



CVCC NEWSLETTER

Spring 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. Note: Applicants for new memberships must have a sponsor and also are required to attend a membership meeting in order to be considered for approval.

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 remain in place

Keep in tune with what's happening at the CVCC by visiting our web site regularly www.coonvalleycc.com !

MEMBERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: The CVCC Newsletter has been provided to all members for going on 3 years by your “interim” editor. It is time for some “new blood” to step up and give members a new perspective on what's happening with the CVCC. This responsibility can be a shared one. It includes basic knowledge of Word Processing and Email to - Collect information from members, Format the newsletter, Email a copy to the printer and CVCC Webmaster, Print and attach mailing labels, and Take the copies to the post office. The publication schedule is quarterly - January, April, July, and October. Training and Support will be provided to the new editor or publication team.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE by Jay Sandman –

Hello fellow members,

As my second term comes to a close, this will be my last President’s Message. I would like to thank the current officers, directors and members for their support and commitment to the CVCC. The experience of serving as CVCC president has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

I believe the CVCC is at another significant juncture in its storied history. The hard work put forth by generations of members has come to fruition and has positioned the CVCC like no other organization in our area. The club’s continued outreach to the local community has brought with it recognition for many of the truly valuable services our club provides and with this recognition, we are also seeing significant support. The investments in assets and infrastructure at the club made through this support have solidified a “critical mass” needed to move the organization into the future. It’s now easy to see how distant visions such as improving the club house are now obtainable goals. Let’s continue to build on this momentum and continue to position our club to realize its maximum potential!

Elections for all officer positions and two directors’ positions will be held at the April meeting. Please consider how you can apply your skills and abilities to Your club and consider running for one of the positions. Your club needs your support to move forward.

Sincerely,

Jay Sandman

2013 NRA Grant Applications -

Our Range Grant application for support of security fencing and cameras was rejected. The National NRA office provided the following reason: “ Security does not meet the strict standard of “public benefit” as defined by the IRS”. Our General Grant was awarded \$2,800.00 by the WI Friends of the NRA. This award was forwarded to the National NRA office for final approval. This amount will allow the CVCC to purchase a laptop computer, printer and a large projection screen to support our youth education efforts.

\$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. 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. The current Board and the new Board elected in April 3013 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.

CVCC LOGO WEAR – from Scott Hobson -

The club has CVCC logo Caps available at a cost of \$15.00 along with the option of having LIFE MEMBER or MEMBER embroidered on them. Also on special order we can get Camo jackets, T-Shirts, Polo Shirts, Long Sleeve Shirts and Hoodies. For More info and a look at what we have to offer check with Scott Hobson at monthly meetings

RECENT & Upcoming CLUB ACTIVITIES

Winter Muzzleloader Pheasant Hunt -

CVCC muzzleloader hunters, friends and guides hunted pheasants at Badgerland Pheasant Farm on Sat. Jan. 26th. Through the clouds of smoke 11 of 12 pheasants fell to the smokepoles. The next hunt is scheduled for Sun. morning Sept. 22nd.



Second Annual “Cabin Fever” Shoot -

The shoot was held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd with 16 shooters competing with pistol, rimfire, shotgun, big bore rifle, and both open sight and scoped muzzleloaders. The big winner was Keith Mathison taking first place in 4 of the 8 competitions. Plaques provided by Scott Hobson were awarded to all the winners and an excellent pot luck meal was enjoyed by all.



Spring 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 CVCC Board for coordinating this and for all the members who helped make this another successful event.

Hunter Safety Education Classes -

The CVCC Hunter Safety Instructor Team successfully certified all 37 students in this year's regular WI DNR Hunter Safety Education Class. This was one of the youngest classes we have had with the young ladies outnumbering the young men enrolled for the first time! It was also one of the highest scoring classes with an overall average of 96% on the tests. Four students made perfect 100% averages on their tests. 29 of the students participated in the 3/16/13 .22 shoot under some challenging icy conditions. (Check out the pictures from CVCC member Scott Hobson in the Photo Gallery!) Special thanks to CVCC member Jim Brower for donating the .22 ammo! Afterward they received their awards, CVCC Hunter Safety hats and were treated to a lunch served by CVCC members Bruce King, Paul Lewison, and Gary Gilbeck - Thanks guys! Volunteer Instructors for the class were Steve Pauloski, Hunter Pauloski, Corky Roethel, Lillian Primmer, Don Primmer and Royce Curtis.

The CVCC On-Line Hunter Education class is in progress with a full roster of 30 students preparing for their April 27th Final Field Day.

3D Bow Shoots -

In spite of less than ideal weather conditions a good number of shooter participated in the February and March shoots. Detailed results can be found by visiting the CVCC Web Site. The next shoot will again be a Dual Shoot with the Chaseburg Rod & Gun club where those who shoot both shoots will be entered in a drawing for a Reinhardt 3D buck deer target. The shoot is Saturday and Sunday, April 13 & 14. Help is always welcome - contact Cory Leis or Dave Larson and let them know you want to lend a hand!

Trap Shooting – by Scott Hobson -

We will be starting our weekly trap shooting for members and guests in April and will be adding an extra night. Last year we shot on Wednesday evening and had a great showing of shooters, this year we will add Monday evenings as well as the regular Wednesday evening.

Shooting will start at 6:30 pm both evenings and will stay with the same Charge of \$5.00 for a round of 25 clay targets.

At some point this spring we will be constructing a new and larger trap field that will be set to ATA standards, if we are going to shoot trap then it only makes sense to have a regular and official range to shoot on. The 10 yard range will stay as is and that will be where will start our shooting, and will eventually be used for youth shooting.

I and the rest of the Trap Crew look forward to seeing you on either evening for what has become a great night of shot gunning

FIRST 2013 MUZZLELOADER SHOOT – Sat. April 20

This will be a silhouette shoot starting at 1:00 PM. Targets will be at 25, 50, 75, 100 and 125 yards with all shots from standing, off hand position. Only open or peep sights with patched round ball or lead bullets allowed.

22 SILHOUETTE SHOOT – Sat. May 11 – by Scott Hobson -

On may 11th from 10:00 to 2:00 we will be have a 22 silhouette shoot. It has been at least 20 years since the CVCC has hosted a 22 shoot and now we are ready to bring it back. The shoot will consist of 20 shots at ranges fro 25 yards to 100 yards. we will have lanes setup separately for open sight guns and those with scopes.

We will have 3 age groups 8-12,13-17,18 and over and will be shooting for awards that will be giving out at the end of shooting.

There will be an entry fee of \$5.00 for the shoot and a \$2.50 fee to re-enter.

Our kitchen will be open with food and beverages available.

Hoping that everyone can find enough ammo for the shoot and look forward to having you shoot with us.

SPRING MUZZLELOADER WEEKEND – Fri. May 17 – Sun. May 19

There will be a full weekend of muzzleloader shooting activities along with some good food and conversation. All day Friday plus Saturday morning will include open shooting for both traditional and modern guns. The muzzleloader rifle shoot will begin at 1:00 on Saturday. Camping will be available for the weekend with a trip to the Stockyards for Friday night fish and a pot luck on Saturday evening.

Coon Creek Rendezvous Shoot – Sat. June 22

This will be a traditional muzzleloader shoot with patched round ball only. The shoot is open to the public with participants in the rendezvous shooting for free.

CONTINUING CVCC PROJECTS REPORTS

CLUBHOUSE PROJECT UPDATE:

Additional funds are being added to the clubhouse building fund. The project will be activated upon completion of the Shooting Ranges Improvement Project.

Oak Savanna PROJECT UPDATE:

Much of the locus regrowth has been removed. A contractor was hired to use grinding equipment to remove both the growth and stumps. The remaining regrowth will be removed when the weather allows the equipment to operate on the steeper areas. Funds have been budgeted for additional seed and chemicals.

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.

Work on Phase 3 – Security Fencing and Cameras will begin when the weather allows. Also, at the Feb. membership meeting Scott Hobson presented a proposal to revise the shotgun trap shooting area to conform to national standards for shooting positions and trap machine placement. This plan was approved by the members and work will begin when weather permits.

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

CVCC HISTORY by Jon Lee

CVCC Celebrate 73 Years of Stocking Trout

The Coon Valley Conservation Club has been stocking native brook trout in the waters of the Coon Creek since 1940. The Joe Koula and Jordahl Ekern ponds were selected from a list of prospective pond sites. In each pond that year were 2,500 trout. In the fall of 1940, club members stocked area streams and have been doing so ever since. Hundreds of thousands of trout have been stocked since that time.

In addition, the CVCC has also teamed with the Department of Natural Resources in recent years to provide brood stock for area hatcheries. Thank you club members past and present for this most worthy club activity.



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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR:



Club Meetings – Apr.. 25, May 30, June 27 @ 7:30 PM
Board Meetings – Apr. 11, May 9, June 13 @ 7:30 PM
Bow Shoot – April 13 & 14 – Dual Shoot with Chaseburg
Trap Shooting Begins – April – Mon. & Wed. nights
Muzzleloader Silhouette Shoot – Sat. April 20th 1:00 PM
Hunter Safety Class – On-Line Field Day – Sat. April 27
22 Silhouette Shoot – Sat. May 11
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