



# OUTDOORS FOREVER

## Conservation Club

A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization



# Newsletter

**f** **Outdoors Forever Club**  
P.O. Box 361 • Mauston, WI 53948  
[www.OutdoorsForeverClub.com](http://www.OutdoorsForeverClub.com)

## 2022 Winter

### 2023 Membership Registration

Due by January 1, 2023 (Nonrefundable or transferable based on calendar year).

These forms are available at [www.outdoorsforeverclub.com](http://www.outdoorsforeverclub.com) and at our online store

Individual @ \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Husband & Wife @ \$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth (Under 18) @ FREE \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional:** If you would like to donate\* to the following programs

Trout Rearing Project \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Duffy Road Restoration/Land Acquisition \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Upland Bird Rearing Project \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Kid's Day \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Membership and Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet registration on reverse. Please fill out and return to Outdoors Forever, PO Box 361, Mauston WI, 53948-0361 and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Membership is required to attend the banquet.

\*Your donations are tax deductible as ODF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

## Banquet News

Date: March 4, 2023

The Banquet will be held at the Two Elks Event Center located at The Lodge on Hwy 82 east of Mauston. The Lodge is offering a discounted room rate for that weekend for our banquet attendees. Information will be available on our website. Unfortunately, we are raising the prices of banquet tickets by \$5.00 per person due to increased costs from food to prizes. The increase was voted on and approved at our November meeting.

The banquet kicks off with a social hour beginning at 5:30 PM. A buffet meal will be served around 6:30 PM. We are putting together another exciting banquet with great raffles, and all attendees will receive a door prize. Banquet registrations are due no later than February 17, 2023, no exceptions please.

If you have questions, please contact John Soderholm at (608) 807-6115 or by email at outdoorsforeverclub@gmail.com.

## Mentors to Sportsmen

The 2022 mentor class had 5 adults and 1 junior. Youth participant Espen Pitts went out for a youth hunt with mentors Adam Liebersbach and Chase Jacobson. Mike Campbell went out on multiple hunts with mentor Derrek DeLapp. Adam McCoy went on hunts with Taylor Finger and Derrek DeLapp. Next year's class will take place in late summer of 2023.

## Men's Shed Program

The Outdoors Forever Clubhouse became host for the new program from ADRC of Juneau County. The program began in August and it's purpose is to provide a gathering place to increase social contact for our rural men's community. The meetings are every fourth Tuesday of the month. It normally runs from 11 am to 1 or 2 pm and a lunch is served. Registration is required. Guest speakers generally are there whenever possible.

Outdoors Forever is proud to provide a setting for this event and the success is truly inspiring. For more information please contact the Juneau County ADRC.



# 2023 BANQUET REGISTRATION

Banquet Date: March 4, 2023

### **General Information:**

The banquet will be at the Two Elk Event Center at The Lodge at Mauston on Hwy 82 East. You must be a member to attend. Minors under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. If your child does not want the youth meal, or they are 16 years old or more, they must register as an adult and pay the adult price.

Social hour begins at 5:30 PM and dinner will be served starting at 6:30 PM.

### **Costs:**

Adults (16 +) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth (15 and under) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Optional:**

Table Reservation for 8-10: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\$100 Envelope x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$200 Envelope x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Total** (from reverse) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions about membership, banquet, donations or volunteering, please call John Soderholm at 608-807-6115.

Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment to: Outdoors Forever, PO Box 361, Mauston, WI 53948.

**REGISTRATION DUE BY FEBRUARY 17, 2023 – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Decorah Restoration  
Ice Fishing Tournament

Will be held on January 21, 2023 –  
Details available at the Guardians of  
Lake Decorah's Facebook page –  
[www.facebook.com/LakeDecorah/](http://www.facebook.com/LakeDecorah/)

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No-Till Drill

Juneau County has ordered a John  
Deere 1590 10 foot no-till drill from  
Mauston/Hillsboro Equipment for the  
2023 growing season. This purchase  
was made possible by the Juneau  
County Board utilizing ARPA funding  
as well as donations from the Lake  
Redstone Protection District, GOLD,  
Outdoors Forever, and Sauk County.

This drill will be made  
available to residents in Juneau County  
as well as Sauk County residents in the  
Baraboo River Redstone Watershed. A  
small rental fee will be charged for  
renting the drill along with a per acre  
fee; details will be made available on  
the Juneau County Land and Water  
website for rentals. This drill will be  
used for cover crops and prairie  
plantings to help reduce soil erosion and  
increase soil organic matter, while also  
reducing fuel/labor costs associated with  
tillage practices.

The rental of this drill will help  
Juneau and Sauk counties meet nutrient  
reduction goals, improve soil health,  
and also encourage more farmers to try  
cover cropping and no-till farming too  
see if it works for them.

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Sign up for the E-Newsletter

You can help ODF reduce costs by  
signing up to receive our newsletter by  
email. To opt in please provide your  
email address on the 2023 membership  
form or email your request to  
[outdoorsforeverclub@gmail.com](mailto:outdoorsforeverclub@gmail.com).

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Youth

On October 3rd a local Cub Scout troop  
visited the Lemonweir Farm and learned  
about wildlife and habitat. They also  
learned about wildlife identification  
from the many exhibits in the learning  
center. All left with a greater  
appreciation for creating good habitat  
and the wildlife that lives there.



Habitat

The pollinator habitat that was planted  
in spring of 2021 was doing well this  
year. Hopefully our members were able  
to view the wildflowers and prairie  
grasses at the Lemonweir Farm and  
Duffy Road – Larson Road properties.  
There are ongoing discussions about  
creating more pollinator habitat at the  
Carl Nelson Wildlife Area and the  
Larson Road properties. Enjoy the Great  
Outdoors!

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Trout

Trout raised for the trout pond on Meyer  
Road starts the previous year with trout  
provided by the WI DNR. Six to eight  
hundred trout arrive around June 20th  
each year and are approximately 2.5 –  
3" long. ODF provides feed and  
caretaker costs. Trout are fed a small  
sized pellet each day for 5 months, then  
get a larger pellet until the end of April.  
The rearing ponds are located just  
outside of Kendall. There are two 30-  
foot cement circular ponds that are  
above ground and fed by an artesian  
spring.

The ponds and land are located  
on private property; ODF works with  
the landowner to access the facility. Ron  
Woodard was the caretaker for many  
years, however, last winter Ron sold his  
home and moved. This year Rick Dogs  
is the caretaker. Without Rick this  
program would not be possible. By the  
end of April the trout will be 11 – 13"  
long, which is when they are netted and  
moved by the DNR to the fishing pond  
on Meyer Road.

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Upland Game Report

A few bird hunters were surprised  
recently while hunting the Duffy Road  
and County Road N properties. A  
sampling of 100 Bobwhite quail were  
released at those sites in late November  
as an impromptu experiment to  
determine if our club members would  
have an interest in making this an  
annual event. So far feedback has been  
positive, especially from hunters with  
pointing dogs as the Bobwhite hold  
better than our pheasants, which tend to  
break and run before flushing. The quail  
season starts with the pheasant season  
but ends a month earlier on December  
8<sup>th</sup> with a limit of five.

Another good season is

underway, having had low mortality  
with our pheasants. Scattered releases  
are still taking place at our member only  
properties at Duffy Road and County  
Road N, as well as the public access  
properties at Larson Road and Pleasant  
Acres. Private lands along the One Mile  
Creek Watershed have had pheasants  
released there as well. When you see  
birds there your need to get landowner  
permission to hunt these properties.  
Trout stream easements do not apply to  
hunting. We will release the remaining  
birds after November 27<sup>th</sup>. There are  
approximately 350 birds left, so some of  
the best hunting is yet to come.

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Membership

Memberships are based on the calendar  
year (January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>) so  
please have your memberships in by the  
first part of January. There is no grace  
period so if you hunt on ODF property,  
you should have your 2023  
memberships in by December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Prices are the same as before. We  
encourage you to sign up for delivery of  
the newsletter by email as the costs of  
producing and mailing have increased.  
We understand not all have email so we  
will continue to send newsletters by  
regular mail as well.

To sign up you may use the  
membership form, which is available in  
the newsletter and on our website. Also  
available on the website in our online  
store are memberships, banquet  
registrations, table reservations, and  
raffle ticket envelopes. The advantage to  
registering online is you will receive  
your membership card and banquet  
tickets without having to include a self-  
addressed stamped envelope. Raffle  
tickets will be handed out at the banquet  
as always. You must be a member to  
register for the banquet.

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Early Bird Banquet Registration

Drawing

Register at our online store to enter!  
All online banquet registrations  
submitted by January 15, 2023 will be  
eligible for our early bird prize drawing  
at the banquet. ONLINE  
REGISTRATIONS ONLY. The Vortex  
Diamondback model 8x32 has a retail  
value over \$250.00 and comes with a  
neck strap and carrying case. Great for  
bird/wildlife watching, hunting and  
more!



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## FREE Kids Ice Fisheree

Will be held at Bire's Pond on February 4 , 2023 - Sign up will begin in January 2023 - More info to follow.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Paul Brown . . . . .	President
Dave Pharo . . . . .	Vice President
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Dennis Hazel . . . . .	Director
Tom Heindl . . . . .	Director
Jeff Scully . . . . .	Director
Taylor Finger . . . . .	Director

### ODF COMMITTEES

### CHAIRS

1. Youth . . . . .	Tom Jodarski/Jim Bires
2. Club House . . . . .	Derek Brown
3. Pheasant . . . . .	Bill Duckwitz
4. Banquet . . . . .	John Soderholm
5. Habitat . . . . .	Tom Jodarski
6. Signs . . . . .	Tom Heindl
7. Long Term Planning . . . . .	Open
8. Trout & Memorial . . . . .	Dave Puhl
9. Audit . . . . .	Dave Pharo
10. Stewards to Sportsman . . . . .	Adam Liebersbach

*If you want to help or have an idea for a project contact the committee Chair.*

## REMINDERS

**2023 Membership Dues are Due January 2023**

**Annual Banquet is March 4, 2023**