

# SCENT POST

As the former and now returning chairperson of the Timber Wolf Information Network (TWIN), I would like to say hello to our membership and welcome to any new members. The Scent Post is our organization's way of keeping you updated on the executive officers and TWIN Board activities and decisions. As of the last TWIN board meeting on April 24, 2002 in Shawano, WI, I have several items to report.

In an effort to keep our winter workshops running smoothly, the Board voted to purchase a radio-collar, receiver, and antenna system. Up until this point, we were borrowing equipment which at times was hard to get and unreliable. With telemetry being a valuable component of our educational workshops, the board made a wise decision to purchase our own which can also be used to monitor wolves currently on the air.

There was discussion regarding expansion of our winter workshops to include Treehaven, Sandhill, Trees for Tomorrow, and Mosquito Hill. Some of the workshops will be weekend long while others only one day. The board feels that we need to continue our educational outreach as the DNR continues to stress education as the key to wolves success in Wisconsin and abroad.

I am very pleased to announce our winter wolf educational workshops for Treehaven in Tomahawk, WI for 2003. The three weekend workshops will be February 7-9, February 21-23, and February 28-March 2. These workshops fill very quickly, so call now to reserve your spot. Please contact June at Treehaven (715)453-4106 for information and registration. Teachers and student groups are always welcome and one credit is available through UW-Stevens Point.

TWIN member Bob Nelson attend the annual DNR Wolf Stakeholders meeting in Wausau, he reports that mid-winter wolf counts are estimated at 320 in Wisconsin. The panel also discussed the delisting of wolves in Wisconsin by the Federal government and the downlisting of wolves in Wisconsin by the State government. Both decisions are appropriate considering the growing population of wolves to 320.

Finally, I would like to welcome any TWIN member to attend the next board meeting which will be at Sandhill Outdoor Skills Center in Babcock, WI. Date and time to be determined, so keep checking the web page for details. Once again, it is a pleasure to serve this great organization, and I look forward to seeing some new faces this year at workshops, meetings, or tracking wolves in the field.

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TWIN Chairperson