultze also with a Minnesota buck, and John Pritchard with a Montana Mule buck.

Dave Peterson, Dave Holte and Roger Schumacher shot a Canadian bear. Dan Duffenbach and Steve Loiselle shot a Tennessee wild boar.

## 1986

Officers: Tim Crawford, President; Jeff Sharpe, VP; Ace Loschko, Secretary-Treasurer. Vic Frye was appointed Assistant Secretary-Treasurer which he held until his death in 2002.

The elevated-shooting platform was built on number 15 (now 16). 94 deer were shot including 19 does and 9 in the late season. William Berg won the traveling trophy with a 216 lb. 12pt. Dennis Luedtke and Larry Parshem shot bear.

Out of State kills included: Bill Herman (Canadian Bear), Tim Crawford (Mule deer), Dave Dobbs (South Dakota whitetail), Roger Mlsna (Bull Elk), and Jim Muzynoski (Colorado Bull Elk).

## 1987

Officers: Bruce Sorenson, President; Mark Glaesner, VP; Rosa Blake, Secretary-Treasurer.

Kyle Aubart donated an Elevated-shooting platform at #19 (now 20), which was moved, in one section, to the range by manpower and put in the elevated position by Bill Albrecht with his tractor and a bucket. 105 deer were registered

including 20 does. 5 late season were shot. Wm. Solie, Gary Nelson, and Don Boettcher shot bear.

Out of State kills: John Pritchard (Canada bear), Gordy Crosby (Antelope), Steve Loiselle (Minnesota buck), and Harry Schultze (Minnesota doe).

The traveling trophy went to two people, both with 179 lb. bucks. This 10-yr. trophy was given to Dave Peterson. Ricky Frederick worked on the driveway put a "crown" on the parking lot and applied a base coat. The cost was \$850.

## **1988**

Officers: Bruce Sorenson, President; Mike Denning, VP; Rosa Blake, Secretary-Treasurer.

Built the steps at #10. Dave Peterson was the foreman in charge of step building. 95 deer were registered including 19 does. The late season produced 12.

A new traveling trophy will be a wall plaque donated by Lienenkugels and was won by Perry Cunningham with a 217 lb. 11 pt. Kenny Belnap and David Rushman shot bear.

Out of State kills were big. Dave Holte (Colorado Elk and Minnesota deer), Gordy Crosby (Colorado Elk and Mule deer), Terry Moulton (North Dakota Whitetail buck), Tim Crawford (Colorado Bull Elk and Mule deer), Roger Mlsna (Colorado Bull Elk, Mule deer and a Minnesota Buck), Randy Gerrits (Minnesota deer), and Bill Herman (Minnesota Buck).

## **1989**

Officers: Tony Fransway, President; Mike Denning, VP; Rosa Blake, Secretary-Treasurer.

Built all the steps at #6. 104 deer were shot with 20 does. 7 late season. Dave Erickson, John Look, Richard Staffen, and Eddie Rushman shot bear.

Out of State kills: Dick Exe (Canadian Bull Moose), Bernie Morrissey (Cow Elk), Roger Schumacher (Minnesota Whitetail), and Dale Geissler (Colorado Bull elk). Traveling Trophy went to Gary Kane with a 223 lb. 10 pt.

The leaky flat roof on the toilet was replaced with a hip roof.

## **1990**

Officers: Mike Denning, President; Kenny Belnap, VP; Dave Holte, Secretary-Treasurer.

Started steps at #16. Our club helped lay out bunkers for the Tilden Archery club located north of Tilden on Landfill Rd. 81 deer were registered including 19 does. 9 deer were taken in the late season. Tony Nelson and Roger Schumacher downed bear.

Out of State kills: Terry Moulton (Minnesota buck), Scott Bertrand (Colorado Bull Elk), Wes Schindler (Colorado Bull Elk), Bruce Sorenson

(Canadian Caribou), and Craig Morrissey (Colorado mule deer). Traveling trophy went to Alan Larson's 217 lb. 9 pt.

## **1991**

Officers: Rick Mechelke, President; Dave Peterson, VP; Dave Holte, Secretary-Treasurer.

Completed work on steps at #10. Gary Gaier, past club president and a 40 yr. member, works as a consultant for Independent Media group, was elected president of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association at their convention in LaCrosse. Currently (1996) Gary has retired. He served many yrs. as a County delegate to the Wisconsin Conservation congress and is a member of the executive committee of congress. Vic Frye was presented a bronze metal plaque honoring him for his years of service to the club, Brian Bourget, employed by Chippewa Brass Foundry, donated his time constructing the plaque with the support of an anonymous group of club members. The plaque rests on the wall above the fireplace at the range.

The club registered 109 deer, including 34 does. Three were shot in the late season. Tony Fransway's 231 lb. 12 pt. buck took home the traveling trophy.

## **1992**

Officers: Rick Mechelke, President; Dave Holte, VP; Dave Loschko, Secretary-Treasurer.

Gil Holzem built and donated the large curved Archery range sign this spring. Jump River Rosie's logging crew thinned the pine plantation. 73 deer were killed. 14 were does and 3 were killed in the late season. Bernie Morrissey and Bob Travaglio shot bear.

Out of state kills included: Don Moss (New Mexico Bull Elk and another in Oregon), Dave Canfield (Canadian bear), Willie Horel (North Dakota Whitetail), and Dennis Johnson (Tennessee Boar pig). The Northwest Territory saw Caribou killed by Gary Gaier, Jeff Shafer, Rick Shafer, and Roger Schumacher.

## **1993**

Officers: Rick Mechelke, President; Gil Holzem, VP; Dave Loschko, Secretary-Treasurer.

20 X20 storage shed built by crew led by Gil Holzem. Cost was approx. \$3000. 71 deer were registered including 8 does and 6 during the late season. Tim Garside registered a bear.

Out of State kills: Art Kunstmann (Colorado Elk), Duanne Gruenwald (Montana mule deer), and Dean Mense (Montana mule deer).

## **1994**

Officers: Gil Holzem, President; Mark Goettl, VP; Dave Loschko, Secretary-Treasurer.

79 deer were taken including 13 does and 3 during the late season. Tony Fransway and Bill Herman shot bear.

Out of state kills: Tim Crawford (Colorado Bull elk and Antelope), Al Larson (Canadian bear), Gerald Tomesch (Canadian bear), Art Kunstman (Colorado elk), Dave White (Colorado Bull Elk), Bruce Sorenson (Colorado Antelope), Martin Degenhardt (Colorado Bull Elk), and Marty Erickson (Montana Bull Elk).

Mark "Weiner" Goettl was awarded member of the year.

This was the first season bow hunters could shoot a bonus deer.

## 1995

Officers: Gil Holzem, President; Mark Goettl, VP; Dave Loschko, Secretary-Treasurer.

Built the handicapped accessible elevated-shooting stand at a cost of \$1500. Gil Holzem led the effort. About \$900 of vandalism was done on the shed at the range. The club shot 84 deer including 20 does and 4 in the late season. Cary Roper's 215 lb. 11 pt took the traveling trophy.

Out of state kills included: Dave White (Montana Bull Elk), Howard Gibbs (Canadian bear), Bob Greener (Canadian bear), Dennis Johnson (Minnesota bear), and Al Larson (Canadian Doe). Don DeRusha, Mitch Gibson and Gary Roper all shot bear.

Rick Mechelke was awarded member of the year.

## 1996

Officers: Rick Bradley, President; Mark Goettl, VP; Dave Loschko, Secretary-Treasurer.

Painted the Shelter and toilets. Screened in the shelter. Eliminated mandatory membership in the Wisconsin Bow hunters Association making it optional. Club membership was at 290 with 50% remaining members of the Wisconsin Bow hunters.

Total kills were 75 deer. 20 were does. The traveling trophy went to Bill Berg with a 232 lb., 9 pointer. Three bear were killed, these included Bob Sekora, Bill Welch, and Steve Loiselle. Out of State kills included: Nick Crawford (Colorado Antelope), Perry Cunningham (Oregon Bull Elk), Willie Horel (Minnesota Whitetail), Dennis Johnson (Colorado Antelope), Will Moulton (Minnesota Whitetail buck), Bill Sekora (Wyoming Mule Deer), and Duane Gruenwald (Montana Bull Elk).

## **The History of the Awards Banquet**

Not all Banquets were held in Chippewa Falls. Two were held at the Left Guard, now Midway Motor Lounge, and one at the Helton Inn, now Holiday Inn Convention Center. The banquet held in 1990 at the local Elks Club was a financial disaster. Our club did not know until two weeks before the banquet that the management had changed and the new management did not honor previously quoted prices. We barely had enough funds to pay the bill.

We began having live music in 1968 with banquets being held for several years on the top floor of the Hotel Northern. Costs were \$2.50 per person and increased to \$4 and \$5 over the next few years.

All banquets sites up to 1979 had cash bars. At the 1980 banquet at the McDonnell commons we began furnishing free beer, pop, ice, and mix. Costs were \$8.50 per person. Marion DeRusha and Lucy Nicoli catered food, a service they performed for some 5 years.

The KC hall has proven to be the best site to date. A well-equipped kitchen is convenient for caterers. Members have discovered that food catered by the DeRushas and the current caterers, Pat Schemenauer, and Eugene and Phylis Goettl, surpass most our other banquets.

Good food, pleasant surroundings, lots of space for displays, prizes, free beverages, dancing, and raffles, give members and friends a reasonably priced evening out. Current costs are \$12.50 per person in advance.

Past banquets have had guest speakers, most recently in 1993, Jump River Rosie. Terry Moulton has entertained several times. For 20 years winners of our annual guessing game were awarded cash prizes for guessing names of club members shooting deer. These contests were discontinued due to lack of interest. Members were recognized for their work with the club. Those members who encountered unusual, embarrassing incidents are awarded appropriately. Winners of the "27 1/2 pound suckling" Trophy for registering the smallest deer tenderly accepted their awards. The *Herald-Telegram* discontinued stories and pictures of these award banquets in 1989.

## **The history of Early Club Hunting**

During the middle 60's we held early season club hunts. New members were invited to participate at several places such as the Beaver Creek area east of Sherwood Inn; Sugars Plate and Evergreen square north of Eau Claire lake; the

Horse creek area west of Rock Dam or the Wild Cat mountain section east of Fairchild.

There was a very small deer herd during the early years of bow hunting, some areas closed during the deer gun season attracting late season bowhunters. Some members hunted the Nelson bottoms near Alma while others liked 9-mile Island east of Durand. Some went to Barksdale Munitions plant near Ashland and one year to Perrott State Park.

Some sections of Necedah Wildlife refuge were opened for the late season and attracted statewide hunters but only those with unused deer tags were permitted in the refuge. Special bow licenses were not issued until 1965. Rifle hunters who borrowed bow hunting equipment were conspicuous. The area became overcrowded and if you hit a deer you had to be lucky to get to the deer before somebody had their tag on it. Kenny Blake was the first club member fast enough to get his tag on a forked buck This was the clubs ninth deer, matching the number taken the year before, and was Kennys third year in a row he got a deer. News releases listed Kenny as a "veteran bow hunter". This was 1963 and our club was in its 16th year. During this time members shot 49 deer averaging 3 a year. With the increase in the deer herd bow hunters have an opportunity to hunt during the late season in areas not overcrowded by hunters.

In 1968 Perry Smith shot his first club deer, a buck, in the late season. The next year he shot a doe. Beginning in 1970, Perry has registered a buck with 3 inch or more antlers for 25 consecutive years, and a deer for 27 consecutive years. We don't know of any bow hunter in our area who has had a more successful bow hunting record.

Our first indoor shoots were held in the Holy Ghost Gym from 1954 thru 1958. Bunkers were cotton filled mattresses followed by sweepings from material left over from shoe factories, which was backed, in double thickened gunnysacks. Orve Goulet hauled the shooting equipment back and forth from his home each week because there was no storage space in the gym.

Indoors shooting returned in 1961 and continued through 1965 at the Junior High gym. Excelsior bales were stored in a small room next to the gym until we had to remove them and stop shooting because the Fire inspectors declared them a fire hazard.

We were able to get the Notre dame gym in 1968 and continued thru 1979. Equipment was stored in the blocked off tunnel connecting the gym to McDonnell High. We had 8 and sometimes 10 five-person teams. Weekly scores and stories were carried in the *Herald-Telegram* along with pictures at playoff time. Beginning shooters and Explorer Scouts shot from 7 to 8 followed by regular shooters for several weeks. The gym was not available when the school expanded athletic programs.

A few years later we shot for a couple of years at the YMCA in an unfinished room with a dirt floor and poor lighting.

When Steve Loiselle moved his archery shop to the A.C. Mason building, we resumed indoors shooting (1985) which continued when Terry Moulton took over ownership. It continues at Mouldy's Archery with more room and video Archery.

To counteract statements made by those opposing bow hunting, we held an outdoor Novelty shoot in 1959 during the annual Notre Dame Parish picnic to demonstrate the capabilities of a bow and arrow. Notices were sent to area archers to take part in this "Ham and Egg" shoot. Balloons and targets were for beginners and those who wanted to try and shoot.

Playing cards were evenly pasted on large cardboard for "Archery Poker". Three eggs were hung at three different levels on a wooden frame. A motorized swinging targets about the size of your hand and shaped like a small ham had a small circle on it. If the shooter hit this circle, they won a Peters meats picnic ham. Cash and other prizes were given for the egg and poker shoot. The late Lawrence "Windy" Paul encouraged people to watch the shooters with "Windy" paying the shooting fees for the young shooters. One teenager, Tom Blexrud, was busy all day.

Other public shooting demonstrations were the several bow vs. pistol shoots staged at the Chippewa Rod and Gun Club during their annual feeds.

Members were instructors for our "beginners nights" on Thursday evenings at the outdoor range beginning August 1st and continuing until the bow season began. This arrangement was also given for beginner and Explorer scouts an hour before the regular shooters started at the indoor shoots in the Notre Dame gym.

Our club instigated annual conservation shoots staged by the Chippewa Valley Archery league with excellent help from the Eau Claire club. These shoots were held so that checks for projects could be presented during the annual conservation congress meeting to an officer of the DNR before hunting regulations were discussed. The largest check was for \$12,000 to help pay for a 78 acre addition to the Augusta wildlife area. These shoots raised some \$34,000 for projects in our 5 county area. These shoots were discontinued with some lack of interest and some problems with some raffle ticket selling locations. The league has some limited funds for projects, donated funds to help stock perch in Lake Wissota and purchase an oxygen meter for fish managers to check water quality in area waters.

All members of the Archery league sold raffle tickets. Your Chippewa club did an excellent job of selling tickets, selling \$1,818 tickets at one time with fewer members than we have now. Prizes were ordinary raffle prizes: Rifles, Shot guns, televisions, walkie-talkies, bows, and one year a Yamaha Trailmaster 80cc bike. The prize that created the most interest was 40 acres located between Cornell and Gilman west of the Perishing Wildlife area, won by Wayne Anderson of Chippewa Falls.

While your club enthusiastically supported the 14 conservation shoots by the Chippewa Valley league. They have located local projects with donations of club funds to the Chippewa Foundation; LE Phillips Center; Vet's memorial; Epilepsy Foundation; Chippewa Rod and Gun Pheasant pen construction; Lake Hallie Dam re-construction; Chippewa Rod and Gun club handicap dock; Hallie ballfields; and to members experiencing property loss thru fire.

Many range improvements and replacement of 3D targets were accomplished with very generous donations from Whitetails Unlimited, Mason Shoe, Indianhead Plating, Extrusion Dies, and Mouldy's Archery.



Kenny and Rosa Blake along with Jim and Marg Hibbard built a Chippewa Bowhunters Centennial Parade float. The float depicted an outdoor scene, along with Rosa facing a target with her bow. Kenny and their children (Linda & Carl) and Jim and Marg were also on it. The sign on the float read "feathers for the family" and was pulled with a jeep loaded with 6 club members dressed in their bright red club shirts.

Several years ago our club joined other outdoor groups to cut browse for deer in the Blue hills of Rusk County.

Wisconsin bow hunting started during the 1931 gun season when Roy Chase shot a spike buck. A few years later parts of Columbia and Sauk counties were set up for Archery only during the gun season.

Roy Chase organized a Wisconsin Archery Association which in the early 40's became the Wisconsin Bowhunters Association who through their efforts you are enjoying long and liberal regulations today because of rule changes.

1943 saw areas open for special early season hunting. Bowhunters had to wear the same type of clothing as gun hunters until 1951 when camouflage clothing was allowed. The late December hunts began in 1953. Up until the early 60's all bow kills had to be tagged by a game warden or someone at the Sheriff's office. In some areas the carcass received a thorough examination before being tagged.

A separate bow license started in 1965. Improved shooting hours were welcome changes. Beginning in 1989 you were not required to case your bow when coming in from hunting until you reached your vehicle. Tree stands were legalized in 1971.

Members of early archery clubs were anxious to help beginners, providing places to make their own arrows and sometimes their own bows out of lemonwood and osage orange. Some archers began selling equipment, solid metal and fiberglass bows and the popular line of Bear bows. Erv Lambrecht of Augusta built and sold exceptionally crafted recurve bows.

Some changes of equipment were ridiculed. When aluminum arrows were introduced, opponents said that archers were shooting "welding rods", stabilizers were "cattle prods", and compound bows were called "beaver traps".

When the compound bow was introduced, it dramatically changed the image of archery and with constant improvement of equipment, a wide variety of deer lures, rattling techniques, grunt calls, deer decoys, and safer tree stands. Wisconsin deer license sales should exceed 250,000 and hunters success should be more than 30%.

There was a renewed interest in the use of traditional equipment, stimulating sales of these items. Traditional bow hunting Associations and local traditional clubs have been formed. The Eau Claire club has hosted traditional shoots, which attracted a very large number of participants, the archery league now has a division for traditional shooters.

For many years' archers were accused of shooting too many does and fawns and they were not recovering wounded deer. This has proven false with several methodical, almost shoulder to shoulder inspections of areas frequented by archers. In Minnesota these inspections still occur.

Now some are claiming that archers are shooting too many large bucks before the gun season starts. The practice of baiting for deer is being debated. Quite a few years ago hunting deer over salt licks was prohibited.

Our club has maintained an average of 260 members over the past several years. We witness a turn over of members each year but are able to maintain the average with new and reinstated members.

Owners of former Archery shops, Marv Belnaps Golden Hawk Archery and Steve Loiselles Archery encouraged beginning Archers to Join local clubs. This tradition has been carried over by Terry Moulton and his employees at Mouldy's Archery. They encourage archers to take advantage of the privileges and facilities of local archery clubs. These new members generally take care of the number of non-renewals. Several Taxidermists have helped the club by donating free mounts. These include Bear Taxidermy, Animal Taxidermy and Dave Stavnav.

Our membership has had several second-generation members but now has three generations represented (Ace Loschko/Dave Loschko/Crystal Loschko). We also have some 30 cadets members, 15 yrs. and younger, who have been enrolled by their parents or friends so that they acquire basic archer) skills, participate in club events, and learn proper hunting habits.

We have witnessed a big drop in ladies memberships. Several ladies were active during the clubs first 50 yrs however. For over 2 decades ladies took care of the lunch counter at league shoots and family feeds. Several served on the board of directors.

Dorothy Hintzman, Elizabeth Proulx, and Rosa Blake, who served 2 three-year terms, held the office of Secretary Treasurer. Jean Loiselles was our 1985 president.

Bea Kent was the first lady to shoot a bear in 1968 followed by Mary Solie in 1976. Marge Curry took a bear in 1982 and 1984. Bea Kent also took the traveling trophy with a 141 lb. 9 pt buck in 1968. Mary Nussenberger's 208 lb., 12 pt in 1976 also took home the traveling trophy. 1977 saw Marg Hibbard take the award with a 183 lb., 8 pointer. Marion DeRusha and Lil Frye both have been recognized over the years as "Members-of-the- Year".

Our club has seen 40 years of our Wednesday "Fun Nights", paying for food and refreshments with an honor system and providing members with an evening of comaradarie and fellowship. May this trademark of the club continue with the help of interested volunteers.

We hope that more members will become involved in the work necessary to maintain club facilities and assist in other club functions. When we celebrate future anniversaries, you will feel a sense of satisfaction that you contributed your share towards its success.

## **CLUB HISTORY SINCE OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY**

### **1997**

President, Rick Bradley; VP, Dave Holte; Secretary-Treasurer; Dave Loschko; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Vic Frye.

This was the first full year of Excelsior bunkers purchased last year for \$800.00. Screened in shelter \$500.00.

87 deer taken, 58 were antlered bucks; 17 bonus deer, late season 4. Mike Gudsmanson's 198 lb. 9 point buck was the Traveling Trophy. Wisconsin bear: Tim Joas, 165 lb. male, Tom Herrick, 131 lb. male and Rick Mechelke, 157 lb. male.

Out of state kills: Gil Holzem, 150 lb. male Boar, Tenn; Rick Mechelke, 150 lb. male Boar, Tenn; and John McGillis 150 lb. male Tenn Boar. Pete Lato, 200 lb. 8 pt MN whitetail; Terry Moulton, Adult Illinois doe. Bill Sykora, 200 lb. 4x4 Wyoming Mule Deer.

### **1998**

President: Dave Holte; VP, Tom Herrick; Secretary-Treasurer, Dave Loschko, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Vic Frye.

Signed contract for selective logging with H and R Forestry Consultants, Osseo for \$21,408.00 saw lumber and \$1,785.00 pulp. Began logging in October and finished in spring of 1999. 10% of sale going to consultants. 98 deer registered, 62 antlered bucks, 5 late season.

Joe Bourget's 250 1/2 lb. 6 pt buck won traveling trophy. This Leinenkugel Traveling Trophy was awarded to Wm Berg for his 232 lb. 9 pt buck the heaviest deer taken during the past 10 years. Wisconsin Bear: Kevin Aubart 160 lb. male, Willie Horel, 150 lb. Male. Dave Stavnow shot a 148 lb. Russian Wild Wisconsin Boar.

Out of State kills: Brian Pitsch, 750 lb. 4x4 Colorado Elk, Deone Johnson, 6x6 New Mexico Elk, Dennis Johnson, 6x6 1000 lb. Yellowstone Elk, Terry Houlton, 170 lb. 9 pt Minnesota buck and Bill Sykora, 110 lb. Wyoming Buck.

### **1999**

President: Dave Holte; VP, Larry Parshen; Secretary-Treasurer, Dave Loschko, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Vic Frye,

Loggers finished. Purchased used riding mower \$650.00 Built special excelsior bale range for 4H members. 98 deer registered, 61 antlered bucks, late season 11 and 18 bonus deer.

A 214 lb. 10 pt buck was taken by Dan Leduc for the traveling trophy. Wisconsin Bear, Les Welch, 247 lb. female, Brian Pitsch 223 lb. male and Gary Kane, 180 lb. Female.

Out of state kills; Bob Greener, 180 lb. Canada Bear and Deone Johnson, a 160 lb. MN Buck.

145 attendees at the banquet.

## 2000

President: Gil Holzem; VP; Larry Parshen; Secretary-Treasurer, Dave Loschko; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Vic Frye; Assistant Secretary, Doug Halloway. Other Board members were; Dan Lavelle, Tom Herrick, Mike Schemenauer, Tim Joas, Bill Berg, Doug Halloway, Ryan Knorn, alternates were Rick Mechelke and Gordy Crosby.

Howard Gibbs built a new trailer for range work. Built retaining wall north of fire place, 14x24 addition to shelter, extended the concrete slab north of addition and the area north of fireplace and shelter. Put a new roof on the shelter and added canopy over cooking area. Cost \$7,800.00 Increased targets range to 30 targets.

A four club shoot was started this year with Menomonie hosting the first one. It will alternate every year with Menomonie, Eau Claire, Chippewa and Whitehall.

The club held hunter education field days at the range in April and September.

82 deer were registered. 58 antlered bucks, 23 does and 1 doe fawn. Bob Seckora's 200 lb. 8 point buck won the Leinenkugals Traveling Plaque. Will Moulton won the Turkey Trophy with a 15 lb. Jake. This is the first bow turkey kill by a club member. Will also took a hen turkey during the October season.

Other trophy winners with kills weighed on club's scale were Tim Crawford's 130 lb. doe and a 248 lb. Male bear by Don Sorenson. Other Wisconsin bear: Gordy Crosby, 213 lb. Male; Bill Hermann 100 lb. Male; Steve Loiselle, 185 lb. Female; Ed Molter, 180 lb. Male; Bob Seckora 125 lb Male.

Out of state kills, Will Horel, 100 lb. Wyoming Spike Mule deer; Deone Johnson, 750 lb. New Mexico Bull Elk; Will Moulton, 130 lb. Minnesota Doe; Gary Roper, 170 lb. Montana Whitetail Buck; Gary Roper, 450 Montana Bull Elk; Richard Staffen, 800 lb. 5x6 Montana Elk; Bill Sykora, 120 lb. 2x2 Wyoming Mule Buck; Mike Begley, 100 lb. Wyoming Mule Deer. Kevin Aubart, Mike Begley and Rick Bradley all received the 'Member of the Year' awards. Meritorious Service Award went to Steve Frederick.

145 attendees at the banquet.

## 2001

President: Gil Holzem, VP: Larry Parshens, Sec/Treas: Dave Loschko, Asst. Secretary: Eric Olson, Asst Treas; Vic Frye. Other board members included; Brent Milas, Ryan Knorn, Bill Berg, Mike Schemenauer, and Tim Joas. Rick Mechelke and Gordy Crosby were Alternate board Members.

New gas lighting was put into the clubhouse, along with a four burner stove.

The largest kill registered was a 193 lb. 9pt. by Al Larson. Kent Larson shot the largest bear at 144 lb., Bill Sykora shot a 130 lb bear. Terry and Will Moulton both shot turkeys. Rick Mechelke harvested a coyote. Tim Joas received the 'Member of the Year' award. The Chippewabowhunters.com website was started. Sam LeMay was awarded the 'Meritorious service' award.

## 2002

President: Gil Holzem, VP: Chris Bergman, Sec/Treas: Dave Loschko. Other board members included; Vic Frye (Senior Advisor to the Board), Tom Herrick asst. Sec., Ryan Knorn, P.R. Officer, Kevin Aubart, Joe Bourget, Rick Burich, Brad Helgeson, and Rob White. Neil Aubart and Mike Schemenauer were Alternate board Members.

The Club started selling CBH Club merchandise including coats, hats, t-shirts. It was estimated that the "average yearly cost to operate was about \$30000.00/year".

Brian Phillips registered the largest kill with a 235 lb. 11pt Buck. The heaviest doe went to Will Moulton with a 145 lb. Largest black bear was a 225lb shot by Dan Loschko, Rick Mechelke and Brian Phillips also shot bear. Tim Crawford shot a coyote and Terry Moulton shot a 20lb tom turkey.

The meritorious achievement award was renamed to the Vic Frye Memorial award due to Vic's passing in October of this year. Our first recipient was Terry Moulton. Dave Loschko received the 'Member of the Year' award.

## 2003

President: Gil Holzem, VP: Chris Bergman, Sec/Treas: Dave Loschko, Dean Sorenson was the Ast. Secretary and Will Mienen was PR officer. Other board members were; Joe Bourget, Rick Burich, Brad Helgeson, Rob White, Kevin Aubart. Gordy Crosby and Jim Butak were alternate Board Members.

An addition was put on the shelter that included a bar, storage area, and cement patio. A \$1300 donation from Whitetails unlimited was received.

The largest kill was Joe Wedemeyer's 214 lb. 13 pt. The heaviest doe was 132lb shot by Steve Hakes. The big bear was 278 shot by Dave Stavnow, Bill Herman and Will Horel also shot WI bear. Will Moulton shot a 25 lb Bobcat, Will and Terry Moulton harvested turkeys. About 100 deer were registered in the club. Mike Begley received the 'Member of the Year' award.

## 2004

President: Gil Holzem, VP: Chris Bergman, Sec/Treas: Dave Loschko. Other Board Members were; Joe Bourget, Rick Burich, Jim Butak, Brian Phillips, Gordy Crosby, Will Meinen, Brad Helgeson, Kevin Aubart. Alternate Board Members were Dave Holte and Al Larson.

Record income was generated from Club Shoots. Club purchased a 4-wheeler for \$3500 and spent \$3400 on new 3D targets and bales. A new sign was put up over the entrance to the range. A \$1000 donation from Whitetails unlimited was received. Record banquet with 190 attendees. Largest kill was Steve Hein's 8pt. @ 190 lbs. 95 deer kills registered (45 does, 50 Bucks). 9 out of state kills and 4 Turkeys were shot. Dan Helgeson was voted the 'Member of the Year'.

## 2005

President: Rick Mechelke, VP: Gordy Crosby, Sec/Treas: Dave Loschko. Will Meinen, Brad Helgeson, Al Larson, Kevin Krumenauer, Rick Burich, Brian Phillips,

An addition was put on the lower shed doubling room for targets, etc. The club purchased 5 bows for the Middle school.

Converting all our 3D targets over to Rinehart. A new sign was constructed by Gil Holzem and erected at the entrance of Chippewa Bowhunters driveway.

A heavy wind storm in July took down many trees and the club decided to log the downed trees along with some standing trees.

82 WI deer kills registered (47 bucks, 35 does). 3 WI bear, 1 coyote, 1 turkey and 7 out of state kills.

Tim Crawford - Largest Buck (227 lbs.)

Joe Crosby – Largest Doe (120 lbs)

Cary Roper– Largest Bear (202 lbs)

Terry Moulton – Largest Turkey (14 lbs)

Member of the Year was Mike Schemenauer. The Vic Frye Memorial Award was presented to Dave Loschko

## 2006

President: Rick Mechelke, VP Dan Helgeson: Sec/Treas: Dave Loschko. Other Board Members were Brad Helgeson, Jim Butak, Gordy Crosby, Al Larson, Kevin Krumenauer, Joe Crosby, Dave Olson. Erik Wiggin and Denny Scheidler were alternates.

Electricity was installed at the range. The club purchased 6 bows for the Beaver Creek reserve.

62 WI deer kills registered (30 bucks, 32 does). 1 WI bear, 1 coyote, 6 turkey and 5 out of state kills.

John Hibbard - Largest Buck by Weight (199lbs)

Dwane Sorensen- Largest Doe (130 lbs.)

Wes Pitzer - Largest Turkey (25 lbs.)

Ben Vavra – Largest Bear (253.5 lbs)

The 'Member of the Year' award went to Rick Burich.

## 2007

President: Dan Helgeson, VP: Rick Mechelke, Sec/Treas: Dave Loschko. Other Board Members were Cody Scheidler, Shelly Zwiefelhofer, Monica Frederick, Al Larson, Kevin Krumenauer, Joe Crosby, Dave Olson, Wes Pitzer and Denny Scheidler were alternates?

This was our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We held a shoot at the first Chippewa Valley Outdoor Games at the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club.

The club donated \$250.00 to the Ray's Beach Project and \$500.00 to the Chippewa County Public Firearms Range in Tilden.

78 WI deer kills registered (31 bucks, 47 does). 1 WI bear, 1 coyote, 5 turkey and 8 out of state kills.

Les Welch - Largest Buck by Weight (214 lbs)

Tim Crawford - Largest Buck by score (140)

Les Welch - Largest Doe (132 lbs.)

Dennis Freid - Largest Turkey (24 lbs.)

Brad Helgeson and Les Barsamian received the 'Member of the Year' award.

## 2008

President: Dan Helgeson, VP: Wes Pitzer, Sec/Treas: Dave Loschko Assistant Secretary: Monica Frederick. Other Board Members were Denny Scheidler, Joe Crosby, Dave Olson, Lee White, Les Welch, Dean Nichols. Greg Misfeldt and Shelly Zwiefelhofer were alternates.

The club donated \$750 to the Cadott Archery for their trip to nationals and \$500 to the Chippewa County 4-H Archery Program.

The club had the property surveyed in November. The club 3-D targets are now 100% Rinehart. New bow hangers were built and installed at all bunkers.

80 WI deer were harvested, 34 bucks and 46 does. 22 out of state kills and 2 turkey.

Jeff Aubart - Largest Buck by Weight (215 lbs)

Tim Crawford - Largest Buck by score (140)

Les Welch - Largest Doe (132 lbs.)

Dennis Freid - Largest Turkey (24 lbs.)

Gordy Crosby received the Vic Fry Memorial award.

## 2009

President: Dan Helgeson, VP: Wes Pitzer, Treasurer: Dave Loschko, Secretary: Dean Nichols, Assistant Sec/Treas Greg Misfeldt, Public Relations: Chris Bergmann, Other Board Members were Monica Frederick, Denny Scheidler, Lee White, Les Welch. Alternate board members were Rob Christianson and Tom Herrick.

A fence separating the practice range and the driveway was constructed during work day. There were new shooting stakes built for all bunkers.

The old well pump was removed and a submersible pump was installed. The well was not able to keep up with this new pump so the well was extended down from the 56' depth to 85'.

A traditional only shoot was re-created, this time with great success. Chris Bergmann took the lead on this shoot. Many people camped at the range, we had to use Steve Frederick's field for parking. There were Archery Vendors set up in the parking lot. Steak sandwiches and grilled chicken were served for the archers. For the second year the Wed Fun Night has extended into October with a lot of wild game being served along with the camaraderie.

A General Membership meeting was held on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> to vote on changing the ages of the Cadet and Junior classes. The bylaw change was passed.

**Past ages are:**

Cadet class – 14 years of age and younger

Junior Class – 15 to 17 years of age

**New ages are:**

Cadet Class – 12 years of age and younger.

Junior Class – 13 to 17 years of age.

The club donated to the following; Hallie Girls Softball – 250.00, Eau Claire National Little League - \$250.00, Cadott Youth Archery – \$540.00, County 4-H Project - \$500.00, Anson ATV Club \$100.00, WI Traditional Archers - \$250.00. 57 WI deer were harvested, 30 bucks and 27 does. 6 WI bear 3 turkey and 2 coyotes there were 13 out of state kills.

Terry Moulton - Largest Buck by Weight (171 lbs)

Darin Pragit - Largest Buck by score (135 2/8)

Les Welch - Largest Doe (137lbs.)

Dennis Freid - Largest Turkey (24 lbs.)

John Herman – Largest Bear (375 lbs.)

Cody Scheidler received the Member of the year award and Denny Scheidler won the Special Recognition award.

Former member Dale Frederick passed away as did Zach Lato son of Pete Lato.

The membership at the end of 2009 was at 214.

## **2010**

President: Wes Pitzer, VP: Les Welch, Treasurer: Dave Loschko, Secretary: Dean Nichols, Assistant Sec/Treas: Greg Misfeldt, Public Relations: Chris Bergman, Other Board Members were Rob Christensen, Sam Sprague, Dan Helgeson, Lee White, Alternate board members were Monica Frederick and Rob White. Sam Sprague stepped down from his board position in June and Rob White was appointed to fill this position.



Neighbor to the north, Ron Harel has requested to trade 4800 square feet on the south line of his property for 4800 square feet of our property per our agreement due to the Harel's septic system being on CBH property currently. Ron had the new line surveyed but nothing else has been done.

The driveway was repaired using filter fabric and 6 inches of base. Also, some ditches were cut and a culvert was added to drain the water from the road. Ron Wolf donated the use of his Bobcat and Norm Schreck from Northwest Dirtworks operated the bobcat, hauled and spread the material.

The club donated to the following; Hunters Safety classes - \$200, WI Trappers Association, District 2 - \$100 towards the purchase of a trailer, Archery Safety Instructor, targets - \$189.68, Wisconsin Traditional Archers - \$250, ATV Club and Firefighters of Jim Fall - \$100, Chippewa County 4-H - \$250, 2 youth Ball teams \$250.00 each, Cadott Youth Archery \$575.00 Alzheimer's \$100.00

65 WI deer were harvested, 34 bucks and 31 does. 4 WI bear, 4 turkey, 1 grey fox, there were 12 out of state kills.

Largest Buck, weight	John Herrmann, 232 lbs.
Largest Buck, P&Y	John Herrmann, 148 5/8"
Largest Doe	None this year
Largest Bear	Les Welch, 271 lbs.
Largest Turkey	Cory Bowe, 21 lbs.

The membership at the end of 2010 was 260.

## **2011**

President: Wes Pitzer, VP: Chris Bergman, Treasurer: Dave Loschko, Secretary: Rob Christensen, Assistant Sec/Treas: Greg Misfeldt, Public Relations: Rob White, Lee White, Rick Mechelke, Dan Helgeson, Rick Misfeldt, Alternate board members were Dean Nichols and Dave Proffit/Cody Schiedler. Range officers were Brock Aubart and Peter Birchbock.

During the work day the layout of the practice range was changed.

The club purchased a plastic sled with wheels and skis to be used for setting up shoots.

The club donated to the following; \$250.00 to youth baseball in Eau Claire, \$200.00 to the Jacob Hetke Memorial Scholarship Fund Shoot, \$540.00 to the Cadott Archers, \$250.00 to the WI Traditional Archers, \$250 to Hallie Youth

Softball Team, merchandise and memberships to Chippewa Falls Little League Banquet.

51 WI deer were harvested, 26 bucks and 25 does. 3WI bear, 1 WI Coyote. There were 17 out of state kills.

Largest Buck, weight - Les Welch, 226 lbs.

Largest Buck, P&Y - Les Welch, 157 4/8"

Largest Doe - Greg Misfeldt, 132 lbs.

Largest Bear - Dave Stavnauw, 365 lbs.

Largest Turkey – None registered

This year's banquet was again held Feb. 4th at the KC hall and was attended by approx. 180 people. Denny Scheidler received the Member of the year award.

Rick Mechelke was awarded the Vic Frye memorial award.

## 2012

President: Greg Misfeldt, VP: Rob White, Treasurer: Dave Loschko, Secretary: Rob Christensen, Public Relations: Rick Mechelke.

The remaining board members were; Neil Aubart, Lee White, Cody Scheidler, Rick Misfeldt and Wes Pitzer. Alternate board members were Chris Bergeman and Gil Holzem.

The range officer's position was changed from two appointed positions to the responsibility of the V.P. The coon shoot, which was traditionally the first Wed. in May, was moved to September, and was much more successful.

During the work day the club put up target sheds at each bunker with new bales, and completed work on the practice range.

In June Rick Misfeldt led a group that replaced the concrete floor in the pavilion.

The club purchased a new riding lawn mower for around \$1600

The metal entrance gate was re-constructed and powder coated.

- ◆ The club donated to the following;
- ◆ \$500.00 to Cadott Archery Team,
- ◆ \$250.00 to Cornell Archery Team,
- ◆ \$250.00 to youth baseball in Eau Claire,
- ◆ \$250 to Hallie Youth Softball Team,
- ◆ \$250.00 to WI Traditional Archers,
- ◆ \$300.00 to Brian Bertrang Benefit,
- ◆ \$75.00 worth of merchandise and 2 memberships to the Chippewa Falls Youth Baseball Banquet,

- ◆ \$375.00 to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.
- ◆ The Club again donated 5 hrs of time to the Chippewa Falls Octoberfest

76 WI deer were harvested, 33 bucks and 43 does. 2 WI bear, 5 turkeys. There were 7 out of state kills.

Largest Buck, weight – Dan Loschko, 210 lbs.

Largest Buck, P&Y – Les Welch, 151 0/8 pts

Largest Doe - Mark “Weiner” Goettl 143 lbs.

Largest Bear - Rick Misfeldt 175 lbs.

Largest Turkey – John Herrmann, 23.2 lbs.

This year’s banquet was again held Feb. 2nd at the KC hall. Bill Kurtz received the Member of the year award Ace Loshko who passed away in January received the Vic Frye Memorial award.

## 2013

President: Greg Misfeldt, VP: Rob White, Treasurer: Dave Loschko, Secretary: Rob Christensen, Public Relations: Chris Bergeman.

The remaining board members were; Neil Aubart, Lee White, Rick Mechelke Cody Scheidler, Rick Misfeldt and Gil Holzem. Alternate board members were Monica Fredirick and.

The club donated to the following;

- ◆ \$250.00 WTA (WI Traditional Archers)
- ◆ \$250.00 Hallie Girls Softball Team
- ◆ \$250.00 to the Cornell High School Archery Club
- ◆ \$750.00 to the Cadott High School Archery Team
- ◆ Youth Baseball Fund Raiser

The front gate was rebuilt and powder coated by Bob Wood at Powder Plus. A new fridge and freezer was purchased for the club house. New screens were installed on the pavilion. The range opened on May 1<sup>st</sup> and we received 12” of snow on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Rick Misfeldt and others replaced the fireplace hearth. The parking lot was graded and the diversion below the club house was re-built for \$2500.00. The club decided to not put broadhead targets out on the range but did build 3 broadhead bunkers on the target range.

51 WI deer were harvested, 31 bucks and 20 does. 1 WI bear, 2 WI turkeys. There were 7 out of state kills.

Largest Buck, weight –Eric Barsamian, 231 lbs

Largest Buck, P&Y – Eric Barsamian, 135 3/8"

Largest Doe - Lester Barsamian, 117 lbs

Largest Bear - Steve Loiselle, 113 lbs

Largest Turkey – John Hermmann, 27.08 lbs

The membership at the end of 2013 approx. 200

This year's banquet was held Feb. 1st at the KC hall and was attended by approx. 142 people. A trial "Kids Time" program was done this year before the main banquet. Marion DeRusha was presented the Vic Frye Memorial Lifetime Award.

## 2014

President: Rob White, VP: Brock Aubart, Treasurer: Dave Loschko, Secretary: Monica Fredirick, Public Relations: Chris Bergeman.

The remaining board members were; Neil Aubart, Greg Bowe, Greg Misfeldt, Cody Scheidler, and Denny Scheidler. Alternate board members were Gil Holzem and Scott Steinmetz.

The club donated to the following;

- ◆ \$250.00 WTA (WI Traditional Archers)
- ◆ \$250.00 Hallie Girls Softball Team
- ◆ \$250.00 to the Cornell High School Archery Club
- ◆ \$750.00 to the Cadott High School Archery Team
- ◆ \$200.00 to Zero Cancer charity

A memorial wall was constructed with a list of past presidents, past members of the year and past Vic Frye award winners.

Past president Gary Gaier passed away on January 3, 2015

46 WI deer were harvested, 30 bucks and 16 does. 4 WI bear, 4 WI turkeys, Luke Thompson shot a coyote and Seth Larson harvested a fox. There were 5 out of state kills including a 6 x 6 Elk by Brock Aubart.

Largest Buck, weight – Larry R. Gale, 191 lbs

Largest Buck, P&Y – Brad Helgeson, 137 4/8”  
 Largest Doe - Lester Barsamian, 117 lbs  
 Largest Bear - Larry R. Gale, 19 lbs  
 Largest Turkey – Andy Olson, 27 lbs

This year’s banquet was held Feb. 7th at the KC hall and was attended by approx. 142 people. No entertainment was hired for the banquet this year.

## 2015

President: Rob White, VP: Brock Aubart, Treasurer: Dave Loschko, Secretary: Bill Berg, Public Relations: Chris Bergeman.  
 The remaining board members were; Gil Holzem, Jason Jackson Ryan Knorn, Greg Bowe. Alternate board members were and John Kurth and Scott Steinmetz.

The club donated to the following;

- ◆ \$250.00 WTA (WI Traditional Archers)
- ◆ \$250.00 Hallie Girls Softball Team?
- ◆ \$250.00 to the Cornell High School Archery Club
- ◆ \$750.00 to the Cadott High School Archery Team

Alternate’s will be labeled as alternate #1 and #2. Alternate #1 will have higher number of votes than Alternate #2 from the general membership meeting.

Installed Trail Markers on course

Past president Marvin Belknap, passed away September 28, 2015.

46 WI deer were harvested, 30 bucks and 16 does. 1 WI bear, 1 WI Turkey. There were 7 out of state.

Largest Buck, weight – Joe Wedemeyer, 228 lbs  
 Largest Buck, P&Y – Eric Bunce, 164 1/8”  
 Largest Doe - Eric Barsamian, 135 lbs  
 Largest Bear - Matt Bradley, 118 lbs  
 Largest Turkey – Cory Bowe

This year’s banquet was held Feb. 6th at the KC hall and was attended by approx. 150 people. Dan Helgeson received member of the year and Gil Holzem was awarded the Vic Frye Memorial award.

## 2016

President: Scott Steinmetz, VP: Brock Aubart, Treasurer: Dave Loschko, Secretary: Bill Berg, Public Relations: Greg Bowe The remaining board members were; Randy Lee, Jason Jackson, Ryan Knorn, Will Meinen, and Joe Crosby. Alternate board members were Jeff Miland and John Kurth.

The club donated to the following; \$250.00 WTA (WI Traditional Archers), \$600.00 Cadott High School Archery Team, \$250 Hallie girls softball, \$100 Hunters education, \$100 Chippewa Falls Youth Baseball, & \$100 Chippewa Valley Archery League for youth drawing

The Milk Jug Shoot was held on Family Night and went well. Board member John Kurth, passed away in December, 2016.

Updates and Improvements: Start a bunker pilot program to find the most efficient and cost effective bunkers to replace the excelsior bales. Driveway from the road to the clubhouse was graded. Cleared out trees by bunker #30 for additional parking and camping space for the traditional shoot. Open the Vic Frye Memorial shoot on Friday afternoon with good results. We will continue to open this shoot on Friday afternoon.

33 WI deer were harvested, 22 bucks and 11 does. 1 WI bear, 4 WI Turkey, 3 of which were shot by John Herman and 1 WI coyote. There were 7 out of state kills.

Largest Buck, weight – Garret Roth, 12 pt. 163 lbs. Largest Buck, P&Y – Garret Roth, 158 2/8 Largest Doe - Landon Barsamian, 128 lbs. Largest Bear - Tim Crawford, 192 lbs. Largest Turkey – John Herrmann, 22lbs, 10.5" beard.

This year's banquet (70th Anniversary) was held Feb. 4th at the KC hall and was attended by approximately 181. John Kurth received member of the year.  
Total Members 230

## 2017

2017 President: Scott Steinmetz, VP: Ryan Knorn, Treasurer: Dave Loschko, Secretary: Bill Berg, Public Relations: Randy Lee The remaining board members

were; Jason Jackson, Will Meinen, Joe Crosby, Wayne Trimbell, and Dan Estenson. Alternate board members were Katie Sohn and Greg Bowe.

The club donated to the following; \$250.00 WTA (WI Traditional Archers), \$250 Hallie girls softball, \$100 Hunters education, \$100 Chippewa Falls Youth Baseball, & \$250 UW Health in memory of John Kurth (Board Member).

Updates and Improvements: Rerouted trail from bunker #17 to #18 due to washout issues. Added granite rock to the washout in the parking lot Removed stumps and brought in dirt around bunker #30 to open up an area for future parking and camping for the traditional shoot. Crowned the driveway from the road to the clubhouse Eliminated the coolers for Wednesday fun night and installed a refrigerator Replaced the cabinets in the club house and installed shelving with clear plastic tub (5S) Ordered 30 big boy targets.....after a couple years pilot program researching and trials, we made a decision.

40 WI deer were harvested, 26 bucks and 14 does. 3 WI bear, 3 WI Turkey, and there were 10 out of state kills which one was a 54" rattlesnake shot by Will Moulton.

Largest Buck by weight – Dan Loschko, 194 lbs., Largest Buck by Score P&Y – Joe Wedemeyer, 155 7/8 Largest Doe - Landon Barsamian, 119 lbs., Largest Bear - Chris Bergeman, 176 lbs., & Largest Turkey – John Hermann, 20.5lbs

A record banquet attendance of approx. 225 people

This year's banquet was held Feb. 4th at the KC hall and was attended by over 220. It was one of our best banquets. Jeff Miland received member of the year. Total Members – 220

## **2018**

2018 President: Scott Steinmetz, VP: Ryan Knorn, Secretary: Greg Bowe, Treasurer: Dave Loschko. Board Members include: Bill Berg, Dan Estenson (Ast. Sec/Treas), Will Meinen, Wayne Trimbell, Joe Crosby, Randy Lee (Public Relations Officer), and Alternates Penny Nicol & Austin Miland.

The club donated to the following; \$250.00 WTA (WI Traditional Archers), \$250 Hallie girls softball, \$100 Hunters education, \$100 Chippewa Falls Youth Baseball, and helped out the Cadott Archers by lending them our 3D targets to help them raise money for the National Shoot trip.

36 WI deer were harvested. 2 WI bear, 5 WI Turkey, and there were 8 out of state kills.

Largest Buck by weight – Rob White @ 211 lbs., Largest Buck by Score P&Y – Scott Kurth @ 173 3/8. Largest Doe – Cody Scheidler @ 117 lbs., Largest Bear - Tom Herrick @ 132 lbs., & Largest Turkey – Jay Stendahl @ 20lbs. Member of the Year went to Tim Crawford and the Club awards the Vic Frye Lifetime Achievement Memorial Award to Chris Bergeman. The 2019 banquet broke all attendance records with over 250 people. The club offered a huge discount on adult memberships if bought at the banquet (\$25) or prior to when buying a banquet ticket.

Club highlights included purchasing 10 new 3D targets more new inserts along with a Sasquatch 3D. Big Boy targets were installed on 2018 workday. The board tackled one of the most controversial matters in Archery by developing a crossbow policy for the club. This policy basically outlines where any deer shot with a crossbow, although recognized for your individual plate, is not eligible for the ‘big game’ award at the end of the year.

Total Club membership dropped below 200 for the first time in many years (180 members).

## 2019

Pres: Randy Lee; VP: Ryan Knorn, PR officer: Wayne Trimball: Board Members include Dan Estenson (Asst. Treas.), Greg Bowe (Sec.), Gil Holzem, Brook Cooper, Austin Miland, Thos Hermanson, & Chris Bergeman.

Received a \$500 down payment from Goettl logging to select cut the range. Was to be done the fall of 2019 but has been postponed for one year.

Donations included: Hallie Girls softball, Chippewa Boys Baseball, Cadott HS Archers, Hunters Safety, & WI Traditional Archers Association.

This year the CBH sponsored a booth at the Northern WI state fair promoting the sport of Archery and the club. A bow was also given away as a promotion for all club members (won by Bill Kurtz).

A memorial to Vic Frye was wrote up and submitted to the WBH for display at their headquarters. At the banquet Steve Loiselle was awarded the ‘Vic Frye Memorial’ award and Rob White the ‘Member of the Year’ award. 240 people attended the banquet for the second year in a row. 39 deer were reported shot in the club.



Largest Buck by weight was shot by Mark Goetl (201 lbs.) and largest buck by score shot by Brady Belchinger (178 4/8).

Whitetails Unlimited donated \$1500 to the club to be used on range improvements.

A new John Deere mower was purchased for \$3000 for the range.

Several new 3D targets were purchased.

198 club members

## 2020

The year 2020 was one of the most challenging years in CBH history. Everything we did, like every other organization, revolved around adhering to covid 19 guidelines. Club highlights included:

- Club President was Randy Lee, VP was Ryan Knorn. Secretary was Austin Miland. PR coordinator was Thor Hermansson. Rounding out the board was Greg Bowe, Kevin Krenz, Nick Coonts, Gil Holzem, Seth Rooney, Dan Estensen, Brooke Cooper, & Matt Appel (alt.).
- Many monthly board meetings were held virtually in 2020 due to the Covid 19 protocols in place.
- Partial logging was completed of the range per the forester's recommendations. It turned out nice and this will preserve the range for future generations. The club gained \$5085 in profit from this.
- The club started working on clubhouse expansion. A new retaining wall was put in and the area in front of it all cemented in as a large patio area. Stumps were removed and landscaping wqqs done around the clubhouse. This was the first step in a three year plan for clubhouse expansion. Total cost of the work done was about \$20k.
- Donations were made to the Cadott Archers, and the Hallie Girls Softball.
- Rick Mechelke, lifetime CBH member, was elected to represent district 3 on the WI Bowhunters board.
- The 2020 banquet (KC hall) set a record with almost 250 attendees with about \$15k profit due the great prizes donated by our many sponsors. Covid 19 took over just after our banquet.
- Tim Crawford received the 'Vic Frye lifetime' award, Scott Steinmetz received the 'Member of the Year' award, Darin Pragit largest Buck by weight (236) and score (148 7/8), Steve Loiselle largest Bear (175 lbs.) and Cory Bowe largest Turkey (23.5 lbs). 54 deer were reported killed in addition to 9 out of state kills and 5 Turkeys.

- We had record attendance at all 4 of our club shoots (over 150 at each) even though we had to reschedule and/or change how we did things due to the pandemic.
- Bylaws were reviewed by the board and many revisions took place in 2020. They were approved by the general membership.
- We ended the year with 235 members. 85 of them were new members. This was about an 18% member increase 😊

## 2021

The year 2021 still posed some challenges due to the Covid 19. It started with a reschedule of our annual banquet from its normal February time frame to May. Even with that change, we had another hugely successful banquet. As far as shoots go, all shoots were very successful again with attendance over 100 at every shoot. Work started on a new 'youth' practice range located close to our storage shed. This will give parents a chance to take their kids to a different spot so they can spend some alone time teaching and spending that extra time with them. Funds (\$1500) that were donated from Whitetails unlimited helped with this project.

Planning and work also began on our expansion to our Clubhouse with a lot of landscape work and a cement patio being put down on the side of the clubhouse.

There were 37 Whitetails registered with the club. Larry Gale had the largest by weight (206 lbs.) while Seth Rooney had the largest by score (154.5"). Joe Bourget had the largest Turkey at 20.5 lbs. while nobody registered a bear.

Gil Holzem was our member of the year while Tom Herrick received the Vic Frye lifetime achievement award.

Donations were made to the Cadott Archers, Wisconsin Traditional Archers, and the Hallie girls softball league.

Randy Lee stayed on as Club President until after the May banquet then Dan Estensen took over. Thor Hermanson was the range officer and put in a lot time working on range activities, etc. Penny Nicol, Seth Rooney, Austin Miland (Secretary), Chris Bergeman, Will Meinen, and Bob Greener (alt.) rounded out the board. Dave Loschko - Treasurer

The club had a booth at the Northern WI state fair in July to help promote Archery and the club. It worked well and we did get a few new members.

We finished the year with 224 club members.

## 2022

Things started to settle down around the country and in the club with regard to the covid 19. Our banquet was held at our normal time in February and we had our most successful banquet ever with close to 250 attendees. Over \$18,000 in profit to the club from the banquet set an all time record. Greg Bowe was our member of the year while Bill Berg received the Vic Frye lifetime achievement award.

Shoots throughout the year were again strong with great attendance.

In the spring we held a booth at the WI spring Sports Show held at the Chippewa Valley Expo in Eau Claire. We were right next to the WI Bowhunters booth and it was a successful weekend. Again we focused on spreading the word on Archery and we sold a few memberships to make it worthwhile.

Work continued on the club house expansion along with a new roof for the entire clubhouse. The club invested approximately \$30,000 between 2021 and 2022 in all the clubhouse improvements. Many members donated their time and effort working on this extension, but four members, Gil Holzem, Tom Herrick, Bill Berg and Greg Bowe received special recognition at the banquet for their work. This year focused on the addition itself which opened up options for an inside kitchen.

A total of 41 kills were reported in the club along with 4 turkeys. Largest Buck by weight went to Brad Helgeson (211 lbs.), largest by score went to Dave Loschko (125 5/8"), Brady Blechinger shot the largest bear (201 lbs.).

Club President was Dan Estenson, VP was Kevin Krenz, Penny Nicol handled our Facebook page and any PR activities, Chris Bergeman (Secretary), Will Meinen, Matt Appel, Randy Lee, Seth Rooney, Rob White, Thor Hermanson (Alt.) and Sawyer Roth (Alt.) rounded out the board. Dave Loschko continued to be the Treasurer.

One of the biggest achievements in 2022 was the Club partnering up with the Chippewa Parks and Recreation Dept. on sponsoring an eight week Archery course held in July and August, two nights a week on our new youth practice range. Approx 8-10 members went through a certification course put on by the DNR to become certified Archery instructors. A beginner class and an advanced class were held two nights a week over an eight week time frame. We were able to get a trailer with bows, arrows and targets lent to us from the DNR to help with the classes. The classes were full and were a HUGE success. The Instructors put in a lot of time and effort with the kids teaching Archery skills. Feedback from students and parents was 5 star!!

Donations were made to the Cadott Archers, Wisconsin Traditional Archers, and the Hallie girls softball league.

We finished the year with 246 members. 😊