



CVCC NEWSLETTER

Winter 2013

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New Membership Application for 2013: The new membership application form is available at the Clubhouse or can be downloaded from the Web Site in the "Membership" area.

CURRENT MEMBERS: If you have not done so, complete and return the "MEMBER SURVERY" in the Fall 2012 newsletter. **NOTE:** All current yearly memberships ended on 12/31/12 NEW Life Membership sales also ended on 12/31/12. All CURRENT LIFE MEMBERSHIPS will remain in place

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www.coonvalleycc.com !

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Jay Sandman –

Happy New Year, Members:

The past year has been a very productive one for your club and 2013 promises to be another great year. Thanks to all members who made the 2012 accomplishments possible. As illustrated in this newsletter, your club is in a very strong position on many fronts.

Projects undertaken at the club this past year have challenged us to think about how our club approaches its business; they have challenged us to think about our club's philosophy and they have increased our interaction with the local community. I know for some, change can be difficult, but I would like to reflect on a few facts that should make us all proud to be CVCC members.

The CVCC reaches out to an ever-increasing number of area youth in an effort to instill the next generation with the principles of responsible conservation. The work and commitment of club members continues to foster an environment that attracts area youth to participate in CVCC sponsored activities. Alliances between the CVCC and Westby Area Schools, Vernon County 4H, the WI Hunter's Safety Program, the Boy Scouts and other organizations continue to strengthen and grow. Because we are one of the few organizations that provide this service, members are continuing to explore new opportunities to teach principles of conservation to our youth.

The club continues its proud, hands-on conservation tradition. We work cooperatively with the WI DNR using the CVCC raceways for the production of fertilized Brown Trout eggs and for rearing wild Brook Trout for local streams. The club has also become a better steward of the CVCC club grounds by working to restore a native Oak Savannah. We have also implemented conservation improvements in the club's forestry management program, farming practices and food plot plantings.

The completion of the first two phases of the gun range improvement project has added significant value to and interest in our club. Membership participation has increased as result of the enhancements and members have expressed their gratitude for the improved safety. The new gun range has also strengthened the CVCC's relationship with area youth organizations by providing a safe environment for firearm usage. We as members should take pride in knowing we have responsibly managed such a challenging project while incurring no long term debt. Your club remains 100% debt free!

In closing, I strongly encourage members to maintain an active interest in your club. There is a refreshing sense of harmony in the clubhouse these days. Members are coming together to share thoughts and ideas in a welcoming environment. While we don't always agree on the fine details of our work, the collaborative culture, sense of camaraderie and common purpose has generated significant momentum on projects of interest to the club. It's an exciting time to be in the CVCC!

From Long Time Member and Current Board Member Bruce King:

Happy New Year, may 2013 bring you joy and peace. this year promises to be another busy year for the Conservation Club. We have elections coming up in April, and that is the reason for my letter to you today.

All officers are at their term limits and ready for a much deserved break. If you have ever held an office at the club you can understand how draining it can be. However you seldom hear how rewarding it is especially when you have accomplished something. It goes without saying that the current board has moved mountains and deserves a big THANK YOU.

However there is still more to do and I want to invite you to come and be a part of it by serving on the board, or becoming an officer. I have been a member of the C.V.C.C. for 37 years and been an officer or board member for at least 16 years. Therefore I can say from experience, that it is interesting and rewarding work that is done to preserve our club for the future, as well as improving it for today.

You may have heard some negative comments about the club or its officers and board members. Or perhaps you were making those comments. I am sorry if you are unhappy about something that was done at the club that you did not agree with, or perhaps you felt personally slighted in some way. I apologize, but let me ask you something. Have you always agreed with everything done in every group you belong to? Do you like and get along well with every person in every club you belong to? If you answered yes to both of these questions you are indeed blessed. But If you answered yes to both my guess is you are either not being honest with yourself or you have not done anything. So I challenge you, instead of being unhappy and

complaining, become active, become an officer or board member. Help to bring about the change you so desire, but do it with an eye on the future, helping to make decisions for the greatest good.

2012 CVCC Year in Review

Through the efforts of the Officers, Board and dedicated members the CVCC completed 2012 being totally debt free with no outstanding loans, a fully funded Education Fund, monies set aside for purchase of fundraiser prizes and also for purchase of new riding mower when needed plus a deposit of \$6,000 to the Clubhouse Building Fund.

Here's a list of CVCC activities during 2012

- Hosted very successful Spring and Fall Fundraisers*
- Completed remodel and addition of 2nd bathroom to Rental House*
- Completed 2nd Serious Sportsman's Calendar Raffle*
- Completed 12 Monthly Gun Raffles*
- Completed Phase 2 of the Shooting Ranges Improvement Project with building of 3 Shooting Houses, Storage Shed, Shooting Benches and purchase of Portable Trap Machine
- Continued work on Oak Savanna project
- Hosted Four 3D Bow Shoots*
- Hosted Seven Muzzleloader Shoots*
- Hosted Spring and Fall Muzzleloader Weekends*
- Organized 2 Muzzleloader pheasant hunts at Badgerland Pheasant Farm
- Hosted five Trap Shoots for members and guests*
- Hosted Chicken Q and Family Fun Day*
- Hosted Handicap Deer Hunt with nice buck and a doe taken by hunters
- Hosted 3 practices and 2 competitions for 4-H Shooting Sports youth
- Sponsored Regular and On-line Hunter Safety Classes
- Hosted Westby Area Schools Archery Class
- Sponsored Boy Scout Troop and hosted meetings and activities
- Sponsored area youth attendance at Wisconsin Environmental Camp
- Raised and stocked over 2000 trout
- Hosted DNR trout egg collections
- Planted seed plots with new seed mixes
- Hosted Deer Habitat Seminar*
- Sponsored annual Big Buck Contest
- Provided facilities for Snowmobile Club meetings
- Helped distribute Christmas candy & treats to area elderly and shut-in's
- Established winter cross country ski trail for members and guests

(*Income Producers)

2012 WI Friends of NRA RANGE GRANT AWARD & 2013 NRA Grant Applications -

The final report for our 2012 grant has been filed with the NRA. A 2013 NRA Range Grant and a 2013 NRA General Grant have been submitted. 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.

Our local Friends of NRA rep, Dave Doe, has copies of our specific requests and will again be presenting them at the WI State convention in February.

\$100 MEMBER CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER CONTINUES !

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

CVCC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

The Club By-Laws will undergo the required 5 year update 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.

RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

October Handicap Deer Hunt -

Two hunters took part in our annual hunt. A very nice 8 point buck was taken by Rick Heller of Black River Falls from the handicap blind beyond the gun range on opening morning. Also, a nice doe was taken by our other hunter.

Thanks to Colin Sveum for organizing the handicap hunts!



Fall Fundraiser -

The fundraiser was another huge success for the club. A nice profit was turned helping to meet the expenses of running the Club. A good time was had by all with some very happy prize winners. Thanks to Jay Sandman and Dave Larson for coordinating this effort.

Big Deer Contest -

Winners of this year's contest were for biggest rack - Ron Moilien with a 10 point 20 3/4" wide rack and for heaviest deer - Lyndon Jackson with a 178 pound 10 point 18 1/4" wide buck. Other entries included a 9 point 17 1/4" rack by Larry Torgerson and a 141 pound doe by Roger Anderson. Ron and Lyndon not only get to split the cash pot 60/40 but also win the honor of serving at the January meeting and running the 2013 contest.



Congratulations to all the winners and also to all the Club members for another safe and successful hunt!

UPCOMING & CONTINUING CVCC ACTIVITIES

Clubhouse PROJECT UPDATE:

Project has been suspended pending completion of other major projects. A deposit of \$6000 to the Clubhouse Building Fund was approved at the November membership meeting.

Oak Savanna PROJECT UPDATE:

The possibility of bringing in a contractor with specialized equipment to remove the smaller locus trees by grinding and mulching is being investigated. A demonstration of the equipment is being planned with a notice of the date and time to be posted on the Club Web Site.

Shooting Ranges Improvements PROJECT UPDATE:

A plan for installing storage cribs for hunter safety, 4-H shooting sports and Scouts equipment plus shelving for the archery targets, trap supplies and range maintenance supplies was approved by the members at the December meeting. A work day will be scheduled to complete this work.

Shooting range procedures and a member orientation is being developed by the Shooting Ranges Improvement Committee.

Serious Sportsman's Calendar Raffle -

A small number of tickets are available. Contact Bruce King at 608-452-3406 if interested. The first drawing will be at the January 31st membership meeting.

Hunter Safety Classes -

The “Regular” class begins on Thur. Jan. 31st at the Coon Valley Village Hall running from 3:45 – 6 PM and meets on seven consecutive Thursdays at this time. There are also 2 Sat. morning sessions at the Conservation Clubgrounds from 9 – Noon on Mar. 2nd and Mar. 16th. Enrollment is restricted to students attending the Westby Area Schools and the parents as well as member families of the CVCC. Preregistration is required by Sun. Jan. 27th. Email

CVCCHunterSafe@gmail.com to preregister. Additional students will be admitted if space is available. Volunteer Instructors will be Steve & Hunter Pauloski, Corky Roethel, Don & Lillian Primmer, Jay Sandman, and Royce Curtis.

Our “Senior Instructor”, Roger Anderson is retiring after 31 years. A Huge “Thank You” from the other Instructors, the DNR, the CVCC and the countless youth of our community who have been shown the “right way” to hunt safely and ethically by Roger!



Registration for the “On-Line” self-study class will begin on Mar. 1st with the required all day Field Day on Apr. 27th at the CVCC.

Bow Shoots -

The first 3D Bow Shoot will be the Sweetheart Shoot on Feb. 9 & 10. Ladies shoot for free! There will also be 2 Dual Shoots with the Chaseburg Rod & Gun on Mar. 9 & 10 and on Apr. 13 & 14 with the opportunity to win a 3D Target or Cash prize.

Cabin Fever Shoot -

The Second Annual Cabin Fever Shoot will be Sat. Feb. 23rd from 10 AM – 3 PM. Target shooting competitions are being planned for Pistol, Rimfire Rifle, Scoped & Open Sight Muzzleloaders, Center Fire Rifles, and Shotguns.

Spring Fundraiser -

The fundraiser will be Sat. Mar. 2nd at the Coon Valley Village Hall. Tickets are \$50 per couple and are now available for Tim Mathison at 608-634-2862 or any Board Member listed at the beginning of the newsletter. Tickets will also be available at the Jan. and Feb. membership meetings.

Cross Country Skiing at the CVCC -

A trail has been groomed by Gary Gilbeck and parallel tracks set by Keith Mathison for cross country skiing. The trail is available to members and their guests as long as the snow holds out.

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR:



Club Meetings – Jan. 31, Feb. 28, Mar. 28 @7:30 PM
Board Meetings – Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14 @ 7:30 PM
2013 Hunter Safety Class Begins – Thur. Jan, 31, 2013
Bow Shoot – Feb. 9 & 10 – “Sweetheart Shoot”
Cabin Fever Shoot – Feb. 23
Hunter Safety On-Line Registration Begins – Mar. 1
Spring Fundraiser – Mar. 2
Bow Shoot – Mar. 9 & 10 – Dual Shoot with Chaseburg
Hunter Safety Class .22 Shoot – Mar. 16 - 9AM - Noon