

BALDWINSVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.

Member Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

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2017 FALL NEWSLETTER

Annual Banquet

All members and their families are invited to our annual banquet on Thursday, December 7th, at Pasta's on The Green at Foxfire. Pasta's is located in the clubhouse at Foxfire Golf Course in Village Green. The address is 1 Village Blvd., Baldwinsville, NY 13027. Their phone number is 315-638-1362. 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, December 2nd for reservations. Our guest speaker will be Sheriff Eugene Conway. Sheriff Conway was our quest in 2015 and will give us an update on the Safe Act, Pistol Permit Registration, our new Judges and any other topics you would like addressed. Please forward any questions for Sheriff Conway to Dave Urban at least a week before the meeting.

Officers for 2018

The following members have agreed to serve or have accepted their nomination to serve as officers for 2018: President - Dave Urban; Vice President - Jon Knickerbocker ; Secretary - Earl Crow; Treasurer - Ron Simmons; Membership Chairman - Dave Law. Directors: Tony Visciglio Jr., Michael Cahill (replacing Jim Hinman), and John Kleaka who are starting their second year of their 2-year term. The board of director's nominees for the two-year term are: Jack Harrington, Dan Spier, and Joe Bill. The vote for 2018 officers and directors will take place at the Annual Banquet.

Significant Purchases/Projects in 2017

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. Thank you to those members who volunteered their time and talents to help with these accomplishments: rebuilt the sign in front of the club; repaired the 50-yard berm (thank you to Randy Shute for bringing over his payloader to move dirt and stone); painted bare wood and touched up outside wood; installed flashing on the high skeet house; put down stone in the 5-Stand Sporting Clay area; power washed the outside of clubhouse; completed the landscaping on the 100 yard range pipe project; thanks to a generous donation from member John Vivenzio, we were able to add many interactive steel targets to our rifle/pistol range; constructed a steel frame on the 230-yard range to hold more steel targets; Purchased archery target frames; plus we will have started an expansion of our garage which includes a concrete floor; we also sent Anna Taylor to DEC camp

Conservation Camp

The club was able to sponsor one youth to attend a NYSDEC Conservation Camp. This year we again 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. We are delighted that Anna would like to again attend a DEC camp in 2018.

Range Officers

We are seeking new volunteers to serve as Range Officers when you are at the ranges. Tony Visciglio has agreed to chair this group. We will be offering a training class for new and former members. The main role of a Range Officer is to make sure all shooters are following the posted rules and shooting safely. You are never asked to get into a confrontation with another member. A reminder every member is a range officer. Speak up if you see someone breaking rules or acting in an unsafe manner.

Shotgun 101/Turkey Shoot

The Shotgun 101 classes were a big success this year and we will offer it again next year. Time ran out for a Turkey Shoot this year, but we are planning on one in 2018.

Shooting Sports

The sporting clays season is over except for the special events. Skeet, trap, and 5-stand sporting clays shooting will continue Saturdays starting at 9:30am until around 12:30pm. A group of trap shooters are now shooting at 1:00pm in the afternoon on **Wednesdays**. Most Saturdays in the winter we will try to have some form of a hot lunch prepared by the Cottage Restaurant.

2018 Dues Increase

The dues for 2018 will be **increased to \$60**. We have not had a dues increase in many years and need an increase in dues to maintain the club's facilities. A reminder we offer a \$10 voucher for attending a work party. If you are a current member you may renew by mail. Please print out the membership application form on the website and send it to PO Box 232 with your check.

2018 Memberships/Renewals will be available at the Annual Meeting December 7th and every Saturday after that. The Membership Committee is at the club Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 12noon and at the monthly meeting the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. A reminder the combination for the gate will be changed January 1st.

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. Shotgun shooters please pick up your empty shells.

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

Don't forget to check out our website for current events and updates between newsletters. The website is: www.bvillerodandgun.com.

Have a safe and successful hunting season. See you December 7th.

Dave Urban, President