

**October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**The Wee One**  
**Brackett's Crossing Golf Club**  
**Host Tom Proshek**

*Proceeds from this, our most successful fund raiser, go to support our fellow professionals who have been stricken with a medical crisis. A scramble event, it is open to any and all players so team up with your friends, family or even club membership.*

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**The Fall Shootout**  
**Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club**  
**Host Paul Eckholm CGCS**

*PULL!!! This fun social outing brings in a great group of individuals to blast some clays! An educational format is offered in the morning followed by lunch a shootout mixer. Unlike in past years this year the format will mix both good and beginner shooters. Prizes are received by the best shooter, best team and one chosen randomly from the middle of the pack.*

**November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Research Wrap and Bowl *NEW***  
**Pinz Bowling St. Louis Park**  
**Hosts Dr. Brian Horgan and Sam Bauer**

*Research you have sponsored will be conducted over the summer and this is your opportunity to get the latest data straight from the scientists who followed through on your requests. The morning will be full of research discussion followed by lunch and semi-competitive bowling in the afternoon. Teams will be drawn from a hat for this mixer event.*

**December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Annual Banquet**  
**Golden Valley Golf and Country Club**  
**Host Jeff Ische**

*This social event brings our group together for a fun social activity and the opportunity to put the previous seasons challenges to bed. Great food and camaraderie are always in store at this terrific gathering.*



**Jon Glader, here with Erin McManus Event Promoter, won the 2012 Research Raffle give away. The prize, an Orion Weatherby Grade 3 Over/Under 12 gauge shotgun will help Jon as he continues his latest hobby...hunting!**



# Within the Leather

by David Kazmierczak CGCS

**Get involved.**  
Two simple words in the English

language that when put together form a powerful concept, capable of producing tremendous things. It does not take a lot to attain get involved- a simple “yes” or “I can do that” usually does the trick- so why does it seem so hard to pull off with most people?

I suppose it is human nature to be reserved and internal. So many of us fall into the trap of self-involvement. We all have busy lives. We all have to put in at least 40 hours a week to make a living, and often times that number reaches much higher. We all lose anywhere from one-quarter to one-third of our existence to sleep. Throw in a significant other, a family, and the many activities associated with that, and many feel that they do not have time for basic bodily functions, let alone volunteerism or dedication to a cause.

But that is where they are wrong.

In my 45 years of existence on this orbiting hunk of magma, I have had the opportunity to encounter many different personalities,

philosophies and viewpoints. My father was in the military, and we moved all over the country and all over the world every three years. That meant every three years I had to form new relationships and assimilate into different groups and cultures. When I became an adult, I moved less, but have continuously been exposed to new groups with new ideas, concepts and outlooks on life.

Whatever the group, whatever the situation, there are people who are leaders, organizers and energizers. There are also plenty of passive, non-aggressive, can't be bothered with or don't have the time to- sheep, that either selfishly just follow along, or simply cannot muster the energy to contribute. Which group do you think really has the time?

I have found that the leaders are the ones that are in dire need of a time out, but happily serve. They are the ones who always take on the challenge, even though they have plenty on the plate. They are the ones who make an impact, make a difference, usually for the benefit of the sheep.

The problem is, if you are sheep, you don't know what you are missing.

The feeling you get while volunteering or helping an organization along or becoming a part of a solution