



CVCC NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Bruce King –

Greetings from your club president. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to assist in the leadership of the C.V. C.C. While this is not my first term as president of this club, it is an exciting experience with new and interesting opportunities. I invite all of you to come down and join in on all the activities at the club. We really do have something for almost everyone, stop down and see what we can offer you.

If you have been to the club recently you will have noticed the Gun Range improvement project is nearing completion. Phase three should be done shortly after you receive this newsletter. Keep in mind slight changes, maintenance, and improvements really never end.

With the excess of rain this year the C.V. C. C. food plot program has had slow start, but we will adjust our plan and get something established for the benefit of our local wildlife.

While on the subject of rain, the Wednesday night trap shooting continues even though we have been rained out more often than not. Stop down and participate or watch and find out what it's all about.

I have only scratched the surface of what's happening at your club. I invite you to check out the web site, or like us on Face book, pick out something you are interested in and stop down and get involved.

Sincerely,

Bruce King

CVCC Shooting Ranges Improvement Project Summary

The CVCC is coming to the end of a three year project for upgrading our firearms shooting ranges. At the January 2010 CVCC Board Meeting a recommendation was made to re-activate the committee to investigate possible improvements to the CVCC shooting ranges. A committee of 10 members was appointed to research potential improvements. The committee members visited other shooting ranges and reviewed documents from the National Rifle Association and the National Shooting Sports Foundation. Based on this research the committee recommended that the CVCC contract with the NRA Range Technical Team to visit the CVCC for an evaluation of our existing facility and make recommendations for improvements. This recommendation was approved by the Board and CVCC membership. The NRA Range Technical Team visited the CVCC in October of 2010 and presented the following recommendations – 1. Provide separation between all of the ranges to allow safe use of each range independent of other ranges. 2. Confine projectiles to each particular range. 3. Control access and provide safe access to each range. They recommended that these improvements be made or that the CVCC close our existing ranges because of safety issues and the resulting potential liability should an incident occur. The membership voted to keep a shooting range open at the CVCC.

The membership voted to have the Shooting Ranges Improvement Committee come up with a plan to implement the NRA recommendations. A plan was developed that included four separate shooting areas (Pistol, Rimfire/Muzzleloader, Big Bore and Shotgun) separated by earthen berms with enclosed shooting houses for all but the Shotgun area following national safety standards established by the NRA. Also included was fencing at the entrance to the ranges and a storage building for shooting range equipment and supplies. This plan was approved by the membership in the late winter of 2011 and the committee was charged with soliciting cost estimates. The first cost estimates received were for the dirt work and landscaping to create the berms and separate shooting area. This was to be Phase I of a three year project. The lowest estimate for this phase was \$30,000. This Phase was approved by the membership with the costs to be paid by utilizing funds set aside in the Shooting Ranges Improvement Fund and to “borrow” any additional funds needed from the Clubhouse Building Fund. Les Manske & Sons was selected from 3 bids to do this work in 2011. The work was completed and the new ranges opened for use in October of 2011.

The second cost estimate was for the construction of the 3 shooting houses and a storage building, new shooting benches and a portable trap machine. This would be Phase II of the project to be completed in the 2012 with a cost estimate of \$31,000. The membership approved this phase. A grant was to be written to the WI Friends of the NRA to help with this Phase II cost. A matching funds grant was awarded to the CVCC by the WI FNRA in the amount of \$16,820. A line of credit loan was established at River Bank to cover matching funds required. Patrick Linse Construction was selected to build the buildings, Jim Brower volunteered to make the concrete shooting bench tops with CVCC members completing the shooting bench supports. The trap machine was delivered and a trap shooting area was constructed in the shotgun area by CVCC members. This phase was completed with all costs covered by CVCC funds and no outstanding loan.

Phase III of the project was to install security fencing and cameras to be completed in 2013 at a cost estimate of \$15,000. Members approved bids from Creekside Fencing to complete the fence and gates and Secure Devices, LLC to complete the gate controls and install the cameras. This phase is nearing completion. When fully complete member orientations will be scheduled and proximity access cards will be distributed to members who desire to use the gun ranges.

The CVCC has made a sizable investment to insure the safe and continuing operation of our gun shooting ranges for both the present and for future generations. CVCC members are proud of their commitment and dedication to provide this state of the art shooting facility to assist both our membership and the youth groups we train to become safe firearms handlers and accurate shooters.

With this project completed a new committee responsible of overseeing the operation and maintenance of all the CVCC Shooting Ranges has been appointed. Members volunteering for this committee are John

Halvorson , Keith Matheson ,Marty Matthison ,Kevin Traastad ,Bob Ritger ,Jim Brower ,Cory Leis ,Dave Larson ,Merv Broten ,Greg Hess , Kevin King , Bruce King ,Royce Curtis, Tom Parlow And Scott Hobson.

2013 NRA General Grant Award -

Our General Grant was awarded \$2,800.00 by the WI Friends of the NRA. This award was approved by the National NRA office to be used to purchase firearms for youth training. CVCC will be receiving 10 .22 rifles and 2 20ga. Shotguns from the NRA Store.

\$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 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. The final phase of the 3 year Shooting Ranges Improvement Project is being completed. The Club should soon be in a position to re-active the Clubhouse Improvement Project.

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 CLUB ACTIVITIES

Hunter Safety Education Classes -

The CVCC On-Line Hunter Education class certified 27 students at the April 27th Final Field Day. This group of students achieved a new high average score for hunter safety classes at the CVCC: 97%

A second On-Line Hunter Safety Education class will be offered by the CVCC with registration beginning on August 1st and the Final Field Day on Saturday Sept. 28th.

To register for this class send NAME, BIRTHDATE, and WI DNR CUSTOMER NUMBER to the email address CVCCHUNTSafe@GMAIL.COM

The Driftless Folk School in Viroqua will also be offering a special adult-only class in September on Tue. and Wed. from 7:00 – 9:00PM on Sept. 3,4,10,11,17, & 18. Enrollment is limited in this class. To register follow this DFS link: registrar@driftlessfolkschool.org

Summer 3D Bow Shoot League -

Summer 3D Archery League. 2 man teams (*Began June 24th)

*Adults and Children welcome, Father/Son teams encouraged

*Handicapped Average

*\$5.00 per week, 8 weeks total, pay for all 8 weeks and you are invited to end of league "Steak Fry". Missed nights can be shot before or after.

*15 Targets, shoot from 4pm until dark, Monday evenings.

Contact Jeff Sturgis 906-630-3105, Dave Larson 608-386-4159, or Cory Leis 608-452-2016 to sign up

Trap Shooting – by Scott Hobson -

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

At some point 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 Wed. evening for what has become a great night of shot gunning

MUZZLELOADER SHOOTS –

A muzzleloader silhouette shoot was held on Apr. 20 and traditional shoots on May 18 and June 22nd. There was very good participation and a good time was had by all. Our shoots are open to the public and provide an excellent opportunity for anyone who wants to try shooting a muzzleloader. The shoots are competitive without a lot of pressure but will challenge your offhand open sight shooting skills.

The next shoot is a silhouette shoot on Sat. July 20 starting at 1:00 PM.



22 SILHOUETTE SHOOT – Sat. May 11 –



18 shooters participated on a very windy day. There were both adult and youth categories for scoped and open sight rifles. Winners in each class were awarded medals. Shooters agreed that the CVCC should do this again next year.

Work Day – June 1st

10 CVCC members spent the day building storage cribs and shelving in the Shooting Ranges Storage Building and an overhang to prevent ice and snow build up on the side door. Shelving was removed from the Machinery and Tool Shed and the materials used to construct new shelves for the archery targets in the Shooting Ranges Storage building.



CONTINUING CVCC PROJECTS REPORTS

CLUBHOUSE PROJECT UPDATE:

Additional funds are being added to the clubhouse building fund. This project will be re-activated upon completion of the Shooting Ranges Improvement Project. Contact any Board member if you have interest in working on this 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:

Three 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 completed on the June 1st work day. Additional shelves will be built. Moving of Shooting Ranges equipment and supplies to the storage building is in progress.

The following repairs/improvement have been made to the ranges – 25 yd. Pistol range target stand had been replaced; a 25 yd. Target stand has been added to the Big Bore range; Drop downs on the Big Bore and Rimfire ranges have been modified to allow precision sighting with taller gun supports such as lead sleds; a port-a-potty has been delivered. Repairs remaining include adding dirt to the top of the berm at the 100 yd target on the Big Bore range, moving dirt on the backstop of the Pistol range and replacement of the portable target stands on the Pistol range that were completely destroyed by irresponsible shooters.

Work on Phase 3 – Security Fencing and Cameras is being completed.

Shooting range rules and access procedures are being developed by the Shooting Ranges Improvement Committee. Member orientations will soon begin to distribute Gun Range access cards. Watch your email and/or check the Club Website for details.



CVCC HISTORY by Jon Lee

Our First Year: Regular Meeting Coon Valley Sportsman's Club

October 8th, 1940

Meeting called to order by President Fencil.

A motion was made by Fred Reber and seconded by Ira Tedieman that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

Reber reported that a few pheasants would be available for shooting he thought. The streambank project in Bohemian Coulee is not going ahead because of a lack of WPA funds by La Crosse County to complete it this fall.

Albert Sedivie reported that the coon which were released are still around.

Fred reported on trout ponds and said that Mr. Coufield considered the trout larger in our ponds than in most other ponds. Mr. Coufield recommended releasing the trout about November 1st. Over winter feeding of trout is very hard, Mr. Coufield said, because it is hard to feed twice a day. Also, turning trout loose in the fall allows the pond to clean up by the next spring.

The ponds at Scroiners/Ludwig Bergs has rock walls was discussed. It is a good layout, Fencil said.

E.L. Anderson of the Soil Conservation Service office at Baraboo was introduced.

Fencil announced that the hunting with permission only signs will be ready the last of the week.

Lester Mundstock suggested that the bounty on fox should be increased. Emil Kerska said that fox are getting too scarce now and the bounty should be reduced or taken off entirely.

Rudolph Skolland suggested that because chimpunks eat lots of eggs so no pheasants or quail can hatch that a bounty or whatever movement it requires to eradicate them should be started to save game birds.

Keber suggested that all fox stomachs should be sent in for inspection and analysis by the conservation department, and that dogs and cats are molesting a lot of game birds.

After the meeting was adjourned lunch was served. Proceeds from the lunch were \$11.95

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR:



Club Meetings – July 25, Aug. 29, Sept. 26 @ 7:30 PM
Board Meetings – July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12 @ 7:30 PM
Summer Bow League – Mondays thru Aug. 12
Trap Shooting – Wed. nights at 6:30
4-H Shooting Sports Practice – Sun. July 14th 6:00 PM
Muzzleloader Silhouette Shoot – Sat. July 20th 1:00 PM
4-H Competition Shoot – Sun. July 21st Noon – 4:00 PM
On-Line Hunter Safety Class Registration Begins – Aug. 1st
CVCC Chicken Q – Sunday, Aug. 11 – 11:00 'til gone
Muzzleloader Shoot – Sat. Aug. 17 – 1:00 PM
4-H Shooting Sports Practice – Sun. Aug. 18th 6:00 PM
4-H Premium Shoot – Sun. Aug. 25 – Noon – 4:00 PM
Learn to Pheasant Hunt @ Badgerland – Sat. Sept. 7th
Fall Muzzleloader Weekend – Fri. Sept. 20 – Sun. Sept. 22
Muzzleloader Pheasant Hunt – Sun. Sept 22 8 AM - Noon
Hunter Safety Class – On-Line Field Day – Sat. Sept. 28