



CVCC NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE –

Happy New Year to all members! I hope 2012 is a safe and prosperous one for you and your families. The New Year prospects for your club are very exciting. The past year was filled with industrious work by many CVCC members and their labors have positioned the club to accomplish many significant projects in the near future.

The design and implementation of the gun range improvement project was one of the major accomplishments for 2011. Many thanks to members on the Gun Range Improvement Committee and other volunteers who offered the talent, vision and intestinal fortitude required to undertake a project of this magnitude. Not only has this project provided improved firearm safety at the CVCC, but the project has also precipitated activity on many other stewardship programs, such as the removal of invasive species from the club grounds, reestablishment of the oak savannah, forestry improvement and organization of club ground activities. I urge all members to take the time to visit the CVCC grounds in 2012 to view the improvements.

The CVCC has also continued to provide necessary services to the local community and the environment. The cooperative effort of rearing wild brook and brown trout with the Wisconsin DNR is still going strong. Members should remember to thank Roger Anderson and Chuck Sveum for conducting the day-to-day work required to make this program successful. The CVCC has also continued to provide a top flight Wisconsin Hunters Safety Certification Course for area youth. Thanks to all the instructors and volunteers for making this course excellent.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for there support of the CVCC in 2011 and also remind members of a few important items for 2012:

1. Tickets for the Spring Fundraiser are on sale and all interested parties should contact Secretary Bill Mathison ASAP for tickets.
 2. Tickets for the 2012 Calendar Raffle for Serious Sportsmen is underway. All members should return tickets to Bruce King **PRIOR TO** the January 26th, 2012 Membership Meeting.
 3. Please take the time to review CVCC activities and volunteer your talents where you believe they could be used.
 4. Please take the time to attend your club's Membership Meetings whenever possible and provide valuable input on conservation related issues and opportunities.
- See you at the January Membership Kick-off Meeting!!!

\$100 MEMBER CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER and NRA Grant Request Updates -

Check out the CVCC Web Site for a list of current donations. As of Dec. 29, 2011 a total of \$2,800.00 in donations have been received. Thanks to all !

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

Members of the local Friends of NRA board have indicated that more funds will be available to fund grant requests in 2012. We are very optimistic that they will support our Shooting Ranges Improvement grant request. Grant awards will be announced in February of 2012.

CVCC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

The Board is continuing to work on documenting club policies and procedures. The Board is discussing possible changes in CVCC membership procedures to improve participation and assistance with all Club activities. Input from members is welcome.

CVCC LONG RANGE PLANNING UPDATE:

The Board is working with all of our active projects to coordinate these efforts.

RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

Snowmobile Trail Re-Routed:

The snowmobile trail has been re-routed around the shooting ranges and now will follow the logging road above the pines south of the ranges. The road was widened and re-seeded by the contractor. Thanks to the Coulee Track and Trail Snowmobile Club for covering the cost of this project. The rest of the trail will follow a new route that is well marked by the Snowmobile club.

Annual Muzzleloader Pheasant Hunt @ Badgerland Pheasant Farm

The hunt was canceled due to rain and will be rescheduled in the January.

Annual Handicap Hunter Deer Hunt Oct. 1 – 9 Report:

Long time participant Rick Heller from Black River Falls harvested a nice doe on Saturday and extends his thanks to the Club for the opportunity to hunt on our Clubgrounds.

Fall Fundraiser Report:

Another successful fundraiser was held with profits used to build the clubhouse fund, mower replacement fund and general account. Thanks to Jay and Dave for heading up this effort.

Annual CVCC “Big Deer” Contest Results by Jon Lee:

The Annual Coon Valley Conservation Club Big Deer Contest was held at the December membership meeting and the 2011 winner was Roger Anderson capturing the rack and weight categories. The Anderson deer was 11 points with a 19 5/8ths spread and the buck shot by Rod Ofte was 8 points and a 22 ½ inch spread. Anderson’s dressed buck weight was 206.6 lbs. Adding the totals up, this was the closest contest in recent memory as the difference was only 1/8 of an inch in the final tally.

Anderson credits two people for helping him to get this deer: 9 yr. old grandson and guide, Tyler Anderson (all the way from Marino Valley, California) and the good people at Schlichter Feeds. Apparently, the elder Anderson was pretending to sleep in the blind (in order to lure the deer in closer) and the younger Anderson nudged grandpa to wake up just in time to shoot the buck. Anderson planned to mount the deer with his CVCC winnings and will the mount to Tyler at said time.

Trail camera photos miles away showed the Ofte buck miles off his home turf when he ended up in Coon Valley on opening morning to be shot. Ofte plans to use his winnings from other contests to mount this buck as well.

Dave Larson’s buck has an interesting story. Shot October 29th of the bow season, Larson spent many a sleepless night trying to figure out where the buck exactly died. Many days of searching proved fruitless until November 26th when another hunter called him and said that he had found the elusive buck. Lack of blood prevented him from locating him. Larson contacted the game warden and then registered what was left of the buck after cougars and coyotes had their fill. At least he’ll have a great mount.

Royce Curtis is pictured with his muzzleloader season kill. Using a traditional 58 cal round ball to bring down his buck. The European mount was done by “Musky Mark” from Elroy (marksaemisch@hotmail.com Phone # 608-415-1231)

Congrats to all hunters who had successful season. Continue to be safe.

Pictured L-R front are Roger Anderson and Rod Ofte. Back row L-R Royce Curtis and David Larson.



ARTICLES OF INTEREST

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

September 11, 1940

Meeting called to order at 8:40 minutes of the August 14th meeting were approved and read. Fred Reber, Chairman of the Bird Committee reported 51 adult, 229 young and 20 Reeves Pheasants had been released in the community during the summer.

Albert Sedevie, Chairman of the Fur-Bearing Animal Committee reported that 5 coon were released recently which were brought by Elmer Putman the conservation warden.

The secretary reported attending a meeting of the Vernon County Sportsman's Club with Albert Sedevie at which time the county voted to join the state federation and elected Dr. Hirsh as county representative to the federation.

The question of whether to release the trout about November 1 or keep them over winter was discussed pro and con and it was decided to contact Mr. Caufield of the Bureau of Fisheries for an opinion.

Paul Bluske and Henry Erickson reported on proposed boat livery anchoring opposite Stoddard for duck hunting. The question was discussed but no action was taken pending additional information and developments.

President Fencil informed the club that a dance could be held on Sept. 21 to raise funds. The dance was discussed and it was decided to hold it in cooperation with the Westby Farmers Conservation

Club on Saturday evening September 21st.

Motion pictures were shown and lunch was served after adjournment. Proceeds from the lunch was \$9.70

UPCOMING & CONTINUING CVCC ACTIVITIES

Clubhouse PROJECT UPDATE:

Project has been suspended pending completion of other major projects

Oak Savanna PROJECT UPDATE:

Plans include a controlled burn next spring followed by inventory of native plants after green-up. This inventory will be used to determine the best seed mix to use in establishing the savanna.

Shooting Ranges Improvements PROJECT UPDATE:

The Shooting Ranges Improvement Committee is meeting in January to plan for completing Phase 1 and starting Phase 2 of the project. We welcome Bruce King as a new member. Members made good use of the ranges this fall and much positive feedback has been received. Work to be completed this year includes – repairs and reseeding of storm damaged areas, additional gravel to range entrance areas, completion of fencing at range entrance and end of range, addition of berm at 100 yd area of big bore range, moving of second storage shed, building of shooting houses and a covered staging area for shotgun area, building of storage building for maintenance equipment and purchase of range equipment including new shooting benches and a trap thrower. Study will also begin on Phase 3 of the project – Range Access and Security.

Membership Kick-Off Meeting – January 26th:

The January membership meeting is our annual membership kick-off meeting with free food and beverage served by the Big Buck Contest winner – this year was Roger Anderson. This is an opportunity for new members to meet other members and experience what the CVCC is all about. Annual memberships are also due for renewal at this time.

2012 Hunter Safety Education Classes:

The regular class will begin on Thursday Feb. 2 at the Coon Valley Village Hall and run for 7 consecutive Thursdays from 3:45 – 6:00PM. There will also be 2 Saturday morning classes on Mar. 3 and 17 from 9 – Noon at the CVCC. **Preregistration for this class is required** and enrollment will be limited to youth and their parents from the Westby Area Schools or members of the CVCC. Other will be admitted if space is available. Contact Royce Curtis at 608-452-3809 or CVCCHunterSafe@gmail.com for preregistration information.

Registration for the On-Line Internet-Based class will begin on March 1st with enrollment limited to 30 students. The final required Field Day will be April 28th at the CVCC from 7:45AM – 4:00PM. Email Royce Curtis at CVCCHunterSafe@gmail.com for registration information.

2012 3D Archery Shoots:

Cory Leis is the new head of archery activities. Cory along with Roger and Chuck plus many old and new volunteers will continue to make the CVCC 3D Archery Shoots among the best in the area. Shoots have been scheduled for February, 11 & 12, March 24 & 25, and April 7 & 8 plus a late season shoot on Sept. 8.

“Cabin Fever” Shoot Saturday, Feb. 25th:

The Shooting Ranges Improvement Committee will be hosting and open shoot on Saturday Feb. 25th from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. There will be competitions for pistol, rimfire, big bore and muzzleloader. All shoots will be from standing offhand position with only open sights allowed for muzzleloaders. Any sights will be allowed for pistol, rimfire and big bore. Pistol and muzzleloader with shoot 25 yds. Rimfire 50 yds. And big bore 100 yds. Bullseye targets will be used with 5 shots on each target. Shooters will be allowed to shoot an unlimited number of targets and turn in their best for scoring. Entry fees will be a shooting related item worth at least \$5.00 plus a fee of \$1.00 per target. Top shooters will have first choice of the shooting related items. Food and beverages will be available after the shoot.

Spring Fundraiser – Saturday, March 3rd

The spring fundraiser tickets will be \$40 per couple and are available from Bill Mathison at mathisontax@mwt.net Tickets will also be available at the Jan. and Feb. club meetings. The fundraiser will include many of the same events as well as a couple new and interesting ones.

Concealed Carry Class – Saturday, March 10th:

The CVCC will be hosting a Conceal carry Class to qualify for Wisconsin and Utah permits. Class will cover the legalities of conceal carry and what to expect while carrying. A Utah permit is required to enter Minnesota; Minnesota does not recognize Wisconsin and will not, but does recognize Utah. There will be NO live fire on the range for this class, but if enough people are interested a class can be set up at a later date.

The class will be scheduled for March 10th from 9:00 -1:30p and be for members only. Cost for the Class will be \$75.00 per person and pre registration is requested. To register or for more information contact Scott Hobson at: homer221@centurylink.net Phone 608.781.6046 or 608.780.620

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR:



Club Meetings – Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 29 @ 7:30 PM
Board Meetings – Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 8 @ 7:30 PM
DNR Hunter Safety Education Class – Begins Feb. 2 @ 3:45PM
3D Archery Shoots – Feb. 11 & 12, Mar. 24 & 25, Apr. 7 & 8
Cabin Fever Shoot – Feb. 25 11AM - 3PM
On-Line Hunter Safety Class – Registration Mar. 1, Field Day Apr. 28
Spring Fundraiser – Mar. 3
Concealed Carry Class – Mar. 10
First CVCC Muzzleloader Shoot – Apr. 21 @ 1:00PM