

BALDWINSVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.

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2017 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Club Improvements:

Thank you to all the members who attended the Work Party on April 8th. The inside of the clubhouse got a good cleaning, the grounds were raked and cleaned up, the rifle range was rebuilt with the closest target now on the left side and the targets get farther away as you go right. The tractors were readied for the season and many other projects got done. We are a VOLUNTEER club and your help is much appreciated.

There are many small "warm" weather projects still to be done. If we don't get them done this summer, we may schedule a work party in August or September before the weather turns cold.

If you attended the work party please check your tools. I am still missing a green rake that has my name on it. Please contact me if you have it.

Shooting Sports

Weekly **trap practice** is on Monday at 5:30 pm weather permitting. Our club will also be participating in the six team Tri-County Trap League on Wednesday nights. The league shooting locations will rotate between the participating clubs. The schedule and rules are posted on our website. The rifle range will be closed on these dates (5/31 and 7/12) from 3:00 pm on when B'ville is the host club. For more information on trap practice or the trap league contact Dave Urban at 635-7736 or Earl Crow at 447-1381.

Weekly **sporting clays** is on Thursday at 4:30 pm weather permitting. For information on sporting clays call Joe Bill at 315-243-4675.

Skeet, Trap, and 5-Stand Sporting Clays shooting will continue Saturdays starting at 9:30am. The new process of signing up to shoot at the kitchen counter has worked out great. We do need volunteers to man the counter. In return your shooting is free the next week.

Monthly Meetings and Memberships

Club meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse on Kingdom Road. Get your dues in now and take advantage of the club facilities all year. Memberships are available at the club at our Thursday meeting or on Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00noon. If you are a current member and wish to renew by mail, please download the application form off the website and be sure to include your vehicle license number. If you have a \$10 work voucher from 2016 be sure to include it along with your check. Memberships remain \$50 for 2017.

Lost and Found

We have a growing collection of shooting gear, jackets, sweatshirts, glasses etc. in the club that members have left behind. The stuff is on shelves to your left when you enter the club. The clothing is hanging on hooks to the left of the door. Please check the area the next time you are in the club.

Shotgun Championship

Our annual club shotgun championship will be held on Saturday, June 10th. The championship is awarded to the shooter with the high combined score in Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays (or 5-Stand). Registration opens at 9:30am with a cut-off time of 12:00noon. Shooting will start at 10:00am. There is an entry fee of \$10 per shooter. Since this is a club championship you must be a 2017 members to participate.

If you don't regularly shoot one of the shotgun sports you still have a few weeks to practice. Yes, it is a competition, but it is also a lot of fun. Even if you are just an average shotgun shooter, come out and have a great time with other "average" shooters.

Shotgun 101 Classes

We held classes on three consecutive weekends and the feedback indicates it was a big success. The members who participated in the classes were very appreciative of the opportunity to learn the basics and gain experience in shooting trap, skeet, and 5-stand sporting clay's. We have already seen some of the participants come back and shoot on Saturday and Monday evening trap practice. Thank you to all the instructors who shared their knowledge and gave of their time to introduce other to the shotgun sports we enjoy. A special thanks to Mike Cahill for organizing the events and to Dan Spier for setting up the interactive surveys and on-line registration.

Fun Shoot for Rifle and Pistol

Registration is open for our Fun Shoot on June 17th. There are three categories you can choose from: Rifle without scope, Rifle with scope, and Pistol. At this time, we are lacking shooters signing up. If we do not get more members to sign up soon the event may be canceled.

Conservation Camp

The club will be sending one youth to attend a NYSDEC Conservation Camp. This year we are delighted to again be sending Anna Taylor, daughter of Jesse Taylor, to a DEC summer camp. We will have Anna talk about her experience at this summer's camp at one of our Fall meetings.

Website

Check the website (www.bvillerodandgun.com) between newsletters. We are trying to keep it updated and all club events are posted on the Calendar.

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 now located on the rifle range. The shotgun sports log sheets are on the sign-up clipboards on the kitchen counter in the clubhouse.

Please Clean up Your Empty Brass and Shotgun Shells:

Please clean up your empty brass on the rifle range and your empty shotgun shells on the shotgun ranges. Receptacles are provided on all ranges and volunteers who cut the lawn should not have to pick up for others before they mow. Please do your part and do not leave empty shotgun shells on the lawn.

The days are getting longer, but a reminder that **all shooting must end 15 minutes before sunset.**

See you at the Club!

Dave Urban, President