



CVCC NEWSLETTER

Summer 2011

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Jay Sandman –

The CVCC currently has two major projects underway that are aimed at improving the existing club grounds. The first project is the oak savannah restoration outlined in previous CVCC newsletters and the second project is a gun range improvement plan recently approved at the June Membership Meeting.

While promotion of shooting sports is not central to the purpose of the CVCC, the bylaws clearly list shooting sports as a means for promoting camaraderie amongst members and to that end, shooting sports have been conducted on the CVCC grounds for years. Consistent usage of the CVCC gun range by members coupled with club sponsored shooting activities such as the Boy Scouts, 4-H shooting sports, Wisconsin Hunter Safety Courses and CVCC muzzleloader shoots has made the gun range a valued club asset.

The impetus for the gun range improvement was generated by the findings of an inspection of the existing CVCC gun range by an NRA Range Inspection Team. While the existing gun range has been excellent for supporting shooting activities over the years, the final report issued by the inspection team clearly outlined several safety concerns with the existing range design in regard to today's gun range safety standards. The gun range plan approved at the June Membership Meeting is focused on addressing these concerns.

In moving forward on this project, I hope all members can see the value in making this improvement. The goal of the project is clear and twofold: (1) to ensure that target shooting conducted at the CVCC grounds is as safe as possible; and (2), to ensure that one of our valued membership privileges, target shooting, does not have to be eliminated from the CVCC grounds in the future.

The gun range improvement project represents a sizable investment by the CVCC. Please take the time to consider past President Kevin King's challenge to donate \$100 to the CVCC gun range improvement fund. Members who utilize target shooting privileges at the club or value club sponsored shooting activities should strongly consider making a donation. As of the June Membership Meeting, 15 CVCC life members had submitted donations. Please add your name to the list.

Lastly, please attend the monthly CVCC membership meetings whenever possible. The strength of the CVCC is based on membership participation and the club values your input.

Sincerely,

Jay Sandman

CVCC President

"SPECIAL REPORT" - Shooting Range Improvement Project

The CVCC members approved the proposal from the Board and Shooting Ranges Improvement Committee to make the safety improvements recommended by the NRA Range Technical Team to our shooting range at the June 30, 2011 membership meeting. Safety issues noted by the NRA Team were – Preventing projectiles from leaving the ranges; Control of access to the ranges when ranges are active; and Protection of shooters when multiple ranges are active. To address these safety issues the Committee spent the last year and a half studying existing ranges and technical materials from the NRA and the National Shooting Sports Foundation. A "concept plan" was developed and presented to the Board and CVCC members at the January meetings. This concept plan was approved and the Committee was directed to solicit bids and associated cost figures for implementation. The resulting proposal was presented and approved -

Phase 1: Accept Manske's proposal to do all the dirt work for the berms, impact areas, expanded parking and oak savanna work. Build targets and move shooting benches to shooting areas, install signs, fencing and gates to make ranges usable for this fall.

COST: Ranges \$29,050 + Oak Savanna \$2,500 = \$31,550

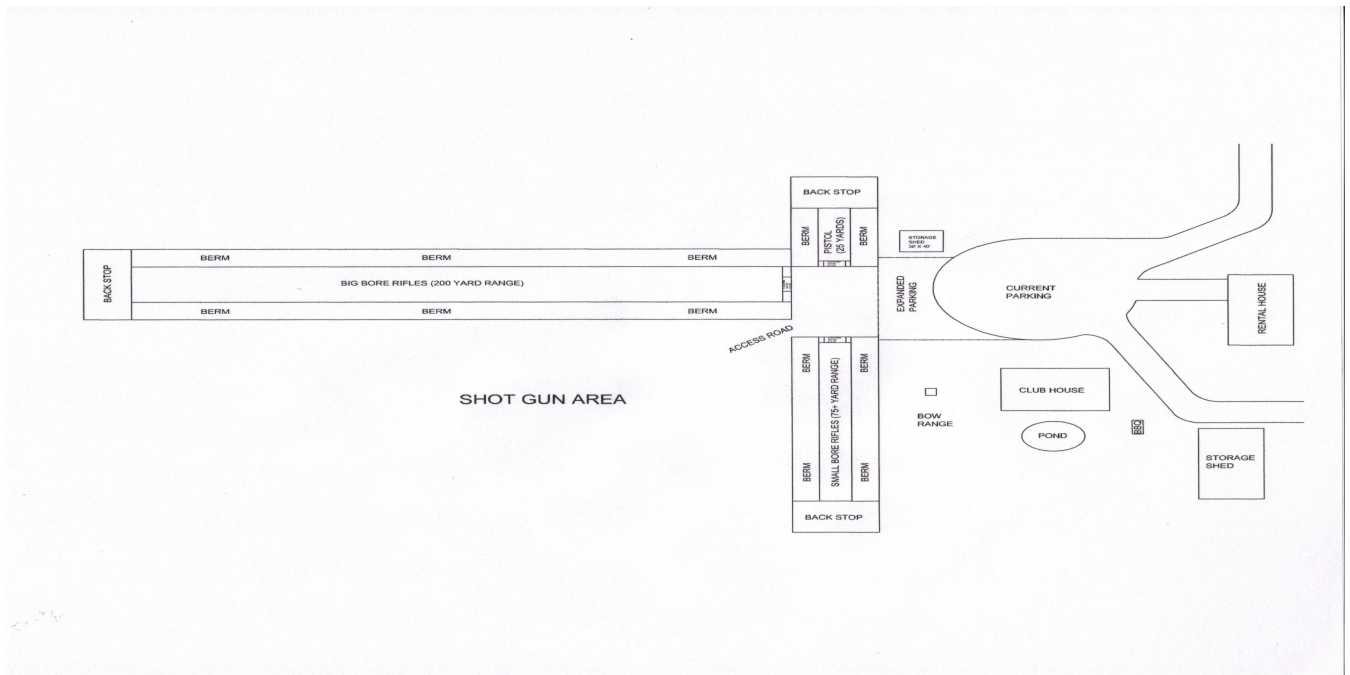
Phase 2: Delay building of shooting houses. Submit grant proposal to the NRA for shooting houses, storage building, and new range equipment (shooting benches, targets and stands, clay pigeon thrower, etc.) to be completed in 2012.

COST: \$15,000

Phase 1 to be funded by monies in the Shooting Ranges Improvement CD, \$100 membership challenge fundraiser and other donations with balance needed to be A "borrowed" from other CVCC savings (Building Fund, etc.)

Phase 2 to be funded primarily by NRA grant monies, \$100 membership challenge and additional CVCC funds as needed.

The general layout of the range improvements will be as follows -



The project will begin with a CVCC Members “Work Day” schedule for Saturday, July 9 starting at 8:00 AM. All items will be cleared from the existing gun ranges to prepare for the dirt work. The planned schedule for Phase 1 is as follows -

TASK(S)	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE
Clear Items from Ranges - Sheds, Shooting Benches, Fencing, Targets & Stands, etc.	CVCC Members	Early July
Phase 1: Berms and Impact Areas for Pistol and .22/Muzzleloader Ranges.	Manske Construction	Mid July
Phase 2: Berms and Impact Area for Big Bore Rifle Range	Manske Construction	Late July
Phase 3: Complete Stump and Brush Removal from Oak Savanna Area	Manske Construction	August
Install Target Stands and Shooting Benches	CVCC Members	August
Conduct Orientation and Member Training	CVCC Shooting Ranges Improvement Committee	September
Ranges Open for Member Use	CVCC Board	September
Apply for NRA Grant for shooting houses, storage building and range equipment	CVCC Shooting Range Improvement Committee	October

NOTE: The gun ranges will be closed for general use during the construction and dirt moving.

The CVCC is excited to be moving into a new era with our shooting range and thanks all who have and will in the future continue to work to keep the CVCC the great organization that it is.

“SPECIAL REPORT” \$100 MEMBER CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER -

At the April membership meeting long time member Gordon Ostrem made a donation of \$100 to the Shooting Ranges Improvement Fund CD. At the May membership meeting Kevin King issued a challenge to all CVCC members to match Gordon's \$100 donation.. The Board and the members of the Shooting Ranges Improvement Committee strongly support this effort.

Several members have already made their matching contributions. A special page will be added to the CVCC Web Site to track the progress of this fundraiser and list all those who have contributed. A goal of \$25,000 has been set. With over 400 members this is a very realistic figure and will contribute much toward covering the costs of the shooting range improvements.

Contributions can be made to any Board member or sent directly to the CVCC at S1005 Knudson Lane, Coon Valley, WI 54623.

FROM THE “INTERIUM” EDITOR: “Making YOUR Voice Heard at the CVCC”

The CVCC is a “members” club. Every member is entitled to have their say and contribute to the decision making processes that determine the current and future direction of the CVCC. Member input is critical to ensure that CVCC fulfills its mission and follows the will of the majority of its membership. There are many ways that members can communicate their desires. The most effective way by participating in monthly meetings. Members can also contact any officer or Board member with concerns. There are many other areas where members can volunteer to help the CVCC and make their specific concerns heard through any of the above areas listed under “CVCC Contacts.” It is the responsibility of every member to support the majority decisions of the CVCC membership even if a decision does not fit your personal desires. It is not appropriate or acceptable to work to undermine any majority decision as covered by CVCC By-Laws.

CVCC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

The Board is continuing to work on documenting club policies and procedures. Webmaster Tom Parlow as 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. The Vernon County 4-H Shooting Sports Project has signed a “CVCC Use Agreement” for conducting all practice and competition events at the CVCC.

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

RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

2011 Hunter Safety Education Classes -

The CVCC certified all 43 students enrolled in the Regular class in February and March. The On-Line class certified an additional 21 students at the April 30 Field Day.

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

The next CVCC sponsored class will begin the first Thursday of February in 2012.

2011 CVCC 3D Bow Shoots Summary-

The CVCC held 3 weekend 3D bow shoots – February 14-15, March 14-15, and April 7-8. A total of 283 shooters turned in score cards and enjoyed our top level 3D courses. Special thanks to all the members who layed out and set up the courses and who worked the shoots.

2011 Spring Muzzleloader Invitational -



A total of 22 muzzleloader enthusiasts spent the third weekend of May at the CVCC enjoying food and fellowship, camping and burning powder at the shooting ranges. There was both sporting clays and trap shotgun shooting and rifle shooting. The rifle competition on Saturday had 11 competitors with the top prize going to Mark Schroeder. The local Boy Scouts enjoyed shotgun shooting and also their own “Top Shoots” competition with 10 Scouts participating.

Coon Creek Rendezvous Shoot -

The 2011 Coon Creek Rendezvous extends a heart felt thanks to the CVCC for all the support with this years rendezvous. Eight shooters competed in the Saturday muzzleloader shoot with Mark Schroeder taking top spot in a shoot off over Gary Butterfield with Keith Mathison in 3rd place. The 3D archery targets were very well used over the 3 days with many people getting an opportunity to shoot traditional bows and practice their skills. The Sunday bow competition found Royce Curtis in first place followed by Gary Butterfield and Tim Ward. Desi Butterfield showed all the "mountain men" how to stick a Hawk and took first place followed by Royce Curtis and Tim Ward. After a beautiful weekend in the Coon Valley park and at the CVCC shooting range it was decided to again meet next year for the 2012 Coon Creek Rendezvous.



ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Stories from CVCC Members:

Wisconsin Bear Hunting -

Ever think you might want to try hunting some big game other than deer without having to spend a fortune traveling and for an outfitter and guide? Wisconsin has a very healthy and growing bear population that continues to expand and move southward. Within an hour of Coon Valley there is close to 200,000 acres of public land with lots of room to scout out your own bear hunting areas. This is in the Zone C area where hunting with dogs is not allowed but currently requires around 5 preference points to draw a kill tag. (To hunt in the other more northerly zones where dogs are allowed requires from 7 to 9 preference points.) Bear tag applications cost \$3.00 and must be submitted by December 10 with the drawings normally held the first of February.

If you are fortunate to draw a tag your hunt can begin immediately. There are many resources to assist in finding a hunting area – topo maps, aerial photo, county and state forest maps, etc. Most of these are available on-line. Spending a little time on-line can save lots of leg work in scouting out your chosen areas. As soon as the winter weather turns to spring you will be ready to visit your potential hunting areas and select your preferred sites. If you are a Zone C hunter you will probably be hunting over bait. Read and study the bear baiting regulations carefully! No animal products or honey can be used in Wisconsin and no more than 10 gallons, enclosed and covered by natural materials, can be in any one bait site. Finding bait materials can be equally challenging to finding your hunting spots. Common items used are breads and pastries, cookies, candies, cooking oil. Try to line up your bait sources early as there is lots of competition; especially with the increased number of tags granted in the last couple of years. There are also commercial suppliers of bear bait advertising on the Web. When and how often you bait depends on you and the activity at your bait sites. Baiting can start as early as April but can also be effective starting as late as July. Hunting on public land means that you have to get out early and “claim” to spots but does not guarantee you exclusive rights; just be an ethical hunter!

The season opens the Wednesday after the September Labor Day holiday and continues through the first week of October. If you are hunting on public land be aware that tree stands cannot be left overnight and must be identified with your name or DNR Id number. There is a minimum size limit and sows with cubs cannot be taken so be sure of your target!

Bear hunting in Zone C - Wisconsin is a total experience starting with applying for a tag then scouting, baiting, and the actual hunt. If you are successful you can come home with not only a great trophy but also some of the best game around and you only have to wait another 5 years to do it again!



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

Meeting of Coon Valley Sportsman's Club - July 9th, 1940

Called to order by President Fencil. Minutes were read. Adolph Lee moved that the minutes be accepted as read. This was seconded by Fred Reber. President Fencil spoke of the Conservation Congress and also mentioned that 20 Reeves pheasants had been recently stocked in the territory around Brinkman Ridge and requested that if any were seen, it should be reported to the club. This would enable the club to trace the

movements of the birds. The pheasant was also described. The wire for fencing the streambank, etc., is now available. Coon would be coming the month of (July). Albert Sedivie said that the coon pens were ready. Regarding pheasant eggs-none hatched as of yet July 9. All of the 475 eggs were distributed. President Fencl spoke of county farm and of possible donation to be made toward county club. New state game laws and their changes were discussed. Fred Reber brought up the posting on "NO HUNTING" and "HUNTING WITH PERMISSION ONLY" signs. Moving pictures were shown: Bear Facts, Waterfowl, The Houn' Dog and the Coon and Wisconsin Whitetail Deer. Lunch was served and the meeting was adjourned.

UPCOMING & CONTINUING CVCC ACTIVITIES

Clubhouse PROJECT UPDATE:

Project has been suspended pending completion of other major projects

Oak Savanna PROJECT UPDATE:

Brush and stump removal will be done by the contractor in conjunction with the Shooting Ranges improvement work this summer.

Shooting Ranges Improvements PROJECT UPDATE:

See "Special Report" and "\$100 Membership Challenge Fund" above.

Rental House Updates:

The improvements to the upstairs area have been completed and the renters have also completed significant landscaping around the outside of the house. The deck has been repaired and power washed along with the deck side of the house. The house is now in very nice shape, both inside and out, and the rent will be increasing in July.

***Muzzleloader Silhouette Shoot – Sat. July. 16 @ 1:00 PM: (*Depending on Construction Status)**

We will be using our new targets made by Chaseburg Mfg. set at 25, 50, 75, and 100 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.

Muzzleloader Traditinal Shoot – Sat. Aug. 20 @ 1:00 PM: (*Depending on Construction Status)

9th Annual "Smoke in the Valley" shoot.

Annual CVCC Chicken Q and Family Fun Day – Sunday, Aug. 21:

Grilled chicken with all the trimmings plus annual horseshoe tournament.
Serving from 11 AM until gone.

Fall Muzzleloader Invitational - Fri. Sept. 16 – Sun. Sept. 18:

All muzzleloader enthusiasts invited for a weekend of camping, food, shooting muzzloaders, and sharing of muzzleloader knowledge and a little story swapping.

Annual Muzzleloader Pheasant Hunt @ Badgerland Pheasant Farm – Sun. Sept. 18 8AM – Noon:

Reservations required – Contact Royce Curtis or Scott Hobson.

CVCC Fall Fundraiser – Sat. Oct. 9:

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR:



Club Meetings – July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 29 @ 7:30 PM

Board Meetings – July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8 @ 7:30 PM

Shooting Range Construction - Early July - Late August

(Range Closed for Open Shooting during construction!)

July 16 – Muzzleloader Shoot @ 1:00 PM

July 17 - 4-H Shooting Sports Practice @ 6 PM

July 24 - 4-H Shooting Competition 11 AM – 4 PM

August 20 - Muzzleloader Shoot @ 1:00 PM

August 21 - Annual CVCC Chicken Q 11:00 AM til Gone

August 14 - 4-H Shooting Sports Practice @ 6 PM

August 28 - 4-H Premium Shoot 11 AM – 4 PM

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