



# CVCC NEWSLETTER

## Fall 2012

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**CURRENT MEMBERS:** Complete and return the “MEMBER SURVERY” in this newsletter. The membership data base is being audited and updated in preparation for the new membership application procedure and fees effective January 1, 2013. **NOTE:** all current yearly memberships end on 12/31/12 as do any yearly memberships sold between now and then. Also, **NEW Life Memberships** will only be available until 12/31/12. All **CURRENT LIFE MEMBERSHIPS** will remain in place after 12/32/12 but no **new** life memberships will be sold.

Keep in tune with what's happening at the CVCC by visiting our web site regularly  
[www.coonvalleycc.com](http://www.coonvalleycc.com) !

#### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE by Jay Sandman –

Hello Members,

The fall season seems to be flying by once again. I would like to wish you the best of luck with all of your fall activities and I hope you have safe experiences.

Phase II of the gun range improvement project is nearing completion. The CVCC gun range committee has done a great job in managing this project on behalf of the club. I hope everyone gets a chance to try out the new facilities this fall in preparation for hunting season. Please help us keep the range safe, clean and remind guests that this is a “Member’s Only” facility.

The 2012 Fall Banquet is planned for Saturday, October 13. Be sure to get your tickets if you have not already purchased yours. If you haven’t had the baby back rib dinner, you don’t know what you’re missing. This year’s

event will have 29 quality firearms available for raffling and will also include some wonderful non-gun prizes such as a Browning gun safe, a 50" television, an Apple iPad and Reconyx game camera, amongst other nice prizes. Be sure to attend!

Please take the time to attend a membership meeting. At the October meeting, a local game warden will be speaking at the October meeting and will entertain any questions from the membership. The October meeting is also the time for signing up for the Big Buck Contest. See you there!

Sincerely,

Jay Sandman

### **2012 Wisconsin Friends of NRA RANGE GRANT AWARD & 2013 NRA Grant Applications -**

Work on the items included in the grant have been completed. We now have 3 new shooting houses with new shooting benches and shelves, a new Promatic "wobble" trap machine, and storage building for all shooting range equipment and supplies. The final report required by the grant is being completed. The ranges are seeing lots of use in preparation for the fall hunting seasons. Members are asked to help monitor the ranges use and keep them clean and in good repair. A good selection of practice targets are available in the shooting shed donated by our muzzleloading members from the Madison area. Our ranges are for Members and Guests only. Do not hesitate to introduce yourselves to other shooter you do not know and make sure they are also members. If not, let them know about our membership process and requirements.

At the September membership meeting applications for a 2013 NRA Range Grant and a 2013 NRA General Grant were approved. Both applications have been submitted with very strong support letters from our youth groups leaders. Thanks to Steve Pauloski, Keith Mathison, Kevin Sherry, and Warden Shawna Stringham! The Range Grant requests assistance to help complete the final phase of our Shooting Ranges Improvement Project – Permanent fencing and security control & monitoring. The General Grant requests funding to update our youth training equipment. Decisions on funding these grant requests will be made at the 2013 Wisconsin NRA banquet in February.

### **\$100 MEMBER CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER CONTINUES !**

This is very good way for those members who are unable to directly support the work of the CVCC to contribute to your Club. This type of member support is a major factor that can be used in future grant applications. Contributions can be made to any Board member or sent directly to the CVCC at S1005 Knudson Lane, Coon Valley, WI 54623.

### **CVCC BY-LAW CHANGE – MEMBERSHIPS -**

A new membership form is being created to better inform new members of the activities of the CVCC and the responsibilities of being a member. The application will also provide new members the opportunity to specify areas of interest and special skills they have to share with the CVCC. This information will be collected in a data base and utilized to help identify and contact members for Club activities and special projects. A survey form for current members to collect similar information is included in this newsletter.

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

The Board is continuing to work on documenting club policies and procedures in preparation for the required By-Law updates in 2013. Contact any Board member with any ideas or concern regarding by-law revisions. The current Board and the new Board elected in April 2013 will revise and update the Club By-Laws. This is an excellent opportunity for members to make their wishes heard and help define the CVCC and guide our

conservation club over the next 5 years.

**CVCC LONG RANGE PLANNING UPDATE:**

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

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**RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES**

**4-H Shooting Sports -**

The Vernon County 4-H Shooting Sports project members and leaders had practice shoots in July and August and 2 competition shoots – a 4 county shoot in July and the annual Vernon County Fair Premium Shoot in August. Participation was up this year with over 60 shooters at each shoot and a large number of parents and spectators enjoying our new ranges. Many positive comments were received appreciating the safety aspects of our new ranges.

**September Bow Shoot -**

20 shooters took advantage of perfect weather on Sat. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> for a final tune up of their equipment and shooting eye. Although the numbers were small the shoot turned a nice profit for the Club. Thanks to Cory Leis and Dave Larson for coordinating this and for all the members to pitched in to help. The next 3D Archery shoot will be in Feb. 3013.

**CVCC Muzzleloader Shoots – July, August, September -**

We had very good participation in our muzzleloader shoots with each returning a good profit. A highlight of our muzzleloader season was September muzzleloader weekend shoot winner Bill Marquardt. The annual muzzleloader pheasant hunt saw 11 hunters hitting the fields at Badgerland Pheasant Farm and several birds falling to the smokepoles. Muzzleloader shoots will resume in April 2013.



August “Smoke in the Valley” Shoot



September Muzzleloader Pheasant Hunt

**CVCC Trap Shooting – by Scott Hobson**

Late in July The CVCC received The trap machine that we had in the grant, and after getting it put together and with help from Gary Gilbeck a trap field was setup and our first shooting night started on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Since that time we have had 7 weeks of shooting.

The trap ,A wobble trap for those that have not seen it oscillates left right ,and up and down ,giving shooters a simulated hunting shots from low flying to high flying and with the background colors changing some interesting shots have been presented.

Each week we have been shooting we have had up to 14 guys and a s few as 6 with each person shooting a round of 25 birds from 5 different positions. With the high score so far being 24 out of 25,still can't get the perfect score yet ,but with next year coming up I'm sure that score will happen.

We have giving our members the opportunity to utilize the machine and the members that have come out have had a great time. As we approach the New Year we will set the dates for shooting and look forward to continuing as long as the membership wants it.

I would like to thank the following guys for their help in getting the trap shooting off the ground, Paul Lewison ,Gary Gilbeck ,Royce Cutis . I would also like to thank Merv Broton and John Halvorson for being at every shoot we have held.

Due to the decreasing amount of light we have suspended the trap nigh until next spring. Than you to all and look forward to next year.



### **Deer Seminar Fundraiser – Sun. Sept. 8:**

A seminar was presented by new CVCC member Jeff Sturgis. Jeff conducts seminars around the country to assist deer hunters and landowners with habitat management and hunting strategies. Jeff donated his services as a fundraiser to the Club – THANKS JEFF! A nice profit was made. Check out Jeff's web site at [www.whitetailhabitatsolutions.com](http://www.whitetailhabitatsolutions.com)

## **UPCOMING & CONTINUING CVCC ACTIVITIES**

### **Clubhouse PROJECT UPDATE:**

Project has been suspended pending completion of other major projects

### **Oak Savanna PROJECT UPDATE By Kevin Traastad:**

Cutting of the re-growth of locus in continuing above the terraces. This area was unable to be cleared by the contractor with his heavy equipment due to potential damage to the CCC installed terraces. More volunteer(s)are needed to help with this project. Contact Kevin Traastad or John Moe if you can help out.

**Shooting Ranges Improvements PROJECT UPDATE:**

Phases 1 and 2 and now completed. The seeding on the berms and backstops is coming along and the shooting houses, new shooting benches and shelves, and storage shed are completed. The new trap machine been used for several Wednesday nights of shooting. Phase 3 for 2013 has been approved by the membership and an NRA Range Grant has been submitted to assist with the cost. Storage of shooting supplies and equipment in the new storage shed is being organized. Shooting range procedures and a member orientation is being developed by the Shooting Ranges Improvement Committee.

**CVCC Fall Fundraiser Sat. Oct. 13:**

This is one of our major fundraisers of the year. It is extremely important that members work hard to sell all of the 200 tickets available so we can maximize our return. There are very few if any fundraisers in this area that offer the number and high quality of the prizes or meal that is available. Your Board and many volunteers have worked hard to make this a high level and successful fundraiser to provide a major portion of finances needed to operate the CVCC. If you need additional tickets or have donations to support this fundraiser contact any Board member or call 608-790-7061. Also, further details and ticket information can be found on the CVCC web site.

**Annual Handicap Deer Hunt – Oct. 6-14: by Colin Sveum -**

We have been participating in the deer hunt every year since 1995!

The dates of the hunt are October 6<sup>th</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup>. The hunters names are Rick Heller from Black River Falls and Jim Novy from Hillsboro. This hunt first began to give disabled hunters an opportunity to hunt deer while mild temperatures persist and mobility is relatively unhampered. Remember that during this hunt, the shooting ranges and the property will be closed to everyone except the two hunters and their assistants. It would be appreciated if area club members would stop by the club during the week to make sure that no one else is hunting or using the ranges. We want this to be a safe and successful hunt for our participants so we need to enforce any misbehavior. If you have any questions please call Colin Sveum at 608-498-0405.

**Annual CVCC “Big Buck” Contest -**

Final chance to enter this years Big Deer Contest will be at the Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. Running and judging this year's contest will be last year's winner Roger Anderson. The contest is for members only and covers both the 9 day gun season and the following muzzleloader season. Entry fee is \$5.00 with all monies paid out, 60% to the buck with widest spread plus number of points and 40% to the heaviest deer. The judging will take place at the Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bring in your racks and witnessed weight slips to be judged.

**MEMBERS SURVEY (Next Page) – Copy, Complete & Return**

# CVCC Members Survey – Fall 2012

(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of First Active Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

As a member, you, your spouse, and minor children are entitled to use the Coon Valley Conservation Club club grounds and ranges almost any time. A quarterly newsletter with a schedule of the many activities and events designed for your education and enjoyment is published on our web site [www.coonvalleycc.com](http://www.coonvalleycc.com) and is also emailed to members. A variety of events provides an opportunity for you to become involved in the CVCC business and activities. CLUB MEETINGS held at the club grounds (N1005 Knudson Lane) on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. Active members support the mission of the CVCC by participating and assisting with Club activities, attending Club meetings, obeying the range rules as posted and using bows and firearms in a safe manner. I agree to hold harmless and release the Coon Valley Conservation Club, its officers, directors, and employees from claims resulting from injury or damage to me, my family, or my property while visiting or using the club facilities.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Volunteers are needed to keep outside contracting from being needed to perform improvements, construction, and maintenance tasks. This keeps yearly dues at a minimum. We ask that you read the list below and check those that interest you as an occasional volunteer in helping out. Check as many as you wish.

- Club Grounds Maintenance
- Hunter Safety
- Archery 3D  Gun Ranges Maintenance
- Muzzleloader Shoots
- Newsletter
- Sight-in Days
- Grant Writing
- Range Patrol (checks membership cards and report unsafe or destructive behavior)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- March Fundraiser
- Boy Scouts
- February Cabin Fever Shoot
- Shotgun Shoots
- Web Site
- Trout Program
- October Fundraiser
- 4-H Shooting Sports
- Memberships
- Food Plots
- August Chicken Q [ ]
- Rifle Shoots
- Raffles
- Construction

I am willing to use my technical /professional ability in the following field to help the Coon Valley Conservation Club. List here: \_\_\_\_\_

Since circumstances make it impossible to help I am willing to make an extra contribution to help cover expenses incurred by needed improvements, maintenance, and projects sponsored by the CVCC.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

VOLUNTARY \$10.00 Mailed Newsletter Subscription: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\*I do not have email or internet access and am willing to help offset the cost of having the newsletter delivered via regular mail.)

TOTAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to:** Coon Valley Conservation Club  
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Coon Valley, WI 54623

**OR Email Copy to:** [email@coonvalleycc.com](mailto:email@coonvalleycc.com)

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### UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR:



**Club Meetings** – Oct. 25, Nov. 15, Dec. 27 @7:30 PM  
**Board Meetings** – Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13 @ 7:30 PM  
**Handicap Deer Hunt @ CVCC** – Oct.6 – 14 **Clubgrounds Closed !!!**  
**Fall Fundraiser** – Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Annual Big Deer Contest** – Final sign up at Nov. 15 meeting  
**Gun Deer Season** – Sat. Nov. 17 – Sun. Nov. 25  
**Muzzleloader Deer Season** – Mon. Nov. 27 -Wed. Dec 5  
**CVCC Big Deer Contest Judging** – Thur. Dec. 27  
**2013 Hunter Safety Class Begins** – Thur. Feb. 7, 2013