



A Note from the Director.....

As the long hot (wet) summer of 2016 comes to a close I have an opportunity to reflect on my first year as the executive director at TIP. As always, it feels like the time goes fast and we could have done more, but all-in-all, we made some great strides in getting out to talk about TIP and rekindle the program. This issue of the TIPSTER is dedicated to a look back at this summer and where we have been and thank you to those that have supported the journey. Importantly, one perception that stands out after visiting with so many is that people believe that TIP is part of the MN DNR. The relationship is so closely intertwined that I understand why the casual observer would believe this. Examples include the TIP number on the back of all ELS licenses purchased, Conservation Officers use/transport of the Walls of Shame, and multiple publications where TIP and the MN DNR are together. This unique public/private relationship has worked well for over 35 years and we are beginning to see the next generation of supporters emerge. I look forward to the challenge of engaging others in support of the TIP program. I also encourage you as a member and others who can to help foster the relationship between our front line Conservation Officers and Sporting men and women of Minnesota to help preserve our natural resources. Be safe, have fun, and remember TIP’s mission as we enter the fall season “Dedicated to curbing the illegal taking of Minnesota’s wildlife and natural resources.”



New to the Wall of Shame

A new mount will be added to the Wall of Shame. A huge 44-inch Northern Pike was illegally taken from Lake of the Woods. It was found after a TIP call stating that there were two men passed out in their truck with many Northerns. The driver was charged with 3rd degree driving while

intoxicated (DWI); over limit of Pike; \$3,000 fine; four years probation for the driver and 5 days served in jail. The passenger was also fined \$400 for an over limit of Pike.

Memberships

Thank you to everyone who has become a new TIP member or renewed their membership commitment! During the period of June 9—September 19, 2016 TIP was glad to add 60 new members to the roster and renewed memberships for 45 members!

*A special thank you to **Tony Tiemann** for renewing his membership and becoming a Senior Life Member— he has been a TIP member for over 30 years!*

June 9—September 19, 2016	New	Renewals
Junior Members	15	0
Supportive Members	39	32
Electronic License System Agent Supportive Members	6	6
Contributing Members	0	6
Senior Life Members	1	1

President’s Message- Peter E. Lodermeier

A **thank-you** to Game Fair volunteers: Kim A. of Rochester, Kristen L. & Calvin G. of Apple Valley, Brandon Nadeau TIP Vice President, Diane Britton TIP Secretary Treasurer, Terry Peterson TIP Board Member, Adam Loch TIP Board Member, Dennis Mackedanz TIP Executive Director and all of the Game Fair crew, **Game Fair hosts and founders Chuck and Loral I Delaney** for making the event possible for TIP at Game Fair. Others needing a thank you are the volunteers working the Compadre Golf Open: Greg Salo, Roger Tietz, Diane Britton, Jill Koss, Teri Mackedanz, Maizy Salo and players making it happen, and my golfing partner Patsy Bernhjelm for putting up with me. Diane Britton and I got to work two events that were exciting. ‘Chase the Lakes’ in Park Rapids and ‘Family Fun Shoot’ in South St. Paul. We met a lot of interesting people that wanted to know more about TIP. I want to give Dennis a special thank-you for all he does and for the plans he makes.



Minnesota State High School Clay Target League Tournament

Dennis attended this year’s Clay Target League State Championships at Alexandria in June. The 8 day event saw newcomers from all around the state each day and introduced the program to many individuals who had limited to no understanding of the program.

This event truly laid the foundation for youth to understand the ethics of hunting and fishing. It was great to meet the youth and their families and know that a new generation of enthusiasts exist in the shooting sports and other outdoor activities. We not only increased awareness, but were able to welcome many new members into TIP. We look forward to 2017 and good luck to all as you journey back next year!



Graham Luck, Patsy Bernhjelm and Peter E. Lodermeier



Fridley Police Department Winners

Compadre Golf Open

The 2016 Compadre Open was back in full swing on August 16th. Over 50 people took part in the tournament and spent the day enjoying a warm day golfing while raising money for a great cause. “The Refuge” in Oak

Grove is a beautiful course and created a challenge for the novice and avid golfer alike. **Winners** of the 2016 event were the guys from the **Fridley Police Department** who took home the bragging rights and we look forward to them defending this title in 2017. A special thanks to Greg Salo and Roger Tietz for all their efforts to make it a success. Keep an eye out for information as we prepare to have the event on June 27, 2017 next summer. Hope to see you there!



2016 Game Fair

TIP attended the 2016 Game Fair Sport and Outdoor Show. The Wall of Shame outdoor wall-2 was exhibited at Game Fair to show the public the result of poaching activity. The winner from the Game Fair TIP Raffle is pictured receiving the top prize, a TriStar shotgun awarded by Dennis Mackedanz, on August 21, 2016.

TIP 2016 Activity Report

Summary of Calls/Arrests	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	YTD TOTAL
Total Calls	61	56	76	113	306
Total TIP Calls	43	33	57	84	217
Calls referred to CO's	43	33	56	80	212
Case Numbers Assigned	0	0	15	9	24
Number of Arrests Made	0	0	24	14	38
Number of Cash Rewards Paid	0	0	4	0	4
Amount of Rewards	\$0	\$0	\$375	\$0	\$375
TIP Prints as Rewards	0	0	3	0	3

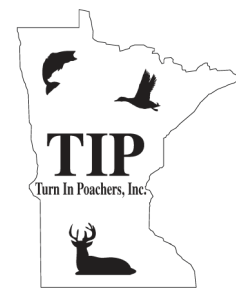
Rochester TIP Banquet Fast Approaching!

The next upcoming TIP banquet is scheduled for **October 6th at the Willow Creek Golf Course in Rochester**. The fun begins at 5:30 P.M. with activities including games, auctions, and raffles. Dinner starts at 7:00 P.M. The final activity of the evening being the drawings for *TIP's Statewide Raffle*. The prize list includes a 2016 Lund Fury boat, an Ice Castle Fish house, and a \$1,000 Gander Mountain Gift Card as the top 3 prizes with 22 other GREAT prizes. You can sign up for the banquet by going to: www.turninpoachers.org and printing the form from the Welcome page or the Banquets and Events page. If you would like more information or would like to purchase Statewide Raffle tickets at \$10.00 each, contact Perivoea at the TIP state headquarters at info@turninpoachers.org or by calling her at 218-326-8477 for information.

Nominations are Now Being Accepted for TIP's Board of Directors They Need to Be Received at the TIP Office by December 1, 2016

TIP's Annual Membership Meeting Will be Held on
Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.
Brainerd TIP Office
7187 Wise Road
Brainerd, MN 56401-6005
218-326-8477

At the TIP Annual Membership Meeting, voting will take place for nominations of new and renewing regular board members. The nominee must be present at the December 20th meeting to accept the nomination. A new board member would need to attend TIP board meetings in Brainerd, be able to volunteer time to make events successful and be able to vote on important issues TIP is concerned about. Please do not hesitate to nominate yourself; applications can be found on the TIP website. If you go to the Board of Directors tab, the application is at the top of the page. You can call TIP at 218-326-8477 for assistance.



Annual Membership Meeting Announcement

December 20, 2016 7:00 P.M.

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October 2016

Turn In Poachers, Inc.

Upcoming Banquets & Events:

TIP Rochester Banquet & Statewide Raffle Date, October 6th - Graham Luck (507) 234-0340

2016 Minnesota Governor's Deer Hunting Opener,

November 5th & 6th—Dennis Mackedanz (218) 820-6225

Annual Membership Meeting, December 20, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at 7187 Wise Road, Brainerd

Contact the TIP Office with questions (218) 326-8477 or info@turninpoachers.org

