

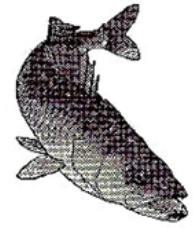


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2021 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Work party

Spring work day is scheduled for Saturday April 17th, 2021 (rain date May 8th). Please mark your calendar. Clean up and general maintenance will be done. Work starts at 9AM and all ranges are closed until work is completed. Coffee, soft drinks, donuts and lunch will be provided.

Projects this spring include:

- 100yd berm repair
- Stocking clay targets in all the trap houses,
- Cleaning clay target debris on lawn
- Chipping limbs and brush on sporting clays field
- Clean clubhouse inside (tables, windows, floors, etc)
- Repair fence along Kingdom Rd
- Remove debris along Kingdom Rd

A full list of projects will be available in the clubhouse. Many hands make for light work, please come out and help. Please bring rakes, shovels, tools, etc. We are a volunteer run club, but we do offer a \$10 voucher toward next years membership to those who participate in the work party.

Covid-19

In mid-March 2020 we were forced to limit shooting activities at the club due to the Covid-19 pandemic. A lot has changed and the situation is much improved. The club has decided to reinstate our normal guest policy. As per our By-laws "*An adult member may bring one (1) guest with them to shoot informally on the Club ranges*". Please remember that the member is responsible for the actions of the guest, most importantly range safety. The clubhouse is open on Saturday mornings from 9am to 2pm, masks required. Please use social distancing when shooting on our outdoor ranges. Thank you for being smart to stay healthy. I encourage everyone to get their Covid-19 shot. It will protect you, your loved ones, and fellow shooters.

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. All members are welcome! Memberships are available at the club at our monthly meeting or on the first and third Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Yearly dues are still just \$60. New members please follow the instructions on the web page under "Membership Information". If you are a current member and wish to renew by mail, please download the renewal application form off the website and mail it in with your payment. A new membership card and the gate combination will be mailed to you.

Shooting Sports

The rifle/pistol/archery range is open 7 days a week unless a special event is scheduled. Shooting hours are Monday to Saturday 8am until 15 minutes before sunset. Sundays 10am until 15 minutes before sunset. On Saturdays Trap, Skeet, and 5-Stand Sporting Clays start at 9am and are done around 1:00pm. On Wednesdays the Trap and Skeet fields are open at 10:00am. Trap and skeet are \$4 per round, and Sporting Clays is \$5

Weekly trap practice on Monday at 5:30pm and Sporting Clays on Thursday at 4:30pm. These will continue through September weather permitting.

Tri-County Trap League

We would like to invite all our club members that enjoy trap shooting, of all experience levels, to join our B'ville Summer Trap Team Wednesday nights. We compete for 15 weeks shooting one round, 25 targets, weekly starting April 21st. We have a competitive team and all we need is more members on the Trap Team of all skill levels. If you are interested, please contact Dave Urban at daveurban@att.net or 315-635-7736.

This year it will be a "hybrid" league. The first rotation (5 weeks) will be shot at your home club. We hope on week 6 it will return to a traveling league. The first shoot is at Baldwinsville April 21st. League time is 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

The top 5 scores for your team make up your score for that evening. So, if you are a beginning shooter you don't hurt the team, but it will help you become a better shooter. The more shooters on your team the better chance you have of having 5 good scores.

Come as often as you can, there is no penalty if you cannot make a night. Fees are \$15 the first week and then the weekly shooting fee is \$5 (\$12 and \$3 for Juniors).

Shotgun Championship

Our annual club shotgun championship is on Saturday, June 12th this year, so please save the date. The winner is the highest scoring total from a round of Trap, Skeet, and Sporting clays. More information will follow.

NRL-22

The NRL-22 matches will be continuing for the summer, the next is on Saturday, April 24th at 12 noon. You do not need special equipment, bring a .22 and come shoot! Sign up and practice starts at 10am the match starts at 11:30am. There is a \$10 entry fee. Contact Eric Stephens for details (917-300-8511). Detailed info can also be located on the NRL-22 website nrl22.org

Events

We will be hosting the Ruffed Grouse Society of CNY for a Sporting Clays shoot on Sunday, August 1st. Volunteers are needed, contact Joe Bill (315-243-4675) or Ed Froats (315-622-2185) if you can help.

Grounds Maintenance

Weekly maintenance is usually on Monday morning with lawn mowing, trimming, etc. Please be respectful of these volunteers and refrain from shooting until they are finished downrange. If you are bored at home, tired of shooting, or have no ammo, you are welcome to join those volunteers! This is

a volunteer club; we need your help to keep it running. If you have time or a special skill to offer, contact us via e-mail. Thank you!

Last but not least..... SAFETY

The shooting sports can be a safe and enjoyable activity, but it all up to **YOU!** New and experienced shooters must follow all Safety rules. The club has posted range safety rules, please take a moment to read the big red signs the next time you are at the range. We have designed our ranges and included safety systems to make the range safer. Berms, fences, safety lights, flags, and signage all help contribute to safety, but the ultimate responsibility is yours. Please use common sense to be safe. Every member on the range is a “safety officer”. If you see something that is not safe, say something. Please be polite and do not be insulted if someone points out a safety issue. As a reminder:

The Fundamental NRA rules for safe gun handling are:

ALWAYS Keep The Gun Pointed In A Safe Direction. This is the primary rule of gun safety.

ALWAYS Keep Your Finger Off The Trigger Until Ready To Shoot.

ALWAYS Keep The Gun Unloaded Until Ready To Use.

Select range rules:

Use the rifle/pistol range safety light system. Be aware of others downrange at all times.

Do NOT touch or handle firearms while others are downrange.

Place targets so that shots will impact the berm, no targets on the ground

Eye and ear protection are mandatory.

No rapid fire.

The aforementioned rules are important, but please follow all the safety rules. Thank you.

You must lock the gate when entering or leaving the club parking lot.

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

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

See you at the Club!

Joe Bill, President