

# Wildlife Restoration Association



## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Fund Raising Banquets

January 2023

Dear Wildlife Restoration Association Member:

For more than thirty-eight years this organization has been the people's hope - to do the things which make our outdoor lives better. We would like to continue doing projects that include you, your ideas and ambitions.

We are still recovering from the craziness of the last two years. It seems like our future projects will be back to normal. Our partnerships and projects with many lake associations have been held up by permit issues, but projects are now scheduled at Sand and Fireside Lakes with Potato Lake still waiting for state permits.

Last summer we agreed to share the costs of a new boat landing on Boot Lake which we hope to complete this year. Our commitment to erosion protection on the Dairyland Reservoir reinforced many of the six miles along the north side and winter rock will build up the toe of the highest banks.

Our summer Environmental Challenge Program moved from two to three weeks this summer and in addition to lake work we put new boat docks at Memorial Park and Mud Lake as well as "Take a Kid Fishing" docks at Community Park and Corbett Lake. Dozens of other sites were either maintained or improved as well. Our annual pheasant hunt on the Flambeau Mining Company property south of Ladysmith included a successful youth day this year.

We are in the process of planning the 2023 fundraising banquets. The banquets themselves are scheduled to be held at JS Supper Club on March 31, April 1, and 2 with the Mega Cash night on the Monday before - March 27. We heard the message that you have been overcrowded in the past and we are setting for 40 less people now. Once you have made your evening choice, call Doug Pavlik at 715-403-1453 or Jim Moss 715-403-1455 to reserve a table.

The basic banquet ticket price remains where it has been for more than thirty years at \$40. Sponsors have been the backbone of our fundraising program from the beginning and without the donations of local woodworking items, crafts, artwork, merchandise, and cash our banquets would take on a different flavor. We hope to continue showcasing the many unique things you do and auction them each night.

Although we haven't solidified sponsor gifts, they will be comparable to the past years. We will continue the \$100 Sponsor Program and this level will receive one dinner ticket. Silver (\$250) receives two dinner tickets. Gold (\$500) receives three dinner tickets and Platinum (\$1000 plus) will receive four dinner tickets. Like every year, each banquet attendee will also receive a WRA specialty glass.

250 Mega Cash tickets @ \$100 each are also available on your banquet application with \$13,500 given away in thirty cash prizes. This fun drawing will be held at JS Supper Club on Monday, March 27. What started out as a cash drawing has grown to become a full night of come-as-you-are games, raffles, silent auctions and other surprises which many of you prefer to the more formal banquet. These tickets are also available from any Board member or at Buchholz Feed Store in Ladysmith.

It usually takes about 80 people to successfully pull off this banquet. We welcome all those who have helped in the past to participate, and encourage newcomers to join us. There is plenty of work to go around including lots of running needed to ensure everything is there at the right time; starting with the original pavillion set-up on Thursday, March 23 before Mega Cash, the Mega Cash set-up on Sunday March 26, the banquet set-up on Thursday, March 30. Saturday and Sunday set-ups are mornings April 1 and 2 and take-down on Monday and Tuesday, April 3 and 4. We also need nightly banquet workers. Call one of your Board members to find out how you can help and we will find you a spot or fill in the section on the bottom of the registration sheet enclosed.

In closing, we would like to say thank you again for all that you have done in making WRA the success story that it has been for all these years. This has always been “our” organization making the decisions together to improve “our” resources, and there are still many more things to accomplish.

Please complete and return the enclosed application form by March 17 for the banquet and by March 6 for Mega Cash tickets. Be certain that you indicate your evening of choice and your meal of choice on the application and your contact information. Only a few times a year do we get caught in a position when it is necessary to relieve overcrowding due to limited seating and ask for volunteers to move to a less crowded night. No one will be moved unless they agree without reservation. If you have other friends that wish to attend, just write their names beside the regular dinner tickets and send their monies in with yours. **Tickets will be mailed out March 21.**

We have a partial e-mail list and will provide updates as needed by that process. **Please be sure to include your e-mail on your banquet reservation form.** If you have any questions, thoughts or projects please contact one of your Board of Directors.



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# 2023 WRA 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet Ticket Reservation Form

- FOR OFFICE USE ONLY -

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**MEGA CASH TICKETS** (\$100.00 each) Return by March 6 Cash/Check \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this registration form in early if you

are requesting a Mega Cash Ticket as these tickets

sell out quickly.

**NIGHT PREFERENCE:**

**• BANQUET TICKETS WILL NOT BE MAILED UNTIL MARCH 21 •**

Circle Sponsor Type:

**PLATINUM (\$1000)** (4 Free Dinner Tickets)

**GOLD (\$500)** (3 Free Dinner Tickets)

**SILVER (\$250)** (2 Free Dinner Tickets)

**SPONSOR (\$100)** (1 Free Dinner Ticket)

**REGULAR DINNER TICKETS** (\$40.00 each) Cash/Check

**TOTAL** CASH/CHECK

Mar 31 @ 6pm Fri \_\_\_\_\_

April 1 @ 6pm Sat \_\_\_\_\_

April 2 @ 5pm Sun \_\_\_\_\_

**TICKETS REQUESTED**

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TICKETS)

## SPONSOR DONATION FOR 2023

Cash/Check \_\_\_\_\_  
and/or

Firearms/  
Merchandise \_\_\_\_\_  
and/or

Services \_\_\_\_\_  
and/or

Artwork/  
Woodwork \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHOOSE 1 MEAL PER TICKET**

Two Stuffed Cod Loins \_\_\_\_\_

Stuffed Pork Chop \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Tips \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Check here if you would like to run  
for a three year term on the  
WRA Board of Directors.**

## I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S BANQUET.

☐ Thur set-up Mar 23 ☐ Sun noon set-up Mar 26 ☐ Mega Cash night Mar 27 ☐ Thur Set-up Mar 30

☐ Fri Banquet night Mar 31 ☐ Sat morning set-up April 1 ☐ Saturday Banquet night April 1

☐ Sun morning set-up April 2 ☐ Sunday Banquet night April 2 ☐ Mon take-down April 3 ☐ Tues take-down April 4

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO WRA BY MARCH 17**

**WRA, P.O. Box 361, Ladysmith, WI 54848**