



The Executive Director's Notes:

2017 is already into May and what a first quarter we have had here at TIP. With volunteers help, we held four banquets around the state, the walls of shame have been moving, we attended multiple expos, set up two great raffles to be promoted, and more events are being scheduled!!

As we move further into 2017, our organizational foundation is poised to bring in changes and improvements. It begins with our ability to do fundraising and set the course for projects we can complete. The past few months we held fundraising banquets in Brainerd, Bemidji, Duelm (St. Cloud area), and Grand Rapids. Each of the banquets were a success in terms of volunteers, supporters, and finances! From my perspective I can not thank all of those involved enough for all they have given in support of TIP's mission.

In 2016, the walls of shame were displayed at over 70 events throughout the state. This is no small feat as coordination and implementation require dedicated individuals from the request, transportation, setup, tear down, and preparation for the next event.

It was great to see so many people stop by the displays these past few months at St. Paul, St. Cloud, Duluth, and the Deer and Turkey show, among others. The walls of shame are the "bread and butter" of our educational programs and important to create and maintain our presence for deterring would be poachers. The stories shared not only let us know the program works, but encourages us to continue!

Lund Boats, a Minnesota manufacturer and TIP supporter, has come through again this year to help us raise funds through a donation of 2 boats that we are raffling. The Ottertail Chapter has their 100+14 with tickets on sale now. The state headquarters has also teamed up with Gander Mtn. as well to provide for a great lineup of prizes and selling tickets throughout the summer, giving away the boat at our Rochester Banquet. Thank you Lund and Gander Mtn. for your support!



Wall of Shame #2 Poised to Be Replaced in 2017

The TIP 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 support-

ers and fundraising activities around the state. Our goal of engaging all the various sportsman's groups, fishing organizations, businesses, and donors began in early 2017. If every group gives a little, the goal of having our new trailer for 2017 can be a reality.

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 future TIPSTERS for updates. The 2nd Statewide Raffle is up and running, tickets are available now. We will need your help again to make the 2nd Statewide Raffle as successful as the first, contact us if you would like tickets!

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

- ◆ **MN State High School Trap League Shoot- June 12 through 20, 2017**
- ◆ **Compadre' Golf tournament- June 27, 2017; "The Refuge Golf Course" in Oak Grove**
- ◆ **Game Fair- August 11-13 & 18-20,2017**
- ◆ **Rochester Banquet to held October 12, 2017. Contact Graham Luck at: 507-254-0340**
- ◆ **Other events are in the planning stages and check out Facebook and our website for details**

President's Message- Peter E. Lodermeier

A time for patience. Early in 2017, the TIP program lost their administrative assistant. As a paid part time employee, we are currently working to fill that void with part-time resources along with making changes and upgrades to our infrastructure. The TIP program is alive and well with many activities scheduled for the summer of 2017 and I look forward to working with and seeing many of you as members. We would love to have your input on any ideas or thoughts that you have to offer. We have room on our board of directors and have volunteer opportunities to help support our mission. The rich 36 year history of TIP has been filled with many challenges and changes, we will get through this one. Thank you for being members of our great organization and stay tuned for new things to come!

Compadre Golf Tournament- 2017



On **June 27, 2017**, we will be hosting the Compadre' at *The Refuge Golf Club* north of Anoka at: 21250 Yellow Pine St. NW., Oak Grove, MN 55011. This is the second year that we will be at The Refuge and have learned that this Country Club does an excellent job of hosting our event.

The structure is a 4-Person Best Ball Scramble. Check in will be from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m.. Free Driving Range! Range balls will be provided for free starting at 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$100 per person, \$400 per team. PRICE INCLUDES: *TIP membership (current and life member's entry fee \$75 if registered prior to June 16th); *Golf w/ cart, *Burger buffet dinner; *gift bag with select items; *A great day for a great cause!

We will be having games and raffles to make the day filled with fun and time spent with your "compadres".

Silent Auction: TIP will have a silent auction table set up to provide opportunities on some great items. **If you have something to donate, contact one of the committee members listed below. Registration forms are available to download at: turninpoachers.org**

Contact Roger Tietz (218) 820-3923 or Greg Salo (763) 464-9281 for details

Statewide Raffle fundraiser



TIP has teamed up with Lund Manufacturing and Gander Mountain again this year for a great raffle! We received a 2017 Lund Rebel 16 ft. with Mercury motor (*pictured with Jason Oakes from the Lund factory in New York Mills*). We have a retail value of over \$20,000 in prizes!

Tickets are \$10 each and on sale now through board members and by contacting the TIP office. We are also willing to partner with other non-profits to help sell tickets. Call or email

the TIP office for details. The drawing will be held at the Rochester banquet in October 12th. Register for the banquet as well!

2016 Joe Alexander TIP Office of the Year



The "Joe Alexander- TIP Officer of the Year" award is presented to one Minnesota conservation officer annually who best represents the mission of TIP during the course of duty. It is named in honor of past Conservation Officer and DNR Commissioner Joe Alexander, who was admired by his peers for his dedication and focused concern for natural resources.

Tony Musatov, our 2016 Officer of the Year was honored at the Duelm Banquet in March. Pictured are Brandon Nadeau (L); Diane Britton; Dennis Mackedanz; Tony Musatov; and Peter Lodermeier

The initial quote on his nomination form: "Tony Musatov has been a champion of the resource (TIP) his entire career". He has a history of covering not only his own station, but other vacant stations. His service area is known for its high call volume and his peers feel he continues to go "over and above". With this coverage area, Tony understands and promotes TIP and "exemplifies what TIP stands for". Tony promotes TIP through his area active user groups, including Safety classes as well as other groups that request him, not only in his station, but vacant stations as well. He is a consistent organizer and helper for the "Wall of Shame" year after year. He works with Regional Training Officers and promotes the TIP program to teach others. Tony has admitted to others that without TIP, his job would be virtually impossible. His case load reflects the importance of TIP and Tony is willing to use the program to effectively complete his current cases and those into the future!

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								296
Total TIP Calls	62	27	53	78								220
Calls referred to CO's	57	27	49	74								207
Case Numbers Assigned	10	1	3	7								21
Number of Arrests Made	22	1	15	7								45
Number of Cash Rewards Paid	11	0	4	0								15
Amount of Rewards	\$1,275	\$0	\$500	\$0								\$1,775
TIP Prints as Rewards	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

Turn In Poachers Board of Directors Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, 2017 beginning at 7 PM. The meeting will be held at the TIP State Headquarters at: 7187 Wise Rd., Brainerd.

Banquets held throughout the state!

Winter/Spring has been banquet time for the TIP organization. It has been a great time and many of you have either signed up or renewed your memberships. Thank you! Below, we will highlight a bit about each event. We want to thank the many volunteers and the many hours that goes into making each of these events a success.

Brainerd- Held at the Legacy Courses at Cragun's in East Gull Lake, this year's event highlighted a great line up of prizes! Diane Britton chaired the event again this year and did a great job of organizing the games, food choices, general raffle, and the program. It was very well attended and the support from participants went a long way in raising funds for our programs!

Bemidji- Year two back in Bemidji brought together a great team of volunteers to put it together. Our attendance was up which included 2 incentive tables featuring their own table raffle for a Henry Rifle. This year, a special award was given to Lori Wing. Lori is finishing her career with the DNR in 2017 and was instrumental in rekindling the Bemidji area banquet as well as years of supporting the TIP program behind the scenes at the DNR Enforcement's Regional Office. Thanks to Lori and all the team at Bemidji!

Duelm- We nearly doubled last years attendance and had a great time, food, and support from the area! The committee put together a tremendous line up of prizes with some fierce competition in the "Putting for TIP" game which turned out to raise the most funds. Thank you to Teri Mackedanz for repainting the putting board! We were also proud to give the 2016 TIP Officer of the Year award to Tony Musatov as part of the program.

Grand Rapids- The TIP Itasca banquet is one of our longest standing banquets held in the state. This year, past chair Tom Sutherland stepped aside and had Peter Sahr take the lead. What a job he did as they packed the room with prizes, games, and participants! They gave away hundreds of prizes with a very impressive general raffle. One highlight for this banquet was the committee elected to raffle 2 Lifetime Hunting Licenses that were given away to area youth. What a great way to not only promote TIP, but give two lucky youth the gift of hunting privileges for a lifetime!

Check us out on Facebook

TIP started a Facebook page earlier this year and we are gaining "likes" on a weekly basis. 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:

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