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EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED !!!

We still have over 300 members who have not provided email addresses. Please help reduce the CVCC mailing costs by sending your email address to -

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Kevin King –

I would like to thank all members for their hard work and dedication put forth this past spring and summer. We have come along way on the oak savanna project, the club house committee is moving forward getting quotes for either a total remodel of the current club house or the construction of new club house. The gun range committee is currently waiting to have a representative from the NRA come to our club and give us guidance on the best way to utilize our shooting range grounds. Along with this the current rental property has been upgraded with a thorough cleaning, new kitchen flooring, all downstairs hardwood floors have been striped sanded and refinished, and all small repairs have been completed. The newsletter and web site are up and running. The fall fundraiser is just around the corner I expect a great turnout along with an excellent opportunity at some great prizes thanks to all who have worked on all these projects, and a special thanks to all who do the food plots weekly mowing and maintenance on our club grounds, more volunteer are always needed to keep our grounds looking as good as they do now. Chad and Leah Thurin and their children are our new tenants they moved in on 15 September please give them a warm welcome. As always I encourage all members to come to the monthly meeting held the last Thursday of every month all members are also welcome at our monthly board meeting held the second Thursday of every month. Good luck to all our hunting members in the upcoming hunting seasons. Be Safe.

CVCC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

The CVCC Board of Directors has begun an effort to create a CVCC Policies and Procedures Manual. This manual would include the Standard Operating Procedures followed in the operation of the CVCC. Examples of items to be included are current mission statement, membership procedures, use of the clubhouse and clubgrounds, equipment use, maintenance and storage, current committees, long range plans, copies of the current by laws, etc. The purpose of this manual is to collect this information in one document to avoid having to search through past minutes or members' recollections to determine what the established procedures are. This will be a dynamic document that will be kept updated by the Board of Directors. Members input and suggestions are welcome in the effort.

CVCC LONG RANGE PLANNING UPDATE:

Long range efforts currently include work by the Clubhouse Committee, Shooting Ranges Improvement Committee, and on the Oak Savanna Project. Please contact any CVCC Board member if you have any questions or concerns.

RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

2010 CVCC CHICKEN Q & FAMILY FUN DAY – SUN, AUG 15: By Jon Lee, Event Chairman

The CVCC Chicken Q was held at the club grounds on Sunday August 15th, 2010. The event was blessed with perfect weather. Sunny skies and cooler temperatures were a welcome respite from the heavy rains, and humid weather that has been the norm recently. Chicken was sold out again in the early afternoon hours and was complimented by sweet corn generously donated by Wayne at Koon Creek Feeds, and coleslaw donated by Scott at Potato King. The Golden Plump Chicken was as tender as ever-as people lined up for the food prepared by a dedicated crew of grillers. The trout pond was open for the youth and several large brook and brown trout were caught, but all were released afterward. The horseshoe pits were active for several hours. 1st round champions were Jon Lee and Zac Mathison. Second round champions were Rod Ofte and Dave Larson. Thanks to Todd Mathison for organizing the event. Thanks to the Coulee Track and Trail Snowmobile Club for helping us to secure a great turnout by supporting the annual CVCC Chicken Q. Thanks also to the Steve Pauloski and Coon Valley Boy Scout troop for helping in so many ways during the event. Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers that made this a success. We could not do this event without your help. We thank you kindly.

VERNON COUNTY FAIR 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PREMIUM SHOOT – SUN. AUG. 29:

Competition for Premiums in the Shooting Sports Projects of Archery, Air Rifle, .22 Rifle, Muzzleloader, and Shotgun took place on the CVCC shooting ranges from noon to 3 PM. Each competition was conducted and scored by a certified Shooting Sports leader. At the end of the competitions ribbons were awarded. The annual 4-H Shooting Sports scholarship was awarded to Logan Moser and the end of year drawing for a firearm was won by Tom Shaha. Competitors and parents were treated to a meal by CVCC volunteers Charlie & Kim Nelson and Fuzzy Miller. The 4-H Shooting Sports Project thanks the CVCC for hosting this event and looks forward to utilizing the CVCC shooting ranges next year for all of our activities including 3 Sunday evening practices, a July competition and the annual premium shoot.

CVCC “WORK DAY” – SEPT. 11:

Several CVCC members spent most of the day working on the Oak Savanna project. Many trees were skidded down the hill and many others were cut and also skidded down using our Kubota and Kevin's Ford. Thanks to Paul Lewison for cooking the noon lunch and to members Kevin, Roger, Paul, Darin, Clay, John, and Royce for their efforts.

CVCC MUZZLELOADERS ACTIVITIES:

August 15 "Smoke in the Valley" Shoot-

Ten shooters competed in the Annual Smoke in the Valley shoot on Sat. Aug. 21st. This was the 8th anniversary of our first CVCC Muzzleloader Shoot. Taking top honors was John Alseth in a shoot-off with Dick Seib. Next in line was Royce Curtis in 3rd place after a shoot off with Scott Hobson. All shooters received prizes. After the competition several shooters assisted the Karl Schalter family in shooting muzzleloaders. All were successful in hitting the targets (even better than some of us competitors!)

This first "Smoke in the Valley" shoot was organized by Arvid Holey, Bill Marquardt, and Royce Curtis. The CVCC muzzleloader shoots have expanded over the years to include monthly shoots from April through September. The May and September shoots are "Invitationals" Open to the Public with many activities scheduled throughout the weekend. CVCC members and muzzleloader enthusiasts return these two weekends to camp, shoot, share their expertise, swap stories and enjoy the our fantastic facilities. We typically have shooters from all over Wisconsin as well as Minnesota and Illinois attend.

Sept. 17 – 19 Fall Muzzleloader Invitational & Pheasant Hunt –

The 2010 Fall Muzzleloader Invitational and Pheasant Hunt was held from Sept. 17 - 19. Highlights included trap and sporting clays shooting on Friday and Saturday (Cowboy and the Scout Troop 322 went through over 500 rounds!), rifle sight in's on Friday and Saturday morning, rifle competition on Saturday afternoon and the annual muzzleloader pheasant hunt on Sunday morning at Badgerland Pheasant Farm. Participants also enjoyed Friday fish at the Stockyards followed by a wine and cheese party. Saturday noon Paul Lewison served grilled hamburgers to all the shooters. The trophy winners at the rifle shoot were Brian Joiner, first place and Stan Richason, first loser (second place). After the shoot all were treated to an evening meal of muzzleloader stew prepared by Tim Sample and crew. In the evening Jeff Noe and Rick Kalvig demonstrated their fint knapping skills and more trap shooting was done. Sunday morning found 15 pheasant hunters with their muzzleloaders heading off the Badgerland Pheasant Farm. After the smoke cleared 20 pheasants were hung up on the meat pole. Many pitched in to help with set up and take down of the equipment as well as cleaning up the clubhouse and grounds making the weekend another fun and successful event for all of our muzzleloader enthusiasts.



Scouts Shooting Trap



Rifle Competition



Pheasant Hunters

DRIFTLESS FOLK SCHOOL 2010 HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION CLASS:

Twenty three new hunters were certified on Thur. Sept. 23. Two students recorded perfect scores and the overall class average was 95.5%. This was a challenging class for both students and instructor due to the short time frame and number of students. The successful outcome would not have been possible without outstanding student efforts and the dedication of the instructors. Instructors were Corky Roethel, Charlie Nelson, Lillian Primmer and Royce Curtis. Several of the graduates gathered at the CVCC shooting range on Sat. Sept. 25 to shoot .22 rifles, 20 ga. Shotguns. (Note: The 2011 CVCC class will began in February. Watch for an announcement in the Winter CVCC Newsletter.)

CVCC TROUT REARING:

This year's crop of wild brook trout will be stocked October 1 by the DNR. The tanks will then be cleaned and sterilized in preparation for the breeder trout. Eggs will then be stripped on a weekly basis by the DNR technicians to provide next years trout for many of Wisconsin's streams. Members and the public are welcome to visit and observe this process.

CVCC WELCOME NEW RENTAL HOUSE TENANTS:

The CVCC welcomes new tenants Chad and Liah Thurin and family.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

NEW NEWSLETTER FEATURE: The newsletter will be featuring a short article each issue submitted by a member highlighting a recent trip or activity of interest to the membership. Many members have the opportunity to travel to exotic places to hunt, fish, camp, canoe, etc. that the rest of us only dream about. We are asking those members who are willing to share their experiences through the Newsletter.

HISTORICAL NOTES by Jon Lee:

The first meeting of the CVCC board of directors was held on March 29th, 1940. Officers and directors in attendance were: H.W. First, Frank Fencil, Tilford Lund, W.L.Gee, Adolph Lee, and Joe Sedivie
Committee Chairman Present were: Albert Sedevie and Fred Reber

It was decided that members who have memberships prior to the May meeting of 1940 would be charter members of the Coon Valley Sportsman's Club. The 28 charter members of the Coon Valley Sportsman's Club were as follows:

Frank "Red" Fencil	Adolph Lee	William Lowell Gee	Fred Reber
Earl Spellum	John Spellum	Ted Dreves	Edwin Kerska
Bob Tremain	Joe Sedevie	Mervin Henley	Einar Anderson
Tilford Lund	Anton Nordstrom	H.W. First	L.A. Knutson
Bobby Bach	Albert Chapiewsky	Ira Tiedeman	Herb Jothan
Arnold Schlicht	Harold Johnson	Albert Sedivie	Le Roy Melgard
Gerard Holey	Ivan Rumsey	Paul Bluske	

UPCOMING CVCC ACTIVITIES

Clubhouse PROJECT UPDATE:

A floor plan has been submitted to 6 different contractors for bids to compare the cost of remodeling the existing clubhouse to the cost of new construction as directed by the membership. These comparative costs will be used by the membership to decide the future direction of this project.

Oak Savanna PROJECT UPDATE:

Work continues on clearing the area. Much was accomplished on the Sept. 11 work day. Additional work includes clearing of stumps and re-growth in the area as well as chemical treatment to prevent locus re-growth. Some options are being investigated for mechanical stump and brush removal.

NRA Range Technical Team VISIT:

The NRA team will be visiting the CVCC on to evaluate our facilities and provide options and recommendations for improvements to all of our shooting ranges. The NRA team will be led by Jeff Uhrig of Lodi, WI and is scheduled to be here Oct 3rd. The Shooting Ranges Improvement committee will utilize the findings of the NRA team to formulate specific recommendations to the CVCC Board and membership for improving the safety and functionality of our shooting ranges.

FALL FUNDRAISER:

Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Coon Valley Village Hall. New format, meal and activities. Doors open at 5:00 PM.

Annual CVCC “Big Deer” Contest:

This years “Big Deer” contest will be run by last year’s co-winners – Jon Lee for heaviest deer and Matt Anderson for biggest rack. The contest is for CVCC members only and covers the 9 day gun season plus the muzzleloader season. The contest is judged at the December membership meeting – witnessed weight slips are required as is presentation of the racks for measuring inside spread and number of points minimum length 1”. The winner(s) earn not only bragging rights but also the privilege of serving at the January meeting and running next year’s contest. The entry fee is \$5.00. Good luck to all!

SECOND RAFFLE FOR THE SERIOUS SPORTSMEN:

CVCC members will be distributing tickets to our second annual “Raffle for the Serious Sportsmen” in November. Ticket sales will be limited and offered first to those who purchased tickets last year by the member who sold the ticket. Any tickets left over will then be offered to new buyers. Monthly drawings will be held at the CVCC regular meetings from January 2011 through December 2011. The proceeds will again go into the Clubhouse Improvement Fund.

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR:



Club Meetings – Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 30 @ 7:30 PM
Board Meetings – Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9 @ 7:30 PM
Oct 2-10 - Disabled Deer Hunt – **CLUBGROUNDS CLOSED!**
Oct 9 - Fall Fund Raiser
November – Annual CVCC Big Deer Contest
November - Raffle for the Serious Sportsman – Tickets go on sale
January 30, 2011 – 2011 Membership Kick Off Meeting
February 3, 2011 - Hunter Safety Education Class begins
February 12-13, 2011 - “Sweetheart” Bow Shoot
March 12 – 13, 2011 – Dual Bow Shoot with Chaseburg Rod & Gun
April 9 – 10, 2011 - Dual Bow Shoot with Chaseburg Rod & Gun