

The Executive Director's Notes:



A spring of 2018 Bemidji area walleye. Thank you Bemidji area committee!

I think most of us find that music can tell a story, that is why we listen and enjoy it. A recently released country music song from Luke Bryan has a line that resonated with me... "Days go slow and years go fast". As the ED, part of my duties are to complete a fair amount of administrative duties and sometimes it tends to make the days go slow. But, I feel as though the past 3 years have gone by very quickly for me. I reflect on the operational changes, programs that have been refined, and most of all the relationships that I have developed. Your board of directors continues to guide the organization, are great to work with, and I am pleased to be able to call them friends. As the sole "employee" of the organization, sometimes things can get a bit overwhelming for me. Talking with board

members and staying focused on our mission, things are brought back into perspective and we move on. Our world is filled with many opportunities and great causes worthy of our time and each of us get a chance to be a part of. At TIP, there are many opportunities to serve. As a statewide organization it can be difficult to break the barrier of geography, but with proper use of technology and resources we can spread the message. The summer of 2018 is filled with projects, presentations, and events. Read on in the TIPster to see if you would like to be a part of these activities. If you have an idea of a way to share the message, contact me at the TIP office and we can visit about your thoughts.

2018 Wall #2 Replacement Progress Update

The trailer has been ordered and will be delivered some time in late June!! We have received multiple donations from TIP supporters and we want to say THANK YOU. Every week we get a bit closer and every donation helps. The fund raising campaign will continue and we ask that if you find the desire to contribute please do so. The project is worthy of our efforts and can remain a way of generating the deterrent effect and awareness needed. A special thank you to Graham Luck, board member, for leading this process and Zephyr Trailer for their contributions to make this a reality!

If you or your group would like to contribute to the cost of the trailer or it's contents, 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.



TIP attended the Governor's Fishing Opener Events

One of the most anticipated times of the year is the walleye and northern pike fishing opener. For more than 70 years, this coveted time has been featured by communities throughout Minnesota at an event called the *Governor's Fishing Opener*. It is a media event designed to promote tourism and how fishing impacts our state. This year's host community was the Willmar Lakes Area. The weather was good all day prior to the Community Picnic and then turned Minnesota chilly. Despite the weather, they had a great turnout with many people and on Saturday some great fishing to be had by participants. (If you did not hear, Governor Dayton did catch several smallmouth bass, but no walleyes)



Reminder of the 2018 Membership structure changes

At the 2017 annual meeting, the Board of Directors approved moving from a monthly dues structure to an annual renewal of January 1 through December 31. This has made a significant difference to the office staff in terms of maintaining the member database. If you submit your membership, you may specify payment for the current year or the next year's membership. You can always contact us at the office if questions arise.

President's Message- Peter E. Lodermeier

Hello fellow members. I hope you are having a great summer. Membership may not seem like a lot, but we need these funds to pay for operational expenses. As a 501 (c)3 non-profit, the IRS has rules on how we spend our money. Add fundraisers with a Gambling Control Board exemption permit and even more of our funds are dictated by IRS and gambling rules. The Wall of Shame Trailers, Expo's, sport shows, and informational briefing all have costs associated to them. Along with your membership, please attend a TIP sponsored fundraising event and bring a friend. Our newsletter, website, and other media help you learn more about TIP. These events not only have educational value, but also fund much of the promotion of Turn In Poachers.

TIP Members Honored for their work

As you may know, TIP is not managed or operated under the Minnesota DNR; nor are we supported by them financially. We are, however, a partnership that would not happen without the work of our DNR Conservation Officers and members. Another program that is a DNR partnership is the MN Firearms Safety Program. This past April, 3 long standing TIP members were honored for their commitment to the outdoors as firearms safety instructors. Graham Luck, TIP Board Member, was honored for being an instructor for 50 years! Ralph Hettig, TIP member and Rochester banquet committee member, along with Doug Ondler, TIP member, were honored for 40 years of service! Conservation Officer Phil George, longstanding TIP member presented the awards. The longstanding support and commitment of each honoree is a testament to their character and dedication. Thank you to all!



CO Phil George, Graham Luck, Ralph Hettig, Doug Ondler

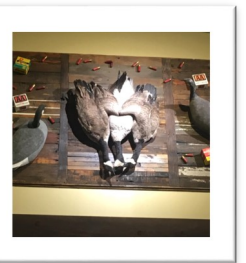
The March TIP Board Meeting Highlights:

TIP June 2018 Board of Directors Meeting: The next board meeting has been changed to **Wednesday, June 20, 2018 beginning at 6:30 PM**. The meeting will be held at Cabela's in Rogers. All are welcome to be a part of the meeting.

- ◆ Operational review: The prior minutes reviewed and approved as well as the financials. President and ED reports were reviewed with multiple banquets and events discussed, *including those listed in the newsletter*.
- ◆ DNR report– The updated activity report was reviewed. TIP and the DNR will extent their partnership to the national organization, the International Wildlife Crimestoppers.
- ◆ Board approval was granted to go ahead with the Wall 2 replacement process and continue fundraising efforts and have a raffle exclusive to Game Fair.

Feature Creatures- The Bemidji Canadian Geese

For those that can recall, in the 1970's and 80's it was a rare site to see a flock of Canadian Geese. There are several reasons, but times have changed and we now have a very healthy flock that reside and migrate through our great state. Irrespective of how you feel as you walk through a city park or play a round of golf, they are regulated and must be cared for to maintain a healthy population. In the fall of 2017, Conservation Officer, Brice Volbrecht received a TIP call regarding the illegal taking of several geese near Bemidji. In fact, the person had taken 3 of them illegally, charges were filed and the geese were confiscated. As a TIP call, we discussed the opportunity to tell the story on our Wall of Shame program and we began the process of getting them mounted. The photo you see here is a concept idea that is located at the Woodbury Cabela's and will be done for these geese. The unique part of these geese is that they were all three banded. We were able to find that two of them geese were yearlings while one was an adult banded as a yearling in 2009. On a side note, these birds will be mounted by Dewey's Taxidermy in Wadena, MN. The mounts will be paid for by the Ottertail Chapter of TIP with a portion of the cost made as a contribution by Dewey's Taxidermy. Thank you!



TIP 2018 Activity Report

| Summary of Calls/Arrests | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JULY | AUG | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC | YTD TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Total Calls | 83 | 35 | 36 | 98 | 185 | | | | | | | | 437 |
| Total TIP Calls | 79 | 33 | 24 | 72 | 131 | | | | | | | | 339 |
| Calls referred to CO's | 77 | 32 | 21 | 70 | 128 | | | | | | | | 328 |
| Case Numbers Assigned | 8 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 10 | | | | | | | | 29 |
| Number of Arrests Made | 17 | 25 | 2 | 10 | 24 | | | | | | | | 78 |
| Number of Cash Rewards Paid | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | | | | | | | | 14 |
| Amount of Rewards | \$525 | \$0 | \$0 | 0 | \$1400 | | | | | | | | \$1,925 |
| TIP Prints as Rewards | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | 1 |



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2018 Summer Events

MN High School Clay Target League

For the third year in a row, TIP will be participating in the MN State High School Trap Shooting Championship in Alexandria. If you are not familiar, it is a trap shooting event that brings over 8,000 high school students together over 9 days to compete. Very impressive event and glad to be a part of something where we can engage the next generation of TIP members and supporters. It is open to the public each day and a worthwhile drive to see how it operates.

Compadre Golf Tournament- 2018

On Tuesday, June 19, 2018, TIP will be hosting the annual **Compadre' Golf Tournament** at *The Refuge Golf Club* north of Anoka. This year we are scheduled to have golfing former MN Viking Doug Sutherland of the "Purple People Eaters"! It will be a 4-person scramble with raffles, games, and prizes for the winners. The cost is \$400.00 per team or \$100 for individuals. If you are a single golfer looking to be paired, contact us and we will pair you with others on the roster. Check out the website for additional information or to print out a registration form.

Bemidji Area TIP Shooters Challenge

For the first time, TIP is sponsoring a trap shooting event to take place at the Northland Shooting Sports Park just outside of Bemidji. The date has been set for Thursday, June 21 beginning at 5 PM. Teams are forming and all are welcome to be a part of this fundraising event. The cost is \$400 for a team of 5 (\$80 for individuals). Check out the details on our website or call the TIP office for information.

Ottertail Chapter Fundraiser 100 + 15

The TIP Ottertail Chapter 100+15 raffle is up and running again this summer. The chapter is selling tickets for 115 prizes including a 2018 Lund boat through the support of **Lund Manufacturing** in New York Mills and an ATV from **Polaris Manufacturing**! This raffle is done with the support of Lakes Sports in Detroit Lakes and a whole host of ticket outlets in the area and around the state, including the TIP office.

Brainerd TIP Shooters Challenge

TIP is sponsoring a fundraising event, bringing together 2-Brainerd Area shooting clubs to have a great day of shooting sports and supporting TIP. The day will begin at the Lakeshore Conservation Club for a couple rounds of trap and then move to Hunts Point Gun Club for lunch and a round of sporting clays! The date is set for Saturday, August 25th. Check out our website for details and registration forms. You can also contact the participating clubs for details.



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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

****Note: June meeting date has been change to Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 PM at Cabela's in Rogers, MN****

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