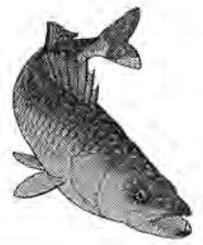




BALDWINSVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.

Member Onondaga County Federation of Sportmen's Clubs

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2010 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Shooting Sports

Weekly trap practice will continue on Mondays at 6:00 pm. Our club also participates in the six team Tri-County Trap League on Wednesday nights. The league shooting locations rotate between the participating clubs. For more information on trap practice or the trap league contact Dave Urban at 635-7736 or Earl Crow at 638-0888.

Weekly sporting clays continue on Thursdays at 4:00 pm. Skeet and Trap shooting continue on Saturdays starting at 10:00 am. For more information on sporting clays and skeet contact Ed Froats at 622-2185.

Club Shotgun Championship

On Saturday, June 12, 2010 we held the inaugural, Annual Club Shotgun Championship. The competition consisted of one round each (75 shots, total) of skeet, trap, and sporting clays. Fourteen members competed, with the result being that Ed Froats and Dave Urban tied for first place with 63 dead targets, each. We, also, had Kieth Gilbert and Jim Hinman tied for second place. We had a LOT of fun and we hope many more of you join the fun next year.

Monthly Meetings and Memberships

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse on Kingdom Road. If you haven't paid your 2010 membership dues, don't wait. Get your dues in now and start taking advantage of the club facilities. Memberships are available at the club, Cooper's Marina, Classic Gun Stocks (Meridian), and Tim's Guns (Elbridge).

Rifle Range Improvements

The club has received a \$5,000.00 grant from the Friend's of the NRA. The grant was given to help the club rebuild the berms for the rifle ranges. The work has progressed and the ranges look much better than last summer and fall.

As part of this project, we have moved the 100 yard range to the east of the 50 yard range and will convert the old 100 yard range into a new archery range. This will give us more of a buffer to Gunbarrel Road and make our club safer.

Sporting Clay Field Improvements

Ed Froats, Joe Bill, and Jim Hinman, along with other club members, are working on improvements to the sporting clays layout. When finished, these improvements will make it much easier and faster to start a round of clays. If you are available to help, call Ed Froats at 622-2185.

Club Work Days

The club held two work days earlier this year. We accomplished several projects and the club is looking good. Those that participated received a \$10 work voucher redeemable toward their 2011 membership dues. Thanks to all who showed up to help.

Rifle Range Rules

Three things still need some improvement on the rifle range. The first is rapid fire. Club rules prohibit the discharging of any firearm at rapid fire (5 shot or more in 10 seconds or less) unless part of a club sponsored match. The second was shooting after sunset. Club rules state that range hours are 8:00 am until sunset on Monday through Saturday and 10:00am through sunset on Sunday. These two are less of a problem than they were last year, but, still need to be eliminated, not just lessened. The third issue, which has been improved with the installation of permanent target frames, is the problem of ricocheting projectiles flying over the berm toward the houses behind our property. Please, look before you start shooting, to make sure that your bullets are going to impact the berm and NOT ricochet off the hard ground.

The rules are posted at the ranges. Please respect our neighbors and follow all the club rules. The rules are there for everyone's safety.

Sportsman's Day at Carpenters Brook

The Onondaga County Federation of Sportsman will be holding the annual Sportsmens' Days at Carpenter's Brook on September 25th and 26th. There will be a variety of outdoor activities including shooting and fishing. Volunteers from our club are needed to help with the shotgun shooting. If you are available to help, contact David Simmons at 315-247-5141 or davidrsimmons@msn.com.

Conservation Camp

The club is again happy to be sponsoring a youth to attend a NYSDEC Conservation Camp. This year Will Getman will be attending Camp Colby near Saranac Lake for one week. The camp teaches conservation methods and has many outdoor activities. William will be talking to the membership about his experience at a club meeting after he returns from camp. Have fun, Will.

Don't forget to visit our website at www.baldwinsvillerodandgunclub.com. If you have an e-mail address, please send it to Earl Crow at Dukeofearl106@verizon.net so we can continue to improve our ability to reach our members.

Shooting For The Future

We continue to work toward the establishment of a shooting oriented Venture Crew, in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America. For those not familiar with this concept, a Venture Crew is open to youth, female and male, older than 12 and younger than 21. Twelve year olds will still be welcome as part of this youth group, they just won't be allowed to compete in official BSA sanctioned competitions.

On the evening of June 4, 2010, the club hosted a youth group from the Ithaca (GIAC) area for an enjoyable session of rifle and shotgun instruction. After the shooting (the kids shot until sundown), we had dinner in the clubhouse. Jim Hinman and my wife Denise Simmons, plus many more volunteers from the Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmens' Clubs; Pheasants Forever; The Ruffed Grouse Society; The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; Advanced Strategies Adventures; CNY Wildfowlers; etc. made this event a huge success. Through their efforts, 18 kids (a pretty even mix of boys and girls) had a very positive experience in the shooting sports.

On Monday August 9, 2010 this same group is coming back, in the morning, with a larger group of youth. If you or someone you know, would like to help with this fun event, please contact David Simmons at 315-247-5141 or davidrsimmons@msn.com.

On the day before that, Sunday August 8, 2010, we will be hosting a fund raising sporting clays shoot for the benefit of The Ruffed Grouse Society. Volunteers will be welcomed for this event, also. If you would like to shoot in this event, contact Ed Pugliese at Pka7@aol.com.

Gun Raffle Fundraiser

This year's gun raffle is for a Remington R15 Predator Carbine .223 Rem. The drawing will be at the Club Banquet on December 2, 2010. Enclosed are 7 tickets for a \$10 donation. We are asking each club member to buy or sell 7 tickets to support the club. Additional tickets will be available at club meetings. Please send your ticket stubs and money to P.O. Box 232 or bring to any club meeting. Thank you in advance for supporting the club and good luck!

Member Appreciation Day

On Sunday, September 12, 2010 your club is having a member appreciation day! Please bring a dish to pass and a guest. Members will shoot for half price, the club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, and, perhaps, some of the guests will have so much fun that they will decide to become members, also.

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Dave Simmons, President