



The Executive Director's notes:

2016 is quickly coming to a close and most of our hunting seasons are behind us. Hopefully, you had some great memories made through the season and your goals were met in terms of game for the freezer and a winter of excellent table fare. Having the opportunity to talk with many fellow hunters and fisherman, opportunities were great and overall success was good. Our friends from the Brainerd Chapter of the MDHA were very pleased with the participation on the "Hides for Habitat" program with their chapter alone collecting nearly 800 hides by Thanksgiving! In this issue of the TIPster, we will discuss a recent conversation with our friends from the MN DNR Enforcement division cited deer baiting as one of the highest violations within the state. We will also discuss more on the success of our Statewide Raffle and fun had by all at the Rochester banquet. Coming in 2017 there are several key items on our agenda. Design plans are being sought for the replacement of our aging Wall of Shame #2. We are also starting a Facebook page to keep you, our members, better informed. Banquet season for TIP is approaching and look forward to seeing you at one of our events! We hope that you enjoy this issue of the TIPSTER and if you have any suggestions or ideas, do not be afraid to contact us, we are always open to new and innovative ideas.

Wall of Shame #2 poised to be replaced in 2017

Many of you have taken the time to stop and view the Walls of Shame, pondering the multiple stories and mounts of poaching cases here in Minnesota. The program has become, and continues to be, the most successful method of education about the poaching problem. Each year we receive new stories and mounts to showcase. The hope is to provide knowledge, encourage participation, and create the deterrent necessary to stop illegal harvesting of our great resources. In 2016, the walls were utilized at over 70 events and shows, being viewed by thousands of people around the state. We hope you were able to see them.

The board of directors is currently working on plans to replace 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 will begin in early 2017. If each group gives a little, the goal of having our new trailer for the 2017 summer show season will be a reality.



Wall of Shame #2

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.

Looking Forward to a Great Year for TIP in 2017

Plans are being made for 2017 and you can keep checking the website and further TIPSTERS for the accomplishments. We will be attending upcoming trade shows in St. Paul, St. Cloud, and Duluth. Plans are also being made to have our 2nd Statewide Raffle. A special thank you to the TIP Ottetail Chapter for making the Statewide Raffle possible and to all of you that participated. Everyone worked together to get the TIP message to the public. TIP could not have done this without the help from TIP supporters such as yourselves. But, we will need your help again to make the 2nd Statewide Raffle as successful as the first. We are motivated and excited to work on this 2nd raffle and look forward to getting in touch with members to create the plan of action.

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

- Brainerd Fundraiser Banquet—Saturday, January 21, 2017
- Itasca County Area Fundraiser Banquet—Saturday, March 18, 2017
- Bemidji Fundraiser Banquet—Thursday, March 2, 2017
- Compadre Golf Tournament— June 27, 2017
- Duelm Fundraiser Banquet—Thursday, March 16, 2017

President's message- Peter E. Lodermeier



My hope is that the MN fishing opener was good and you were able to catch what you had hoped for! Either way, if you are like me you enjoyed your time just being outdoors. It has been a busy time for TIP as we have taken a leap forward hiring Dennis as the executive director. We are laying the groundwork for a great future and the feedback has been positive! The need for increased public relations and promoting the message of TIP is so important for all of us. We were glad to see April was filled with banquets while the remainder of summer will focus on promoting the great statewide raffle and if you are a golfer, the TIP Compadre Golf Open is coming in

Bait is for fish, not for deer

The 2016 Big Game is coming to a close with the muzzle loader season underway and bow hunting until the end of December. No one can dispute that the weather was "as good as it gets" for staying out and enjoying time in the deer stand and nature at its finest. One can dispute that the weather was "too nice" for deer movement and those successful may have had someone or something move the animal in their direction to harvest their deer. Unfortunately, in many cases, it was baiting

MN DNR Deer Baiting Violations		
Year	Citations	Warnings
2016 *	172	51
2015	198	64
2014	158	44
2013	166	49
2012	150	46
2011	157	52
2010	100	50
2009	142	46
2008	141	34
2007	83	25
2006	124	29
2005	80	13

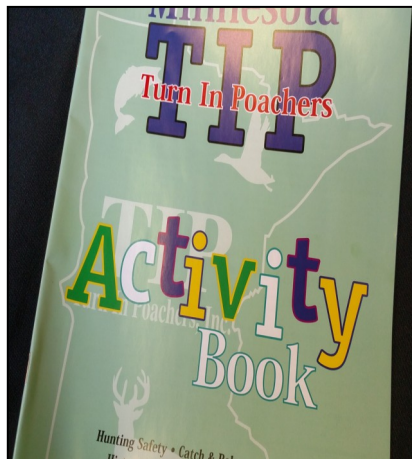
which by now we all know is unlawful in the state of MN. Statistics from the DNR show there has been a significant increase in warnings and citations in terms of baiting and 2016 is showing the same signs. Below is a chart that displays the trends in baiting cases including the 2016 season still under way.

As you can see, the data speaks for itself in terms of increased activity around the issue of baiting, but what it does not tell us is why and how we can help to reduce this type of violation. The simplest answer, make it legal.... in a recent internet search on the issue, the vast majority of all states make it unlawful to use bait. The intent of this article is not to debate the issue, but make us aware of the alarming increase in baiting cases. Take the time to research the reasons and laws regarding baiting. Resist and combat the urge to bait as it does take away from the natural process and has been shown to pose harm to our deer herds in terms of disease. For more information check out the MN DNR website, the hunting regulation books, or talk with your local Conservation Officers.

*The 2016 season totals are not completed as of this printing.

New Activity Books in 2016

A major accomplishment for the 2016 year was updating the TIP Activity Book. We want to thank all of the students and faculty from the Central Lakes College Natural Resource Technology program who stepped up to help. We appreciate all that



you do to help our valuable natural resources. We also want to say thank you to the team at the MN DNR that also provided input. The Activity Book has been a great program for TIP which includes poaching related stories, photo and track identification of animals, fish native to Minnesota, and conservation stories. The book continues to be a resource for all MN DNR Firearm Safety Class instructors and is given to each student as part of their training packet. We also have the books available at trade shows and events. We also provide them to classrooms around the state that make a request. Thank you to the TIP Ottetail Chapter for their financial support in making the books available to those in Minnesota. We appreciate all that they do for the organization as a whole! Thank you!



TIP 2016 Activity Report

Summary of Calls/Arrests	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	YTD TOTAL
Total Calls	61	56	76	113	135	81	92	87	79	780
Total TIP Calls	43	33	57	84	80	75	80	82	76	610
Calls referred to CO's	43	33	56	80	76	74	78	81	73	594
Case Numbers Assigned	0	0	15	9	18	4	5	2	9	62
Number of Arrests Made	0	0	24	14	25	7	8	2	30	110
Number of Cash Rewards Paid	0	0	4	0	3	2	4	0	0	13
Amount of Rewards	\$0	\$0	\$375	\$0	\$200	\$100	\$225	\$0	\$0	\$900
TIP Prints as Rewards	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	4

Turn In Poachers Annual Meeting scheduled for December 20th

As a nonprofit organization we are required to have an annual meeting of our members. This year's meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on December 20th, at the state headquarters building in Brainerd. We will be discussing board positions, election of officers, recapping 2016, upcoming fundraising/events, and all other activities as it pertains to TIP. If you are interested in attending, it would be great to see you for this important meeting. We have received eight nominations for the TIP Board of Directors; by the December 1st date.

TIP Rochester Fundraiser Banquet



Diane Britton, Graham Luck, James Glynn, Dennis Mackedanz and Peter E. Lodermeier

The Rochester Banquet was held on October 6th. There were more than 50 people present. The drawing for the Statewide Raffle took place on this evening. TIP board members joined TIP members from the Rochester area and from around the state for the event.

The Rochester TIP Banquet has been held for decades and we are honored to have such a fine group of people come together to support TIP.



TIP Member and Carl Fugleberg

TIP Brainerd Area Fundraiser Banquet

As we look forward into 2017, in the central region of Minnesota, there is another great banquet coming up in January. The Brainerd Fundraiser Banquet was started many years ago, but ceased to exist in the late 1990s. TIP Vice President Brandon Nadeau revitalized membership in the Brainerd area, in 2008.

TIP President Peter E. Lodermeier and TIP Secretary/Treasurer Diane Britton are pleased to announce the next Brainerd Area Fundraiser Banquet. The Legacy at Cragun's will be the location for the Brainerd Area Fundraiser Banquet. The registration forms have been mailed to area members and if you did not receive a registration form, then Peter or Diane can help you. Their telephone numbers are listed below.

2017 Brainerd Area Fundraiser

Please Save the Date!

Saturday, January 21, 2017

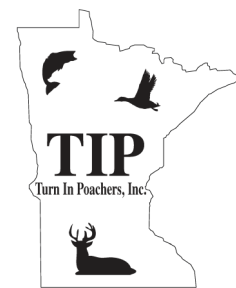
Registration hour begins at 4:30 P.M.

Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Raffles, Games, along with Live and Silent Auctions!

Contact Diane Britton 218-829-0203 or

Peter Lodermeier 218-330-6441 for more information



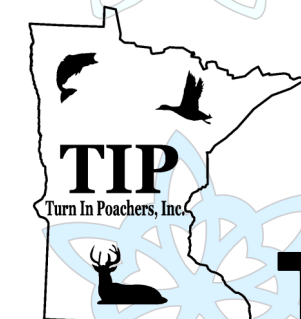
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Upcoming Events & Banquets:

Annual Membership Meeting, December 20th, 2016, 7:00 P.M. at the TIP Office

TIP Brainerd Area Fundraiser Banquet, January 21st, 2017 - Diane Britton (218) 829-0203

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