

The Executive Director's Notes:



"I got this" as my 3 year old Grandson poses with his bass

With Fall, and nearing the end of 2017, we move into the busiest time of year for the TIP mission, my hope is that the work we do all year is remembered when needed. That "work" is two fold in that first, we want the deterrent effect to the program. Second, if someone makes the choice to break the laws, we have systems in place to hold them accountable. I also want this issue of the TIPster to reflect a "thank you" to all those that helped work and promote the mission.

If we choose to use all the new tools and technology available today we may find it easier to pursue our game and fish. It won't replace the time and efforts to set a spread of decoys, build a deer stand, or even make the fish bite, but these tools do reduce our preparation times and give us an advantage of years past. We also have something different than years past, a complex set of "rules/regulations" that we must play by. I do not intend to argue for or against these rules, but they are there to enhance and protect our resources. This complexity can make it difficult to understand what we can or can't do in our sport of choice. Be mindful of where you are and if there are any special regulations in place. This will help to avoid an inadvertent violation. If you are fortunate enough to have an opportunity to catch or harvest in excess, refrain from the potential to take more than allowed.

As the last quarter of 2017 concludes, we begin to focus on ideas and refining processes for 2018. We also want to reflect on what it takes to maintain the operations and integrity of our organization. This takes support in terms of human and financial capital. Here at the state office, we have two volunteers that have gone "above and beyond" by volunteering countless hours on behalf of TIP. These individuals are Diane Britton and Peter Lodermeier, secretary/treasurer and president respectively. Their efforts and support can't be measured and I know it's time to recognize them for their time and talents. I want to say THANK YOU and encourage you as well, the next time your paths cross.

Wall of Shame #2 Poised to Be Replaced in 2018



The TIP board of directors and staff have completed the proposal and approved the replacement Wall of Shame #2 due to its aging condition. Estimates are showing that the cost will be greater than \$10,000 for a comparable unit to our current trailer. In the past, these trailers were funded and made available by the many TIP supporters and fundraising activities around the state. Our goal of engaging all the various sportsman's groups, fishing organizations, businesses, and donors began in 2017. If every group gives a little, the goal of having our new trailer for 2018 can be a reality. We want to THANK those who have donated thus far, but we have more to go!!

For more information or if you or your group would like to contribute to the need, contact our TIP state headquarters at 218-326-8477 or talk with one of our board members. We will be keeping our contributors informed at the TIP website: www.turninpoachers.org.

Ottertail Chapter fundraiser 100 + 14

This past summer, the TIP Ottertail chapter worked on a fundraiser called 100+14 with the final drawing on August 14th. The chapter sold tickets for 114 prizes including a **2017 Lund** through the support of Lund Manufacturing in New York Mills and Polaris Manufacturing! This was done with the support of Lakes Sports in Detroit Lake and a whole host of ticket outlets in the area and around the state. Congratulations to Missy Leabo of Underwood, Troy Workman of Erhard, and Keith Schwichtenberg of Frazee, winners of the top prizes!! They are already preparing for the 2018- "110+15" raffle!!

Come see our Wall of Shame display at the following events:
2018 Minnesota Sportsman's Boat, Camping, and Vacation Show, January 18-21
St. Cloud Sportsman's Show, February 9-11
Outdoor News Deer and Turkey Classic, March 9-11

President's Message- Peter E. Lodermeier

This past year I have had the opportunity to attend multiple events to include the State Trap shoot in Alexandria, county fairs, MDHA events, and Cabela's in Rogers. In my travels I was able to spend time with many individuals, educating them regarding the TIP mission. It was very rewarding to make those connections. I realize that this issue of the TIPster has the focus of saying "Thank You", but I want to express it personally. As president for the past three years, I have been able to witness some great changes to the organization and look forward to the next part of our journey. Stay tuned....

Compadre Golf Tournament- 2017



On **June 27, 2017**, TIP hosted the Compadre' at *The Refuge Golf Club* north of Anoka. As our second year at The Refuge, their staff did an excellent job of hosting our event. We had games and raffles and the gorgeous weather only made it nicer to be out enjoying the course. We also had special visitors throughout the day including Sandhill cranes and a large snapping turtle on the fairway. Sixty-four golfers took to the challenging course and all came back with smiles and stories of the good shots and marginal ones. To help increase the competition with their "compadres", Greg Salo put together the "yellow golf ball" challenge. One team held on to the last hole, with no teams bringing a winning yellow back to the clubhouse. Our general raffle was filled with some great prizes and a much appreciated grill donated by Eddie Hagberg from the Cabelas in Woodbury! First place went to the "Hennepin County Team" of Jeff Storms, Steve Burke, Mike Coleman, and Joe Poidinger. Congratulations to them and all who "won" that day. Truly, TIP was the winner and we appreciate all the support.



TIP Statewide Raffle fundraiser



TIP teamed up with Lund Manufacturing and REEDS again this year for a great raffle! The drawing was held at the Rochester banquet on October 12th. We received a 2017 Lund Rebel 16 ft. with 50 HP Mercury motor from the Lund factory in New York Mills and 29 other GREAT prizes from REEDS in Walker. A total retail value of over \$20,000 in prizes! Congratulations to the Scott Larson family on winning the boat!



A true testament of the support we received was that winners were from as far north as Washkish near Red Lake and as far south as Minnesota City in southern MN. We even had two out of state winners from Arizona and Florida. Congratulations to all the winners!

Game Fair 2017



As Game Fair celebrated its 36 years of highlighting our great outdoors, it was great for TIP to be a part of it. Sharing the message of TIP and spending time with sports men and women is critical to our success. Again this year, we did a Game Fair exclusive fundraiser raffle during our time there. While we appreciate the opportunity to raise some needed funds, this year's winner makes it a bit more special. A young man who turned 18 years old the day before, was finally able to participate, purchased one ticket. He then proceeded to read all the stories on the Wall of Shame. Realizing that TIP is a non-profit and touched by the multiple stories of poachers caught, he purchased two additional tickets to increase his donation. One of those tickets made him the winner of brand new shotgun!!

Saying Thank You to Other TIP Supporters

It does not take long to review TIP's history, both current and past, to realize how many people and organizations have been a part of our support. Long time supporters like Outdoor News, Ron Shara's calendar, among others, are still here along with new ones like the Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame in Little Falls and the Ramey Store in Central MN. They have allowed TIP to place customized displays in their locations to continue promoting the message of deterrence. If you know of any organization or business that would be willing to place a display promoting TIP, have them contact the state headquarters for details.



TIP 2017 Activity Report

Summary of Calls/Arrests	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	YTD TOTAL
Total Calls	85	45	61	105	109	104	61	73	105	152	509	1409
Total TIP Calls	62	27	53	78	72	69	42	45	67	98	361	974
Calls referred to CO's	57	27	49	74	69	66	39	42	61	92	355	931
Case Numbers Assigned	10	1	3	7	7	6	4	3	6	12	69	128
Number of Arrests Made	22	1	15	7	20	13	7	2	36	18	152	293
Number of Cash Rewards Paid	11	0	4	0	0	7	0	0	3	7	0	32
Amount of Rewards	\$1,275	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$550	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$750	0	\$3,225
TIP Prints as Rewards	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3



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TIP Membership updates

At the December board meeting, the directors are going to be discussing a proposed change in our membership. Basically, the proposed change is to have a calendar year renewal and not a fiscal year renewal. If approved, we will be sending out a letter to all members explaining the change and your choices for renewing in 2018. In 2017 we had 6 membership events that created the renewal of over 350 members! This does not include those initial signups, mail in renewals, or our life members. Thanks to all members for the continued support as we remain diligent in the program to fight and deter the poaching issues we still face.

Turn In Poachers Board of Directors Annual Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 19, 2017 beginning at 7 PM**. The meeting will be held at the TIP State Headquarters at: 7187 Wise Rd., Brainerd. As the annual meeting, there will also be board member elections. If you are interested in participating, contact the TIP office.

SAVE THE DATES: Here is a list of upcoming fundraisers and events as part of TIP and its volunteers:

2018 Banquets/events to be held throughout the state!

We want to thank the many volunteers and the many hours that go into making each of these events a success.

Brainerd- February 10, 2018 at the Legacy Courses at Cragun's in East Gull Lake.

Bemidji- March 1, 2018, Bemidji Eagles Club

Grand Rapids- March 10, 2018

Duelm- March 15, 2018 at Jack and Jim's in Duelm

Rochester- TBD

Check us out on Facebook

TIP started a Facebook page earlier this year and we are gaining "likes" regularly. As with all organizations, our goal has been to give you insight into the organization and to keep our members and others informed as to what we are doing and when we may be in your area.



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Quarterly Board Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the months March, June, September, and December, 7:00 P.M. at the TIP State Office

Upcoming Events & Banquets:

Brainerd Area TIP Banquet to be held February 10, 2018. Contact Diane Britton at: 218-326-8477

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