



Tax Report

Created Especially for Members of Wisconsin NATP

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President's Message-

Welcome back to Wisconsin from the land of the 1040s. For most of us we are now in the time of the X's (1040X and extensions.) Hopefully you all had a successful season although I would not miss not having the Affordable Care Act around for another year. I had many clients who ended up having to pay back some or all of the premium tax credit that they had received.

Although we just celebrated the arrival of April 15th, the WI chapter and NATP are planning some great education events for you this year. This is also the 25th anniversary of the WI chapter so look for some special things during the year. Our spring education seminar will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells on June 12th. We will be having Kathryn Keane of Brooklyn, New York as our speaker. If any of you attended the NATP 1040 workshops in Madison, you will know what an informative and entertaining speaker she is. She also presents at the NATP national conference and for the state of New York as well as other state chapters. Kathryn's topics will be charitable contributions, Alternative Minimum Tax (meet Izzy Schwartzheimer and his suitcase) and foreclosures and the tax return. Also remember you are welcome to the board meeting at 3PM on Thursday June 11th.

Maybe some of you will be able to attend the National Conference in New Orleans July 20-23rd. What a great way to earn up to 28 credits while having fun at such events as the Charity Auction (see great bids on donated items), Chapter Showcase (trick or treating for adults, and the closing banquet. Hope to see some of you there.

If a shorter event fits better into your schedule, National is also providing a tax forum and expo with up to 16 credits and in two locations-Las Vegas August 26-27 and Philadelphia Sept 3-4.

Our fourth annual farm tax workshop will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells on Sept 30. This is a full day with 6 hours of CPE emphasizing the federal farm topics with Les Marti of Illinois. There also is 2 hours non-credit for reviewing WI farm topics with former WI chapter president Brad Droste.

The following day, also at the Kalahari, will be our second annual WI updates with David and Mary Mellem. With the new forms this year, CS and PS, as well as updated child care subtraction and the basis adjustment to get our depreciation schedules in coordination with federal, there are sure to be questions and stories to share. There will be a small fee this year to help cover the cost of the speakers, meal and materials.

It was suggested last year that maybe having these two seminars in conjunction so we will see how this works out.

Our fall seminar will be the first week of November, the 4th and 5th. We are trying a Wednesday-Thursday time frame as many did not want to drive on Friday night. Dale Boushley of Arizona will be our speaker. He also is a speaker for the national conference and other chapters. Some topics being considered are reverse mortgages, divorce, 4797, business use of auto, sale of personal residence, schedule E rental and vacation homes.

We wish a fond farewell to Kathy Stanek who has been the executive director of NATP for several years. We will miss you.

Hope you all get a chance to have a little rest and recreation before starting to learn for another season.

[Wisconsin Tax News](#)

Additional Section 179 Expense for Luxury Automobiles Does Not Apply for Wisconsin

Taken from WDOR Tax Bulletin April 2015

Section 280F of the Internal Revenue Code limits the 2014 Section 179 deduction for luxury automobiles to \$3,160. Wisconsin follows this provision, as section 280F has been adopted for Wisconsin. An additional \$8,000 Section 179 deduction for luxury automobiles is provided under section 168(k)(2)(F) of the Internal Revenue Code. The additional deduction applies to taxpayers who qualify for the special 50 percent bonus depreciation. For 2014, the special 50 percent bonus depreciation is provided by federal Public Law 113-295,

Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014. Wisconsin has not adopted Public Law 113-295. As a result, the special 50 percent bonus depreciation and additional \$8,000 Section 179 deduction for luxury automobiles do not apply for Wisconsin.

Federal Law Relating to the Deduction for Charitable Contributions for Aiding Families of Slain New York Officers Does Not Apply for Wisconsin

Taken from WDOR Tax Bulletin April 2015

Recent federal legislation provides that a taxpayer may treat any cash contribution made between January 1, 2015, and April 15, 2015, for the relief of families of two slain New York City police officers, as if such contribution was made on December 31, 2014, and not in 2015. This applies only to cash contributions to charities to provide assistance to the families of New York Police Department Detectives

Taxpayers who elect to claim the charitable deduction for relief of the slain officers on their 2014 federal return may not claim the same contribution as a deduction on their 2015 federal return.

Reminder: Notify DOR Within 90 Days of Receiving an IRS Final Notice

Taken from WDOR Tax Bulletin April 2015

If the IRS adjusts your federal franchise or income tax return and the adjustments affect your Wisconsin return, you are required to file an amended Wisconsin franchise or income tax return. If you do not file an amended return with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) within 90 days of receipt of an IRS final notice, DOR may make an assessment or refund for the IRS adjustments within four years of discovery

Changes to Tax Treatment of Rollovers into Wisconsin College Savings Accounts

Taken from WDOR Tax Bulletin April 2015

Wisconsin provides a subtraction from federal adjusted gross income for contributions into a Wisconsin college savings account. The Wisconsin subtraction from income is for contributions to an Edvest or Tomorrow's Scholar college savings account and is equal to the lesser of the amount contributed to the account for 2014 or \$3,050 (\$1,520 if married filing separate or a divorced parent). For 2015, the maximum subtraction will be \$3,100 (\$1,550 if married filing separate or a divorced parent).

[Schedule CS](#), *College Savings Accounts*, must be filed by each contributor to an Edvest or Tomorrow's Scholar college savings account to claim the subtraction from income. Additional information is on the department's website in an article titled *Changes to Tax Treatment of College Savings Accounts for 2014*.

For more information: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/taxpro/news/2015/150406.html>

Wisconsin Sales Tax News

Sales and Use Tax Return Address Changed

Taken from WDOR website

If you have a waiver to file your sales tax return on paper, mail the return and payment to:

Wisconsin Department of Revenue
PO Box 8921
Madison, WI 53708-8921

Sales and use tax returns and payments should no longer be mailed to the department at its bank at PO Box 930389 in Milwaukee. If you recently sent mail to this address, it will be forwarded to the department for processing. [Forms](#) have been updated with the new mailing address. Please use that version.

Do not include correspondence with your return or payment. Correspondence should be mailed to PO Box 8902, Madison, WI 53708-8902. Payments made with vouchers (bill or Telefile), should continue to be mailed to PO Box 930208, Milwaukee WI 53293-0208.

Brown County Football Stadium District Sales Tax Ends September 30, 2015

Taken from WDOR Tax Bulletin April 2015

The 0.5% Brown County football stadium district sales and use tax will no longer apply after September 30, 2015. Retailers and the department may not collect this tax on sales made on or after October 1, 2015. Effective October 1, 2015, a 5% (rather than 5.5%) sales and use tax rate will apply to taxable sales and taxable purchases made in Brown County. The department is in the process of developing and publishing notifications and guidance for all persons who may be affected by this change

Pet Boarding is Taxable

Taken from WDOR Tax Bulletin April 2015

The service of boarding pets is subject to Wisconsin sales or use tax. The service provider may purchase without tax, for resale, the food that the service provider gives to the pet when providing a boarding service. The service provider's purchases of tools and equipment used in providing the boarding service are taxable (e.g., portable kennels, leashes, scratching posts, toys). Pet grooming (e.g., washing, brushing, clipping hair or nails) is also taxable. However, the service of pet sitting that consists of only training, "sitting," or walking the pet is not taxable when the owner (rather than the service provider) provides all food, food dishes, litter boxes, scratching posts, etc. needed or used during the sitting.

Horse Boarding and Other Related Activities

Taken from WDOR Tax Bulletin April 2015

The service of boarding horses is subject to sales tax, including charges for feed. Taxable services include the boarding of horses used for racing, pleasure riding, or show. The person providing the boarding service may purchase the feed for the horses that are boarded without tax, for resale, by providing the seller of the feed with a fully completed exemption certificate claiming resale. Horse training, however, is a nontaxable service. If there are separate and optional charges for the boarding and training, only the charge for boarding is taxable. If the products are not separate and optional from each other, the entire charge for boarding and training is taxable.

Entry Fees for Runs, Walks, and Races are Taxable

Taken from WDOR Tax Bulletin April 2015

Entry fees to runs, walks, races, and other customer participation events (for example, golfing, dancing, card playing) are subject to sales tax as admissions to amusement, athletic, entertainment, or recreational events. The organizers of these events are responsible for sales tax on the entry fees. Items that are provided to the participants free of charge (for example, t-shirts, hats, reusable water bottles) are incidental to the admission. Therefore, the event organizer is responsible for paying sales or use tax on its purchase of these items and cannot purchase them without tax for resale.

If the organizer of the event is a nonprofit organization, the entry fees may be exempt from sales tax under the occasional sales exemption. There are certain standards that must be met for this exemption to apply. The standards are explained in [Publication 206, Sales Tax Exemptions for Nonprofit Organizations](#).

Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning is Taxable

Taken from WDOR Tax Bulletin April 2015

Cleaning tangible personal property is a taxable service. Since upholstery and rugs are tangible personal property, the charges for cleaning upholstery and rugs are subject to sales tax.

Don't Forget That Lawn Mowing and Other Landscaping Services Are Taxable

Take from WDOR March 2015 sales tax bulletin

Wisconsin sales tax is imposed on the sale of landscaping and lawn maintenance services. Mowing lawns, watering lawns, aerating lawns, raking leaves, planting, spraying and fertilizing, and shrub and tree services are taxable services. Landscape design, planning, and counseling services are also taxable.



Spring Seminar June 11-12, 2015

Conference Location:

Kalahari Resort
1305 Kalahari Dr. Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
Phone: (877) 254-5466

Room price: \$109 ~ Reserve by 5/11/15 Mention "NATP - WI Chapter" when booking.

Thursday June 11:

3:00 pm– 6:00 pm WI NATP Board Meeting – All WI Members Welcome

Friday June 12:

8:00 am - 4:30 pm Speaker: Kathryn Keane from New York
Presents topics at NATP National Conference and NATP Forums

TOPICS

NUTS & BOLTS of Contributions

AMT

Debt Forgiveness & Foreclosures & the Tax Return

8 CPE Credits

Registration

Registration FEES:

WI NATP Member \$125

Non - Member \$150

\$25 Cancellation fee after 6/5

Registration Form

Register Online at: <http://www.natptax.com/Chapters/Pages/WisconsinChapterEducation.aspx>

Mark Your Calendars NOW

~ June 12, 2015 Spring Seminar
Kathryn Keane
Wisconsin Dells - Kalahari Resort

~ Sept 30, 2015 Farm Workshop
Brad Droste &
Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

~ Oct 1, 2015 Wisconsin Update -David & Mary Mellem
Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

~ Nov 4 & 5, 2015 Fall Conference & Annual Meeting
Dale Boushley
Appleton ~ 25th Anniversary of WI NATP

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Seminar attendees, please bring your PTIN. We are now required to have that number to credit your PTIN account for the CPE credits earned.

WELCOME NEW WI NATP MEMBERS!

Augustine Lee
Pamela Collova
Suann Dombrowicki
Steven Lawrence Ham
Tim Kitter
Becki A Mielke
Kevin Olson
Kim Poirier
Douglas Siebert
John Toutenhoofd
Deborah Winzenried

Dennis Brede
Pamela Daffron
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Dawn Kloth
Kong Meng Moua
Cliff Pacocha
LaRon Ramsden
DeeAnna Straub
Alethea Evans Van Buren

Rachel Brown
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Margaret Toshner
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Board Meetings

2015 ~

Jun 11, 2015 ~ Wisconsin Dells, Kalahari Resort

Aug 7, 2015

Nov 3, 2015 ~ Appleton, WI

WI NATP Classifieds

HELP WANTED:

Services Offered:

The WI NATP Newsletter is published four times a year. When considering an entry for the newsletter, please be aware of the following deadline cut offs for getting in your articles or classifieds:

June 26, 2015

September 25, 2015

December 11, 2015

Advertising Rates:

Classified Ad - \$10 per forty Words (\$10 minimum) Standard text at 12-14 font size. 50 cents per additional word after forty. 20% Discount for WI NATP Members

Business Card Size Ad: (2"x3.5") Horizontal or vertical placement
\$40 Each Placement (\$10 discount if paid in full for a whole year of placement)
50% Discount for WI NATP Members

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50% Discount for WI NATP Members

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