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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take the time to thank everyone who has ever done anything to benefit The Coon Valley Conservation Club. Your contributions to the club are valued and appreciated. There have always been volunteers of CVCC. People donate countless hours in a selfless effort to promote conservation. We couldn't be the club that we are today-without people who are willing to donate time and energy. We exist as a non-profit organization promoting and supporting countless educational programs and conservation-related efforts. Our hats are off to anyone who willing to

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CLUB RECEIVES DNR AWARD

The Coon Valley Conservation Club was one of six groups that received a 2008 statewide fisheries awards from the Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Management

program at their annual banquet on February 27th at Wisconsin Dells. Club members Bruce King and Ron Moilien were in attendance to accept this award on behalf of our club. Our reward was for our vital partnership with the DNR and their wild trout stocking program. Due to the presence of VHS, wild Timber Coulee brown trout transfer from the field to the Nevin Hatchery was not allowed. So, in order to continue the wild trout program in 2007, an alternative streamside site needed to be found and our club stepped in to offer our rearing facilities. Our club members also made themselves available to help the DNR staff during the egg collection process, which included the use of our facilities and club buildings. This honor is definitely one that every club member should be proud of and a very special thank you to those members who were on hand to assist with this important project for our club and the DNR.



Pictured left to right: DNR Fisheries Director Mike Staggs, fisheries biologist Jordan Weeks, Bruce King and Ron Moilien of the Coon Valley Conservation Club, and fisheries supervisor Dave Vettrano

BIG BUCK CONTEST

This year was no exception as several monster bucks were shot during the Wisconsin 2008 gun season. Capturing top honors for the largest rack was David Torgerson with an 8 point rack that measured a 24 1/8 inches inside spread. The deer weighed 168.2 lbs.

Royce Curtis captured the weight category with a 200 lb 11 pointer with an 19 7/8 inch spread. Thanks to Charlie Nelson for organizing the contest and scoring the deer. Congrats to all hunters who entered our Big Buck Contest. Good job on a safe season and an equally safe and responsible season this year for 2009.

As better nutrition and quality hunting management become more common in the area, the result is larger deer. Both whitetail buck and doe seem to ever increase in size.



Royce Curtis, Dave Torgerson, Colin Sveum

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



JANUARY

29

MONTHLY
MEETING
Club Grounds

FEBRUARY

14-15

3-D BOW SHOOT
Club Grounds

26

MONTHLY
MEETING
Club Grounds

MARCH

7

SPRING
FUNDRAISER
Coon Valley
Village Hall

14-15

3-D BOW SHOOT
Club Grounds

30

MONTHLY
MEETING

APRIL

4-5

MUZZLELOADER
SHOOT
Club Grounds

18-19

3-D BOW SHOOT
Club Grounds

30

MONTHLY
MEETING



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(as of December 31 2008)

Lifetime Members	358
Annual Members	40

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donate time to complete our mission statement.

It is an exciting time to be a member of the Coon Valley Conservation Club. Our forefather's, who founded the club in the 1940's, would be pleased to see what we have done so far. Our community is better because of our club. We have a beautiful farm that would not have been possible without the hard work that has been done by many so many people in the past. The farm and clubhouse is a testament to the work that has been done thus far. However, it is an ever-evolving process. We need your help to continue to grow.

Looking to the future, everyone should be excited at the concept of redoing our clubhouse. This is no small task. I invite everyone to provide input into this monumental project. Your input is important to the formation of what the clubhouse will look like. Please contact anyone on the building committee. Charlie Nelson and Brad Role have been instrumental in this project so far and they welcome your feedback. Please try to attend meetings in the near future as well so that you are informed in regard to developments. Get involved in the planning now so that you are a part of the process. Contributions by our club members are valued. We wish to take your ideas into consideration as this project moves forward. Perhaps you can share an area of expertise with us that would be beneficial to the project as a whole.

Jon Lee

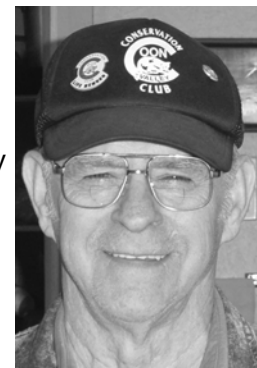


CVCC LOSES VALUABLE MEMBER

We sadly inform our club members that Richard Mathison, a CVCC Lifetime Member, has passed away after a battle with cancer on November 18th, 2008. Richard prepared the CVCC taxes for many years and was a leader of the club to the last days of his life. Richard again, assumed his role at the last CVCC Fall Fundraiser by greeting people and collecting tickets. This was also a job that you could count on him doing. Richard was always looking out for the best for our club, and our club is stronger as a result of his wise council and leadership.

We extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the family of Richard Mathison. We also thank the Mathison family for their generous memorial fund donations in memory of him.

We all will miss him. Rest in Peace. Friend in conservation and avid sportsman, Richard.



Oak Savanna Project



The Coon Valley Conservation Club has dedicated a few acres of the club grounds to be used as an oak savanna. In the 1800's, Wisconsin was covered by more than 5,000,000 acres of oak savannas. Scientists believe that the oak savanna has existed in Wisconsin for the last 25 million years.

Part of the goal of the CVCC is to transform a part of the farm into what existed prior to the 1800's. Returning this land to its original state has been a labor-intensive endeavor. Invasive species have had to be removed such as: locust trees, buckthorn, garlic mustard, multi flora rose, and a few walnut trees.

There are very few oak savannas in Wisconsin these days. They are quite rare considering the invasive species that have come into Wisconsin in the last couple centuries.

An elder club member came by the worksite one day and reminded volunteers that we would see nothing from this in regard to financial gains. While this is true, this is not any relevant point. The countless people who have unselfishly dedicated their time, gas, and energy to this project see a longer term goal. Perhaps this savanna will be a place of study and an inspiration to other clubs to return some of the land back to the land's past.

Before the project began on the dedicated plot, we had a locust savanna growing. With most of the land area cleared, the next steps of establishing prairie plants and oak trees will in the very near future. Thanks to A&M Logging for taking on the majority of this monumental task.

Richard Henderson Bureau of Research Department of Natural Resources:

"Oak savanna now shares equal billing with the tallgrass prairie as the most threatened in the Midwest and the most threatened in the world. Intact examples of oak savanna vegetation are so rare that less than 500 acres are listed in the Natural Heritage Inventory as having a plant assemblage similar to the original oak savanna. This is less than 0.01 % of the original 5.5 million acres. "

If you seek further information on oak savanna communities, please visit these sites:

Richard Henderson Bureau of Research Department of Natural Resources:

www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/es/science/publications/06

USDA Site: Exploring Options to Restore Wisconsin's Oak Savanna - What is an oak savanna: www.mo.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/forestry/out/oak%20savanna.pdf



The new pipe snaked it way through the club grounds

SPRING REPAIR PROJECT

On August 21st, several Department of Natural Resource individuals along with several CVCC members were on hand to help in the spring repair project supplying water to the trout tanks. Pipes were put in from the east end of the grounds to the club buildings. When connected, the output was noticeably increased. Special thanks to the DNR and CVCC members Paul Lewison and Roger Anderson. And, to master digger/operator DNR staff/CVCC member Todd Mathison who deftly maneuvered the backhoe arm.



Todd Mathison and Paul Lewison direct Roger Anderson in the digging.

Fall Trout Planting

On September 30th of 2008 several hundred brook trout were planted in area streams by CVCC members and friends.

A large group of children were in attendance and helped in the loading and stocking activities. Several mini lessons were provided to adults and children in regard to the size, numbers, and overall health of the population that was raised at the club grounds. DNR Mgt. on hand stated that the health of the general fish population was great.



The trout planting and raising of trout has been going on by the club since the 1950's. The club members have planted hundreds and thousands of trout in local streams. Without the help of dedicated members like Chuck Sveum and Roger Anderson, the club would not be able to raise trout. Each day for several months, one of these fellows makes sure that the trout are fed and are getting an adequate amount of water. Thanks, guys!!



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NEW CLUB WEB SITE

Coming soon the CVCC Website will have a whole new look! The new site will bring a bunch of new features, content, and up to date info on the club. Log on to www.coonvalleycc.com for more info.





CVCC Historical Notes

By Jon Lee

The CVCC was founded March 9th 1940. Lowell Gee, who worked for the

Soil Erosion Service was called upon by Frank "Red" Fencil to illustrate what a sportsman's club could do for the area. Fencil and Gee were instrumental in the formation of what our club is today.

The following officers were elected on that March night. President: Frank Fencil, Vice President: Adolph Lee, Secretary and Treasurer: Lowell Gee.

The first directors of the club were: Joe Sedivy, Tilford Lund, H.W. First, and Albert Chapiewsky. The first tellers were: Ed and Edwin Kerska, Bobby Bach, (Pastor Bach's son) and John Spellum.

The earliest meeting dates were the second Tuesday of each month.

Membership dues started at \$1.00 for businesses and professionals, 50 cents for farmers, and men under 18 were 25 cents. The following regular meeting was March 19th 1940 and the number in attendance was 41.

In the 1940's, club members actually contemplated where to stock raccoons and then did! This seems ironic at this particular time. But, hysterically and historically true. Today, the club stocks trout. We have done so since the 1950's. Thousands of trout have been planted in area streams.

Look for more historical items and stories in future editions of this newsletter and on our website.

Do you know . . .



. . . who this Coon Valley master skunk slayer is? Be the first to submit the correct answer to jonlee@mwt.net and win a six pack !!!

2009 Coon Valley Conservation Club Wisconsin DNR Hunter Safety Education Class

The class will meet at the Coon Valley Village Hall from 3:45 – 6:00 PM for seven consecutive Thursdays starting February 5, 2009 and go through March 19, 2009. There will also be two Saturday morning sessions at the Coon Valley Conservation Club from 9:00 AM to Noon on March 7 and March 21. Two make-up and extra review days are also scheduled for Monday March 16 and Tuesday March 17 at the Village Hall from 3:45 – 6:00 PM. Final testing will be at the Thursday March 19 class. Testing include both a written and hands-on tests to earn certification.

New This Year: All students must have a Wisconsin DNR customer number prior to registering for the class. Also, registration for the class can be done on-line at the DNR Web Site (After Jan. 1, 2009) or at the first class. A parent or guardian must accompany students under age 18 to the first class to complete registration.

The class is open to all ages and the emphasis is on Firearm Safety.

Certification is required for anyone born after Jan. 1, 1973 in order to purchase a WI hunting license. It is recommended that students be at least 12 years old prior to their 2009 hunting season of choice; turkey, small game or deer and be ready to accept the responsibility of handling a firearm safely at home, on the shooting range and in the field. Cost of the class is \$10.00

The volunteer instructors are Roger Anderson, Charlie Nelson, Al Haakenson, Corky Roethel, Steve Paulowski, and Royce Curtis. For further information contact any of the instructors.

SPRING FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009
COON VALLEY VILLAGE HALL
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM
TICKETS \$40/per couple

Get your tickets now!!!



Eat Drink
WIN!!
Prizes Guns
Cash



MONTHLY GUN WINNERS

JUNE
MATT WHITE

JULY
ERNIE NELSON

AUGUST
JACK FLETCHER

SEPTEMBER
DAVID WEMETTE

OCTOBER
BOBBY MOILLEN

NOVEMBER
CHARLIE NELSON

DECEMBER
STEVE PAULOSKI



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COON VALLEY CONSERVATION CLUB 2009 MUZZLELOADER SHOOT

Competition Shoots begin at 1:00pm with warm-up, practice, and "free" advice available prior to the competitions.

SHOOT RULES: All shoots are standing offhand position with no telescopic sights or support aids including slings or shooting sticks, etc. Target loads with lead balls or lead bullets only. SAFETY is FOREMOST – Muzzles Up or Down Range at all times! (NOTE: The June 20th shoot is a TRADITIONAL PATCHED BALL ONLY shoot including Knife & Hawk Throws with Primitive Attire preferred.)

Sat, April 18	Beginners Clinic @ Noon, Fun Shoot @ 1:00
Fri, May 15—Sun, May 17	Spring CVCC Muzzleloaders Invitational** (with the La Crosse Muzzleloaders)
Sat, Jun 20	Coon Valley Days Shoot with Hawk & Knife Competitions including in the scoring
Sat, Jul 18	"Heat In The Valley" Shoot
Sat, Aug 15	Seventh Annual "Smoke In The Valley" Shoot
Fri, Sep 18—Sun, Sep 20	Fall CVCC Muzzleloaders Invitational**
Sun, Sep 20	Muzzleloader Pheasant Hunt at Badgerland Pheasant Farm, Westby (8-12 noon)

**Invitationals include camping available for the weekend, Fri evening wine and cheese party, Sat Competition Shoot @ 1:00, and a Sat evening stew supper. SHOOTING RANGES are open for sight-ins and practice Fri and Sat AM for Bow, Rifle, Shotgun and Knife & Hawk. This is a full weekend of fun OPEN TO ALL muzzleloader enthusiasts. Camping is also available on the clubgrounds for all other shoots.

For Information Call Royce Curtis 608-452-3809 or www.coonvalleycc.com



FEBRUARY 14 & 15 SWEETHEART SHOOT

Ladies Shoot Free! - 28+ Targets

MARCH 14 & 15 DUAL SHOOT w/CHASEBURG ROD & GUN CLUB

Shoot at both clubs & be eligible to win \$250 or a
Rinehart Razorback Boar target! - 28+ Targets

APRIL 4 & 5 DUAL SHOOT w/CHASEBURG ROD & GUN CLUB

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COON VALLEY CONSERVATION CLUB GROUNDS Registration from 7:30am to 3pm Food and Beverages available

For more information call Al Haakenson (452-9999)
Or visit www.coonvalleycc.com