

BALDWINSVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.

Member Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

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2016 FALL NEWSLETTER

Annual Banquet

All members and their families are invited to our annual banquet on Thursday, December 1st at the Camillus Elk's Club located at 6717 Newport Road, Camillus, NY, 13031. There will be a social hour with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres from 5:30 to 6:30 pm with dinner to follow. Ticket prices are \$19.00 each, \$35.00 per couple, and \$13 for children. Call Dave Urban at 635-7736 or email him at daveurban@att.net by Saturday, November 26th for reservations. Our guest speaker will be former club member Zachary Miner. In his talk, Dr. Miner will discuss selected results from his dissertation, "A Kind of Peace: The Real World of Firearms Owners." The talk will center around legal gun owners' perceptions of the law (broadly defined), and how they believe the law affects gun owners and gun ownership. This topic will be illustrated with the specific case of the SAFE Act, and larger issues will be discussed relating to New York State politics, such as the divide between upstate and downstate.

Officers for 2017

The following members have agreed to serve or have accepted their nomination to serve as officers for 2017: President - Dave Urban; Vice President - Michael Cahill; Secretary - John Knickberbocker; Treasurer - Ron Simmons; Membership Chairman - Dave Law; Directors: Ed Froats, Earl Crow, and Tony Vertucci who are starting their second year of their 2-year term. The board of director's nominees for the two-year term are: Tony Visciglio Jr., Jim Hinman, and John Kleaka. The vote for 2017 officers and directors will take place at the Annual Banquet.

Significant Purchases/Projects in 2016

We started the year in good financial shape and thanks to a healthy membership and significant income from the shotgun sports we accomplished a great deal this year. This is an impressive list. Significant purchases/projects in 2016 are as follows: Donation to the Lowville Fish & Game Club for legal defense; sent Anna Taylor to DEC camp; new refrigerator; drainage pipe, filling, grading of ditch in sporting clays area; internet connection and security camera system; handicap accessible porta-john; replaced the entrance and kitchen floors; obtained Officers and Directors Insurance; pallet truck; 2 new sporting clays/5 stand traps; wireless release system for trap house 1; drainage pipe for 100 yard range landscaping; Ford 841 tractor; barrier fences for the skeet field and manual trap; "A" frame sign.

Thank you to everyone who helped with these purchases and projects. And we all enjoyed our first summer with the A/C we installed last fall.

Conservation Camp

The club was able to sponsor one youth to attend a NYSDEC Conservation Camp. This year we sent Anna Taylor, daughter of Jesse Taylor, to Camp Colby. At our October meeting Anna gave a wonderful presentation about her experience at Camp Colby. She even performed a song and dance she had to do at camp which filled the clubhouse with laughter. We are delighted that Anna would like to attend a DEC camp in 2017.

EPA Lead Shooting Logs

Just a reminder as part of our EPA Lead Management plan, we need to log our shooting on the EPA log sheets. For the rifle range the log sheets are hanging in the archery storage shed. We are looking to locate them in the future on the rifle range itself. The shotgun sports log sheets are on the sign-up clipboards.

Shooting Sports

The sporting clays season is over except for the special events. Skeet and trap shooting will continue Saturdays starting at 10:00 am. Most Saturdays in the winter we will try to have some form of a hot lunch prepared by the Cottage Restaurant. Memberships are also available on Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 12:30pm.

Range News

Please do your part to keep our ranges clean. Some members have been leaving their targets up and are not cleaning up their empty cartridges after they finish shooting. Please do not leave this task for others to do. Please put your brass in the empty brass containers as the club receives money for recycling the brass.

Please remember that the ranges close and ALL shooting is to cease at 15 minutes before sundown!

Club Website

One of the goals for 2016 was to update the website and to have current information available. We have tried to keep the information current and the calendar of events updated. So don't forget to check out our website for current events and updates between newsletters. The website is:

www.bvillerodandgun.com.

Membership Committee

Thank you to Gary Russell and the membership committee of Daniel Spier, Dave Law, and John Fitzgerald for providing memberships on every Saturday and meeting night. The committee approach has worked out very well. They also developed an orientation list to make sure new members get a detailed orientation about the club. Great job guys!

By-Laws Revision

The Officers and Directors have reviewed and have made proposed changes to our By-Laws. You should have received an email with a link to view the current By-Laws and the proposed changes. Please take the time to review them and send any comments to me. We will vote on them at a future meeting.

Have a safe and successful hunting season. See you December 1st.

Dave Urban, President