

BALDWINSVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.

Member Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

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2018 FALL NEWSLETTER

Annual Banquet

All members and their families are invited to our annual banquet on Thursday, December 6th, at Pasta's on The Green at Foxfire. Pasta's is 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 \$20.00 each, \$37.00 per couple, and \$14 for children. Call Dave Urban at 635-7736 or email him at daveurban@att.net by Saturday, December 1st for reservations. Our guest speaker will be Tom Booking from NY Sturgeon For Tomorrow. Tom will present a slide show and video about the Sturgeon. It will cover the history of Sturgeon in NYS, and update on in recent improvements in stocking, and teach us a great deal about this unusual fish. It should make for a very entertaining evening.

Officers for 2019

The following members have agreed to serve or have accepted their nomination to serve as officers for 2019: President - Dave Urban; Vice President - Jon Knickerbocker; Secretary - VACANT; Treasurer - Ron Simmons; Membership Chairman - Dave Law. Directors: Jack Harrington, Dan Spier, and Joe Bill who are starting their second year of their 2-year term. The board of director's nominees for the two-year term are: Ed Froats, Joe Mocyk, and John Kleaka. The vote for 2019 officers and directors will take place at the Annual Banquet. Please consider nominating yourself for Secretary.

Significant Purchases/Projects in 2018

We completed the garage expansion project. It has worked out very well. With the concrete floor it has made unloading a delivery of clay targets a much easier process. And even with 6 pallets of clay targets in the garage we have plenty of room for all our power equipment. We purchased archery targets and stands to improve the archery range. We purchased a new snow blower that is much easier to operate and still have the old one. We were able to send one youth, Anna Taylor, to a DEC camp. We awarded a scholarship to Troy Anthony. Troy will be attending Virginia Tech's Department of Building Construction with a focus on building design that will have the least impact on the natural environment. Although our Gravely zero turn mower has been very dependable, we did have to make significant repairs this year. We just completed the enclosure for our Ford tractor. We also sent 3 club members to an NRA Range Safety Officer Certification Class held at the club in September. We received an order of clay targets in October that will keep us stocked well into next year. Repairs were made to the clubhouse roof to make it last many more years.

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 Pack Forrest near Lake George. At our October meeting Anna gave a wonderful presentation about her experience at Camp Pack Forrest. We are delighted that Anna would like to again attend a DEC camp in 2019. We would like to sponsor up to 4 youth in 2019. The DEC camps are open to youth between the age of 12 to 17, so give it some thought.

Range Officers

We are seeking new volunteers to serve as Range Officers when you are at the ranges. Tony Visciglio held several meetings last year, but if you were not able to attend and are interested please contact Tony at 315-278-3121. 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.

Shooting Sports

The regular Thursday sporting clays season and Monday trap are over until the Spring. Skeet, trap, and 5-stand sporting clays shooting will continue Saturdays starting at 9:30am until around 12:30pm. A group of trap and skeet shooters are shooting at 1:00pm in the afternoon on **Wednesdays**, so if you are free on Wednesday please come out and join them.

2019 Dues

The dues for 2019 will **remain at \$60**. In 2019 we will offer a \$20 voucher for attending a work party. There was only one work party in 2018 and it was poorly attended. We need your help to keep the club in good shape without raising the dues. Renewals and new memberships for 2019 will be available at the Annual Meeting on December 6th and on Saturdays after that. 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. We need the form and your vehicle information, so please do not just mail in a check. 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.

VOLUNTEERS

I recently sent out an email looking for volunteers to help with Buildings & Grounds, Membership Committee, IT Support, Range Maintenance, Range Safety Officers, Officers/Directors, and helping with the Shotgun Sports. We have a great group of volunteers, but we need a lot more. It is your club, so please consider in helping in some way.

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 6th.

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