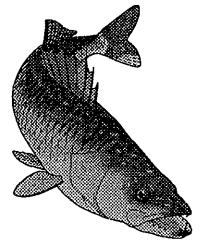




BALDWINSVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.

Member Onondaga County Federation of Sportmen's Clubs

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2011 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Shooting Sports

Weekly trap practice will continue on Mondays at 6:00 pm. Our club also participated in the five (5) team (Falcon Club dropped out due to lack of shooters) Tri-County Trap League on Wednesday nights. We finished ahead of Weedsport this year, hopefully a sign of resurgence for our team. Ed Thomas shot his first ever perfect 25 on the last week of competition. Instead of the usual practice of one person shooting his hat, a dozen, or so, people terminated it with extreme prejudice. The league shooting locations rotate between the participating clubs.

The top three shooters for B'ville were Rodger Eliot (92.0), Paul Starr (91.7), and Vince Zoll (88.3). The top Sub Junior for the entire league was our own Daniel Lundy (83.0). At the league Shoot Off Peter Roberts took 2nd in Bracket 4, Noah Johnson took 2nd in Juniors, and Daniel Lundy took 1st in Sub Juniors.

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.

The careless actions of an unthinking few individuals force me to remind members that the trap fields; skeet field; and the sporting clays facilities are for use during organized club practice sessions and league competition, NOT for unsupervised use of individuals or small groups.

Club Shotgun Championship

On Saturday, June 11, 2011 we held the second Annual Club Shotgun Championship. The competition consisted of one round each (75 total shots) of skeet, trap, and sporting clays. This year Paul Starr took 1st, Jim Hinman and Bob Wanner tied for 2nd, and Dave Urban finished 3rd. 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 2011 membership dues, don't wait. Get your dues in now (\$40.00 individual member; \$45.00 family membership; \$20.00 student member) 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

There has been fill added at the 100 yard target frames and the path to the 230 yard targets to make for easier access. Also, we have a new disposal system for ammo that failed to discharge; we just need to dig a hole to install it.

Plans and funding have been approved to convert what was the 100 yard rifle range into an archery range with a raised shooting platform. As soon as the eight foot tall berm is built to separate the archery range from the rifle/pistol range, the rest of the construction will begin.

Sporting Clay Field Improvements

Ed Froats is spearheading even more 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 2012 membership dues. Thanks to all who showed up to help.

Rifle Range Rules

Some 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 shots or more in 10 seconds or less) unless part of a club sponsored match. The second is 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. When the sun goes behind the trees, it's time to pack it in for the day. 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. Lastly, please do your part to keep the firing line tidy and cleanup after yourself. This includes, but is not limited to, taking down and properly disposing of your targets; cleaning up and properly disposing of fired shell casings, ammo boxes, earplugs, etc. Don't be afraid to politely remind other shooters to clean up, also.

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. Keeping the neighbors happy keeps the club open and operating.

Sportsmen's Days at Carpenters Brook

The Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs will be holding the annual Sportsmen's Days at Carpenter's Brook Fish Hatchery on September 24th and 25th. 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 two (2) youths to attend a NYSDEC Conservation Camp. This year Christopher Howden and his sister Emily Howden attended Camp Colby near Saranac Lake for one week. The camp teaches conservation methods and has many outdoor activities. They will be talking to the membership about their experience at the October club meeting.

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 advancement of our shooting oriented Venture Crew (Crew 223), 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 10, 2011, 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. Our club members, plus many more volunteers from the Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen's 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, 15 kids (a pretty even mix of boys and girls) had a very positive experience in the shooting sports.

On Friday August 5, 2011 this same group came back, in the morning, with a different group of youth. These GIAC kids went home thinking they had more fun than we did.

Two (2) days after that, Sunday August 7, 2011, we hosted a fund raising sporting clays shoot for the benefit of The Ruffed Grouse Society. Volunteers were welcomed for this event, also. If you would like more information about The Ruffed Grouse Society, contact Ed Pugliese at Pka7@aol.com.

Gun Raffle Fundraiser

This year's gun raffle is for a CZ Mallard 20ga. over/under shotgun. The drawing will be at the Club Banquet on December 1, 2011. 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, October 2, 2011 our club is having our annual 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.

Sight in Day

Saturday November 5, 2011 will be our annual sight in day and our annual open house. Come on out and bring a friend who hasn't yet realized how much fun the shooting sports are.

Hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer.

Dave Simmons, President