

## The Executive Director's Notes:



A fall of 2018 Mississippi catfish taken near Brainerd!!

Like most of you, I have had opportunity to be a part of a group or organization that promotes a reason and/or purpose. As we know, TIP has that mission and purpose of “curbing the illegal taking of Minnesota’s fish, wildlife, and natural resources”. Many years ago, the fall season was used to “harvest” for food during the long winters we endured. Times have changed. For most of us, the fall season is still a time of harvest and preparation, but the need for food and storage is less complex and we have access to food down the street at our local market. In this

issue we want to not only provide some updates, but highlight our sense of purpose and why the TIP program has existed for the past 37 years. As a boy I recall local Game Warden,

Norm Dahlman, stopping by our family farm to talk and chat with my father about different things. Just his relationship and presence was a deterrent for me, my brothers, and our neighbors. Even though times have changed and we now call them Conservation Officers, their relationships still creates that deterrent. TIP was developed to assist with their presence and as we know they cannot be everywhere. Heading into the field, forest, or waters this fall we are reminded that as TIP members, supporters, and advocates we can help to increase the impact of deterrence, simply talking about TIP in our hunting camps, around the campfire, or anywhere we gather. We continue to make updates and progress from the standpoint of administering the programs, and encourage each of you to help through any means possible.

## TIP to attend the MN Governor's Deer Opener Events

TIP helps protect all of our natural resources, but if you have studied any of the walls of shame you know that deer have the largest presence within the program. As Minnesota's premier big game animal, more than 500,000 hunters enter the fields and forest to pursue their chance to harvest one of these prized animals. Our Governor and other leaders help to promote the great traditions formed throughout the years. From November 1st—4th the Hinkley Area will be host to the 16th Annual Governor's Deer Opener and has invited TIP to be a part of the festivities. Our Wall of Shame #1 will be displaying deer taken illegally throughout all the state. The goal is to educate participants about TIP and promote fair chase principles. A special thank you to the Jim Jordan Chapter of the MDHA for their work and dedication to our deer hunting heritage!!



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## A new Wall 2 in 2019!

We are proud to announce that the newest addition to the Wall of Shame program has been acquired and in the process of getting formatted for mounting the animals. Even though we have received funds to make the purchase we are still in need of help building the internal components. With each phase of this process, we get more excited to complete the trailer and share the message. It takes many individuals to make the program come together and if you have ideas or input on how it could look, contact the TIP office asap with your ideas.

Again, we are still in need of funds for the next phase so if you or your group would like to contribute to the cost of it's contents, 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](http://www.turninpoachers.org).

## 2019 Membership

This is a reminder that TIP has gone to an annual renewal of January 1 through December 31. This has made a significant difference to the office staff in terms of maintaining the member database. In November, members will be mailed a renewal reminder. We encourage you to renew early, but renewals are accepted at events throughout the year.

## President's Message- Peter E. Lodermeier

With the up coming hunting seasons TIP activity will most like pick up, that is, on the violations reports. Good Luck to the C.O.s and thank you for their hard work. On the office and volunteer side, fundraiser and events are winding down, it was a busy summer thank you to all who helped and attended. Dennis was like a busy beaver spearheading a lot of them.

Peter E. Lodermeier 218-330-6441

## T.I.P. Attends the Minnesota State High School Clay Target Championship Event by Jim Persson

From June 12<sup>th</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup> 2018, Turn in Poachers (T.I.P.) members staffed an exhibit booth throughout the nine day State High School Clay Target Championship event held in Alexandria, MN. The U.S. High School League touts the event as the largest of its kind in the world with more than 25,000 competitors, coaches and spectators attending.

The T.I.P. booth and a mobile Wall of Shame exhibit were visited by hundreds of spectators on each day of the event. T.I.P. logo merchandise and raffle tickets were sold for our July 2018 Bemidji Clay Target Shooters Challenge. The winning grand prize raffle ticket, a MN DNR Lifetime Sports License, was sold at the Alexandria event. It was later presented to the lucky winner during the annual Game Fair held event in August at Ramsey, Minnesota.

T.I.P. staff noted the student athletes, their families, and coaches were highly engaging and supportive of the overall T.I.P. mission and its partnership with MN DNR Enforcement Division.



## The September TIP Board Meeting Highlights:

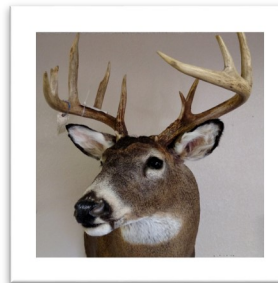
The TIP September 2018 Board of Directors Meeting was held Tuesday, September 18th at the TIP office in Brainerd.

- ◆ Operational review: The prior minutes were reviewed and approved as well as the financials. Office operations were discussed including website administration ([www.turninpoachers.org](http://www.turninpoachers.org))
- ◆ DNR report— The updated activity report was reviewed with \$2,700 in rewards paid to date and 120 arrests documented. Tracking devices approved and to be placed on WOS trailers.
- ◆ Other notes: Banquets/events were reviewed and many are set for 2019. Wall of Shame #2 is being delivered in late September. Fundraising continues to help with money for internal components still needed.
- ◆ MN Official measurers will be scoring and documenting confiscated deer to record large bucks

**IMPORTANT— ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE:** The annual meeting will be held Tuesday, December 18, 2018 beginning at 6:00 PM. Board elections and Executive Committee elections will be held at that evening.

## Feature Creatures- The Bermel Buck

As we come into deer season, here is case reminder about illegal baiting: Opening morning of the 2015 firearms season found CO Anthony Bermel of Babbitt and Lt Dan Thomasen visiting many baited stands on a handful of properties in the Embarrass area, apprehending those hunting over bait. Later in the morning the officers heard a rifle shot from the last property they needed to check in the area. Upon waiting about 15 minutes after the gunshot, the officers walked into the property to the baited stand and came upon two hunters standing over a trophy 11 point buck lying dead right next to a 'Mighty Deer Lick Sweet Apple Flavored Block' that CO Bermel had located a few days before. One of the hunters admitted to shooting the buck from a nearby deer stand, and he also told the officers what the illegal block was. A citation was issued for hunting over bait, restitution charged for the deer, and the rifle and buck were seized as evidence. *This buck will be on display in our Wall of Shame program through TIP.*



# TIP 2018 Activity Report

Summary of Calls/Arrests	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD TOTAL
Total Calls	83	35	36	98	185	85	65	79					666
Total TIP Calls	79	33	24	72	131	64	48	55					506
Calls referred to CO's	77	32	21	70	128	59	47	53					487
Case Numbers Assigned	8	4	1	6	10	11	10	4					54
Number of Arrests Made	17	25	2	10	24	26	16	8					128
Number of Cash Rewards Paid	5	0	0	0	9	0	10	2					26
Amount of Rewards	\$525	\$0	\$0	0	\$1400	0	775	300					\$3,000
TIP Prints as Rewards	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0					2



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## 2018 Summer Event Highlights

### Compadre Golf Tournament

On Tuesday, June 19, 2018, TIP hosted the annual *Compadre' Golf Tournament* at **The Refuge Golf Club** north of Anoka. 15 teams participated on a cloudy, drizzly day with some great times had by all!

### Bemidji Area TIP Shooters Challenge

For the first time, TIP is sponsored a trap shooting event to take place at the Northland Shooting Sports Park just outside of Bemidji. The date was Thursday, June 21 beginning at 5 PM. One feature to this event was a raffle fundraiser with the giveaway of a MN Lifetime Sports License. This year's winner was a 15 year old young man from Plainview, Minnesota.



*Pictured is TIP President, Peter Lodermeier with Riley Wendt, who won his small game and fishing privileges for life!!*

### Ottertail Chapter Fundraiser 100 + 15

The TIP Ottertail Chapter 100+15 raffle sold out of tickets again this year with prizes including a 2018 Lund boat through the support of **Lund Manufacturing** in New York Mills and an ATV from **Polaris Manufacturing!** Lakes Sports in Detroit Lakes assisted with the gun giveaway. THANK YOU to all who helped with ticket sales and supported the event.

### Brainerd TIP Shooters Challenge

Saturday, August 25th, TIP sponsored the Brainerd Shooters Challenge. Four teams of 5 participated in the event. The day began at the **Lakeshore Conservation Club** for a couple rounds of trap and moved to **Hunts Point Gun Club** for a great lunch and a round of sporting clays! A great day was had, with top honors going to the Lakeshore Club team with a score average of: 70.4 out of 75 rounds!!!

### Youth Outdoor Activity Day

On Sunday, August 26th, TIP attended an event that has grown to highlight the outdoors to more than 2,100 youth from all around the central Minnesota area!! Help at the Alexandria Shooting Park, participants of all ages enjoyed activities ranging from animal identification, introduction to shooting sports, ATV safety, pond/fish activities and MUCH more. The Viking Sportsman's Club and Douglas County Pheasants Forever have done a great job on putting this together. Congratulations!

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 2019 Banquet and event dates are being set with preparation for another year of gathering together to celebrate the mission of this great organization. We invite you to check out updates at the website: [www.turninpoachers.org](http://www.turninpoachers.org) under the events and fundraisers tab. The support is always appreciated!!



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## September 2018

### Turn In Poachers, Inc.

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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

**\*\*Note: December is the annual meeting and election of officers. The meeting will be held at the TIP Office, December 18, 2018 beginning at 6 PM\*\***

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