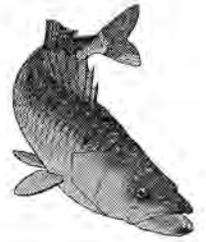




BALDWINSVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.

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2011 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Hello again, I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is looking forward to spring (if winter ever loosens its grip). We have some important dates coming at us sooner than you might think.

Work Days at the club are Saturday **March 19 (rain date April 2)** and Saturday **May 14 (rain date May 21)** starting at 9:00am. The ranges are closed until the work is done. Lunch will be provided.

There will be a **hunter safety** course at the club Tuesday March 22; Thursday March 24; and Saturday March 26. **The ranges will be closed on Saturday March 26, 2011** to accommodate the shooting portion of the course. Contact the Town of Van Buren Parks Dept. to Register 638-6727.

The Sportsmen's **March on Albany** will be in April (date to be announced soon). Contact Ed Pugliese, pka7@aol.com, or 315-263-6699, to reserve a seat on the bus.

The Spring gun show at the Empire Expo Center (State Fair Grounds for us old people) is slated for Saturday April 16 and Sunday April 17, 2010.

The Onondaga County Federation of Sportsman Clubs **Annual banquet** will be held in early May. Stay tuned for the date, when it is finalized.

Women in Nature will be presented on Saturday April 30, 2011 at the Bridgeport Rod and Gun Club. Participation is free to women 12 years of age and above. Registration for participants is already filled. Volunteers for this event are, also, being recruited. Contact Ed Pugliese to enlist (pka7@aol.com 315-263-6699). Ed will, also, accept donations of cash, merchandise, and wild game meat for this event.

Dave Urban is still waiting to hear a start date for the **Tri-County Trap League**. We think it may start on Wednesday April 6, 2011, but we have no confirmation on this as of this writing. It is a Wednesday night league made up of six clubs that runs for 18 weeks. Each club hosts the league 3 times. If you are interested in shooting for B'ville please contact Dave at 635-7736 or email him at daveurban@att.net

The annual **Madison County Friends of NRA** fund raising banquet and auction will be on Thursday June 2, 2011 at the **Rusty Rail Banquet Facility**. Parking is free. Registration flyers are available at the clubhouse or go to fnrany.org. This is a fun evening of games, raffles, silent and live auctions, and, dinner is pretty good too. The club and its individual members have heavily supported this event in the past and the grant committee has noticed this when funding grant requests. We should keep up the good work. As one of our members recently observed "there's nothing wrong with this club that \$50,000.00 or \$60,000.00 of grant money can't fix". Look at the skeet field and rifle/pistol range to see for your self what grant money and some elbow grease can do for our club. Those projects are a good start.

On Saturday June 11, 2011 we will have the second annual **Baldwinsville Rod and Gun Club Shotgun Championship**. This will consist of one round each of trap, skeet and sporting clays. Seventy five shots to determine who is top gun at our club. See Dave Urban or Dave Simmons to throw your hat in the ring.

For the rifle and pistol shooters of the club we have a challenge for you. Our Charity Shoots and club championship in June all involve shotgun shooting. Is there some concept the rifle and pistol shooters can come up with for a charity shoot that will work on the other side of the property? If you have any ideas and are willing to help put it together, please contact Dave Simmons.

Sunday August 7, 2011 we will host a fund raising shoot for the Ruffed Grouse Society.

We are, once again, going to have a drawing for a gun to raise funds for the club. This year the prize is going to be 20 gauge over/under shotgun. Stay tuned for tickets and other info.

Trap and skeet practice are continuing on Saturdays starting at 10:00 AM. For Skeet information contact Ed Froats at 622-2185 or Dave Simmons at 247-5141 or davidrsimmons@msn.com . For trap information contact Earl Crow at 447-1381 or dukeofearl106@verizon.net .

It seems to be an ongoing problem that some of our members are not following the rules for access to the club. Please keep the gate closed and locked unless the club is open for a public event. This means that EVERYONE needs to close and lock the gate, even if you "are coming right back" you need to lock the gate before you leave the property. Thank you all for your cooperation.

While I'm in the thank you mode, I need to say thank you to all of the members who volunteer their time to keep this club as big a success as it is. I can't even begin to express how proud I am of our members every time a visitor (and I'm telling you that every visitor does this) says how beautiful and well maintained our club's facilities are. I'm not even going to try to name names because I will surely omit someone who deserves many, many thanks. David Simmons and Paul Starr got their names on the member of the year trophy this year, but there are a LOT more members who gave LOADS of their free time to make our club worth being a member of. Make sure you thank these people when you come use the club facilities. Better yet, offer to help out while you're here.

Club meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse on Kingdom Road. Meetings are a good way to meet other club members and become involved in your club.

Dues for 2011 will remain at \$40 per individual and \$45 for a family, and, don't forget that students can join for \$20.00. If you have not renewed your membership yet you can return the completed card, a 2010 work voucher if you have one and a check for your dues to our post office address. Memberships are also available at the club, Cooper's Marina (Baldwinsville), Tim's Guns (Elbridge) and Classic Gunstocks (formerly Parker's Pond -Meridian). Note that Cooper's, Tim's Guns, and Classic Gunstocks can't take the \$10 work day vouchers. Don't miss out on future newsletters and club events because you wait until the fall to renew. Memberships are a calendar year and your 2010 membership has expired.

Note that we have added the e-mail line on the registration card. Please give us your e-mail address if you have one. Your address will not be shared with anyone. This is a great way for members to receive information who are not able to attend the monthly meetings.

Finally, we have talked about this for two (2) years now, and we are going to get serious about turning the former 100 yard rifle range into an archery range in 2011. Tony Visciglio has volunteered to spearhead (sometimes you just can't resist a really bad pun) this effort. Please contact him at 622-1250 with your suggestions, or, especially, to volunteer to help make this a reality.

Thank you all,

Dave Simmons, President

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