



Sheboygan Area Chapter

December Newsletter 2019

Come to our festive Christmas party on December 12

We always have a good time at our Christmas party as we enjoy each other's fellowship and listen to beautiful music.



This year we will be entertained by the South High Singers, led by Anne Muellenbach. This will be our last meeting until February 13 (see explanation in this newsletter), so you won't want to miss it.

The menu for the evening will be chicken cordon bleu, baked ham, corn, parsley buttered potatoes, salad, and soup. **Dessert will be provided by everyone!** Please bring 1 dozen cookies to be shared so that we can have a plate of assorted cookies on each table. The social hour begins at 5:30; dinner at 6:30; program at 7:15.

The cost of the dinner is \$16.00 per person. Please mail your checks to **Char Gumm, N6222 Woodland Rd., Sheboygan, 53083**. The deadline for reservations is **Monday, December 2**.

The board decided that because of our declining attendance at meetings, we will eliminate the January and March chapter meetings. We hope it will encourage more people to attend if we have fewer meetings each year.

Coming events

- Dec 12** Chapter Christmas party at Elks Club
- Jan 9** **NO MEETING**
- Feb 13** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Mar 12** **NO MEETING**
- Mar 8** **PTP Brat Fry**
- Apr 9** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- May 14** Chapter meeting at Elks Club
- Aug 20** Chapter picnic in Howards Grove

Have you paid your dues?

Rich Miesfeld would like to have all members pay their 2020 dues by the time of our December 12th chapter meeting. Dues have not changed for many years – the cost is still \$35 for a family membership or \$25 for a single. You can bring your checks to Rich at the December meeting, or mail them to him at 2047 Marion Lane, Sheboygan, WI 53083.



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Merry Christmas!

Message from Tom Riemann

It may seem early to think about our 2020 brat fry, but Tom Riemann likes to get the tickets into everyone's hands by the end of the year. They make wonderful stocking stuffers for some of your relatives and friends, so be sure to get your tickets in time to give them away during the holidays (or sell them to the relatives who want to support our fundraiser).



Tickets will be available at our December 12th meeting. Each family is expected to sell 20 tickets; single members are asked to sell 10. Families involved in our exchange programs are asked to sell 75. Most members pay for their tickets when they get them, but you may choose to sell your tickets first and pay Tom after you have sold them. The tickets sell for \$1.00 each. People who come to the brat fry with tickets can use them for food or drink. Each ticket is worth 50¢ and the other half goes into our raffles. For ease of record keeping, paying by check is very helpful. Please make the check payable to PTP – Sheboygan Chapter.

If you can't make it to the December meeting, please call Tom at 452-5053 to arrange a time to pick them up at his house.

Invite a guest in February

The board continues to look for ways to increase our membership and to increase attendance at our chapter meetings. At the November board meeting it was decided that each member could invite a guest to our February 13th meeting, and the guest's dinner will be paid for by the chapter. Please invite people you think might be interested in joining People to People. Consider your friends who enjoy traveling to other countries, or friends who have hosted exchange students in the past. Be sure that you tell Char Gumm the name of your guest(s) when you send in your reservations for the February meeting.



Hunting in Germany: Waidgerechtigkeit

By Beth Hejl, Germany

Disclaimer: I am not an experienced hunter! I am in the middle of my *Ausbildung*/education to earn my hunting license so that I can continue on and learn for my *Falknerjagdschein* - falconer's license! My blog entries about hunting are to be taken as impressions of someone who is in the midst of learning about the world of hunting in Germany.



Waidgerechtigkeit

There is a very important term in the world of hunting in Germany that does not exist in English. The concept probably exists among responsible hunters in the U.S., but there is no good English translation of the word "*Waidgerechtigkeit*" as a noun and "*waidgerecht*" or "*waidmännisch*" as an adjective. In order to be able to understand the idea I needed to learn a whole lot of new terms, phrases and ideas.

Waidgerechtigkeit can be described as a collective term for all written and unwritten hunting laws, the mastery of the craft of hunting and the ethical mindset or attitude of the hunter toward the wild game she hunts and the nature in which she hunts. As I understand it, the main focus is on sparing the hunted animal as much as possible from pain, agony and stress and to be mindful of animal protection laws.

The closest English word I can come up with for *waidgerecht* is "honorable/honorably," although that is a general term used by anyone from hunters to lawyers, whereas *waidgerecht* is a term that is only used by German-speaking hunters.

Most of the work, practice, and training I've seen going on at *Schießstände* in Germany seems to be aimed at making sure every shot in the wild is *waidgerecht*. The best shot is the one that drops the animal on the spot and kills it almost instantly.

Kulturgut

Hunting in Germany is considered *Kulturgut* (cultural heritage). There is a special language devoted just to the world of hunting, with many terms and phrases that are not familiar to Germans who do not hunt. As a non-native speaker I have found that it's often senseless to try to translate these words into English, especially since I had zero exposure to hunting during my 44 years living in the U.S.

Editor's note: There is much more to Beth's blog posts about hunting. I encourage you to read more at <http://bhejl.blogspot.com/2019/10/hunting-in-germany-waidgerechtigkeit.html>