

# The "1906 Heron Lake Agreement"

## AGREEMENT

HERON LAKE, MINNESOTA, OCTOBER 24, 1906.

We, the undersigned, realizing that our shooting on Heron Lake is being practically spoiled under present methods of late afternoon, evening and early morning shooting, sleeping on the points, as well as rowing across the open lake, do hereby agree as gentlemen to the following, and further agree to use our efforts to induce other shooters to follow the same, and further that we will not break the rule in case a few others should do so or until a majority of the signers shall call this agreement off. It is also the intention of this agreement that it be carried into the following season:

1st. That we will leave the Lake and not shoot on or near the same after 2 o'clock p. m.

2d. We agree not to get into or start our boats from the landings until 6 o'clock a. m. by correct R. R. time.

3d. That we will not cross the open water at any time in boats, and that we, as far as possible, will travel to the rear of parties who may be shooting at the open water line.

This agreement to apply to all the open water of the upper lake and all the shooting grounds within a half a mile of said open water, and to include all of Winzer's bay. Said agreement to take effect Wednesday p. m. October 24, 1906, and to continue until called off by a majority of the signers hereto.

B P St John	E J Grimes	J L Reeves	H Mickley
Louie Olson	Abe Nelson	Koy C Wood	C W Hamilton
Herman Schultz	G G Cornish	Nels Nelson	E B Shanks
R W Coulter	James Dalziel	A E Olson	Frank E Green
E J Jeppsen	A J Boehm	Matt Fest	J A Moody
H Kettlewell	J H Peters	Wm Peters	E Peters
Chas Winzer	Ernest Winzer	Geo Kettlewell	J B Hambay
C J Rowe	Peter Van Hoven	F M Canfield	B B Sontag
M W Smith	E. A. Peterson,	F. E. Day,	John Nelson.

NOTE—Ducks will not decoy to a location where they are not allowed to feed undisturbed during the afternoons and nights. Mudhen shooting and long range wild shots cost the other fellow many a good duck. Cut it out! Leave the birds alone afternoons and nights and twice as many people will each get twice as many birds as they otherwise will.

NOTE—Be it said to the credit of those solicited to sign the above agreement, that not one refused when asked. The original agreement will be circulated from time to time and it is expected to number all who shoot ducks on Heron Lake.

*image courtesy of Kerry Leopold*

*"The Agreement" – copy of the original document on file in the Museum of Natural History, University of Minnesota.*