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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Kevin King –

Time flies when you're having fun. This is how I think of my past year as president of the CVCC. There have been some interesting discussions and motions over the past year. We have completed one of the two stages in the remodel of our rental house; a new weapons range plan has been approved as well as the ongoing oak savanna project. My hope is by the time this message is distributed we will have a plan for our club house. Along with this the current board has been working on a total club grounds plan as well as a standard operating procedure, all of which are based on our current bylaws. There is still a lot of work to do and I have great confidence that the upcoming president, board and committees will move forward with these plans. We have had great success with all of our fund raising activities this past year and the funds have been allocated for upcoming projects which I have mentioned earlier.

I hope to see you all at the April meeting which will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Immediately following the meeting we will hold our annual election of officers and board members, I encourage you all to attend and to also consider running for any office to include president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, we will also be electing two new board members. Thank you all and Good Luck to all spring turkey hunters and fisherman. Be safe!

## FROM THE "INTERIUM" EDITOR: "STEPPING UP" Opportunity – APRIL ELECTIONS

Here's your chance to get more involved with the planning and decision making processes of the CVCC. All offices are up for election including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Board Members. This group is entrusted by the membership to conduct the business of the CVCC and bring forth recommendations to the membership for approval of all major club decisions.

The future of the CVCC depends on having dedicated individuals with the ability to work together as a Board and with the membership to serve the best interests of the CVCC. Please consider volunteering for or accepting a nomination for one of these offices.

#### **CVCC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

The Board is continuing to work on documenting club policies and procedures. Webmaster Tom Parlow has added a feature to our web site that allows us to more easily track past motions and incorporate them into the policies and procedures manual. A draft of a CVCC facilities use agreement has been approved by the Board.

#### **CVCC LONG RANGE PLANNING UPDATE:**

The Board is working with all of our active projects to coordinate these efforts. We are evaluating the status of our Forestry Plan to determine what needs to be done to bring the plan up to date. The Hunter Safety Instructors have been discussing future needs for equipment and will be seeking grant funding for these needs.

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## **RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES**

#### **CVCC Spring Fundraiser – Saturday, Mar, 5, 2011:**

We had another very successful fundraiser. Thanks to all those who pitched in to help in any way! The proceeds will be used to support on going projects such as clubhouse and shooting ranges improvements, rental house upgrades, and clubgrounds maintenance.

#### **CVCC 3D Bow Shoots -**

The February and March 3D shoots were held with good numbers of shooters attending. Check out the results on the CVCC Web Site. Many very positive comments have been received about our course. Thanks to all of the work done by members setting up the course and running the shoots. The final 3D shoot will be April 9 and 10 and will be a dual shoot with the Chaseburg Rod and Gun Club.

#### **2011 Hunter Safety Education Classes -**

The CVCC certified our second largest class ever. All 43 students successfully passed the certification exams given Mar. 15 and 17 with an overall class average of 95%. Most were able to participate in the end of class .22 rifle competition on Sat. Mar. 19. This year's Top Students were Alyssa Hoff and Owen Gluch with 100% test scores. The Top Shooters on Saturday were Samantha Oftedahl and Jonathan Hoff. All received their Hunter Safety Certificates, Patches and a Blaze Orange CVCC Hunter Safety Hat.

Volunteer instructors for the class were Roger Anderson, Al Haakenson, Charlie Nelson, Corky Roethel, Steve Pauloski, Lillian Primmer, and Royce Curtis. Also assisting was apprentice instructors Jay Sandman and Don Primmer plus youth instructor Hunter Pauloski.

The CVCC On-Line Hunter Safety class is in progress with a full class of 30 students. All course work is being completed using the International Hunter Education on-line lessons. These students will complete the class on Apr. 30 with an all-day demonstration, practice and testing "Field Day" at the CVCC.

#### **2011 Hunter Safety Graduates "Live Firing" Saturday, Mar. 19**



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## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

### **Call for Stories from CVCC Members:**

Each issue we would like to include stories from members about their activities that would be of interest to all the membership. Many of our members take trips – hunting, fishing, etc. - that the rest of us only dream about. We are looking for those types of stories that you would be willing to share with the membership. Jon Lee and Rod Ofte have shared their Florida Hog Hunt story pictures with us. Check them out on the CVCC Web Site [www.coonvalleycc.com](http://www.coonvalleycc.com).



### **In memory of CVCC Life Member LeRoy Vitale -**

LeRoy Vitale age 85, passed away December 23, 2010 at his home in La Crosse, Wisconsin. LeRoy founded the Lacrosse Muzzleloaders in 1955 with The club's first shoot held in 1956 at Oehlrs cave, located south of Lacrosse. Later shoots were held north of La Crosse toward Holmen. The club members spent several years as a shooting team traveling throughout Minnesota and northern Wisconsin. By the mid 60's the Lacrosse Muzzleloaders had found a home on a member's land outside Warrens, Wisconsin. Over the next 30 years club membership increased to almost 100 members over the original 8 founders.

LeRoy owned a small manufacturing facility that in addition to a commercial product, also produced black powder nipple wrenches and replacement parts for guns. LeRoy developed and produced Black-Solve, a black powder cleaning solution. After many years the product rights were sold to Dixie Gun Works, where it is still available today.

In 1977 he sold the manufacturing business to retire with his wife, spending time in the joys of his life.

Representing one of the oldest black powder muzzleloading clubs in Wisconsin, LeRoy was there for everyone interested in shooting black powder. In time he stepped back to let others lead, but always had input on the functions of the club as well as participating in every shoot.

As time has passed the Lacrosse Muzzleloaders group has dwindled to about 12 members. They continue as a very active group with a new home for the past 6 years in the Coon Valley Conservation Club, in Coon Valley, Wisconsin. LeRoy enjoyed this new location and became a Life Member of the CVCC, attending shoots there as his health permitted. The muzzleloading community will deeply miss LeRoy, his guidance and his tremendous knowledge of black powder firearms and other topics as well.

The current members of La Crosse Muzzleloaders and the CVCC have gifted money to the NMLRA Education Fund in the name of LeRoy Vitale.



### **Historical Notes - "Our First Year" By: Jon Lee**

#### **Meeting Coon Valley Sportsman's Club - June 11, 1940:**

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by President Fencil with 77 members present.

The minutes of the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by the secretary and approved by a motion by IN Knutson which was seconded by Joe Sedevie.

The coming Conservation Congress which will be held July 8 and 9 was discussed and President Fencil announced that W.L. Gee has been elected as one of the three to represent Vernon County. Suggestions were called for. One suggestion was that coon have a two year closed season. Some thought that trapping season should be done away with, but others thought that trapping should be permitted but regulated.

Joe Koula reported his trout pond has been stocked and is getting along fine.

Fencil reported that 50 Reeves pheasants are being obtained and that pheasant eggs are being shipped tomorrow.

Adolph Stumpges suggested posting the headwaters of some of the trout streams. The problems involved were discussed. A motion was made by Ted Dreves and seconded by Joe Sedevie that trout stream headwaters for about ¼ mile be posted and that the fish committee attend to the matter of properly posting and arranging permission from the landowner for such posting.

Lugwig Berg asked whether or not the club could furnish smooth wire for braces on woodland and streambank fence. Motion pictures were shown, lunch was served and the meeting was adjourned.

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## **UPCOMING & CONTINUING CVCC ACTIVITIES**

### **Clubhouse PROJECT UPDATE:**

Evaluation of the project options is in progress. Additional details and cost figures are being Formulated.

### **Oak Savanna PROJECT UPDATE:**

Work on the Oak Savanna area will continue as soon as the weather cooperates; including marking the boundries of the area, clearing of brush and stumps, and inventorying the native plants currently growing in the area. We are exploring the possibility of combining some of this work with the proposed shooting range improvements.

**Shooting Ranges Improvements PROJECT UPDATE:**

The Shooting Ranges Improvement Committee has received one bid so far and waiting for additional bids from which to select a contractor and prepare a recommendation to the Board and Membership.

**Rental House Updates:**

The Board and membership have approved completing improvements to the upstairs area. Upon completion an increase in the monthly rent will be determined.

**Muzzleloader Silhouette Shoot – Sat. Apr. 16 @ 1:00 PM:**

We will be using our new targets made by Chaseburg Mfg. set at 25, 50, 75, 100 and 125 yards. There will be 4 targets at each distance with the winner determined by number of targets tipped over. All muzzleloaders are welcome. Shots will be from Standing Position with no telescopic sights using ONLY LEAD Balls or Bullets. This is intended to be a “FUN SHOOT” with extra muzzleloaders and supplies available for anyone who would like to try a muzzleloader and learn more about muzzleloader shooting.

**Coon Dog Trials – Sun. Apr. 17:**

Local coon dog enthusiasts will be having a coon dog trial at the CVCC beginning at 10 AM. The public is invited to watch braces of coon dogs follow a scent trail through the clubgrounds with the winners awarded cash prizes. Food and beverages will be available for purchase provided by CVCC members.

**On-Line Hunter Safety Field Day – Sat. Apr. 30 All Day:**

The CVCC clubgrounds will be busy with students and instructors involved in demonstration and practice sessions, a DNR Warden presentation, and written and practical exams.

**Spring Muzzleloader Invitational – Fri. May 20 – Sun. May 22:**

This is a “reunion” weekend for our muzzleloader members and friends spread out around the country to get together and share in muzzleloader related activities. Camping, both modern and primitive, is available for the weekend. Activities start with sight-in’s for rifles and trap and skeet shooting on Friday, Friday night fish at the Stockyards followed by a wine and cheese party at the clubhouse. Saturday morning begins with a group breakfast followed by more practice shooting. Burgers are grilled at the gun range for lunch followed by the 1:00 rifle competition. This is followed by our Saturday evening “Muzzleloader Stew” feed and we finish the evening with many Tall Tales around the campfire. Throughout the weekend a practice target is available for primitive bow shooting and the hawk blocks are set up for knife and hawk throwing. ALL events are open to the public and spectators are welcome to come and observe and even participate.

**Coon Creek Rendezvous – Fri. June 24 – Sun. June 26:**

This is an annual event held in the Coon Valley Village Park with many camps and traders set up for the weekend. On going displays and demonstrations include the Saturday afternoon muzzleloader shoot hosted by the CVCC at our shooting range beginning at 1:00. This is followed by knife and hawk competitions at the village park. On Sunday morning bow shoot competition takes place using CVCC 3D targets with only primitive long bow and cedar arrows. The CVCC is happy to support this community event with many of our member as participants.

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## **SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER**



### **UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR:**



**Club Meetings** – Apr. 28, May 26, June 30 @ 7:30 PM  
**Board Meetings** – Apr. 14, May 12, June 9 @ 7:30 PM  
**April 9 – 10, 2011** - Dual Bow Shoot with Chaseburg Rod & Gun  
**April 16, 2011** – First Muzzleloader Shoot  
**April 17, 2011** - Coon Dog Trials  
**April 28, 2011 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
**April 30, 2011** – Field Day for On-Line Hunter Safety Class  
**May 7, 2011** – Hunter Safety Shoot @ Westby Rod & Gun  
**May 20 – 22, 2011** - Spring Muzzleloader Invitational  
**June 24 – 26, 2011** - Coon Creek Rendezvous