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NOTICE: CVCC sponsored DNR Handicap Deer Hunt Sat. Oct. 5 – Sun. Oct. 13
Clubgrounds and ALL shooting ranges – archery & gun – CLOSED. This hunt is monitored by the
DNR and Sheriff's Department with any violators (CVCC members included) subject to being
ticketed for trespassing.

Greetings CVCC members, I trust you are enjoying the beautiful fall weather. Have you been to the Club lately? Have you shared in one of the many activities sponsored by your Club? Or perhaps you have stopped down to take a walk, go fishing, hunting or just look around.

The is no question that your Club is a very diverse group with many interests and passions. Many of those interests are obvious when you stop down, but others are more discreet. Some are still in the dream phase. There is something for everybody at the Club and you are always welcome. No matter what your passion or interest may be; archery, shooting, food plots, forestry, hunting, fishing, hiking, fund raising or fun in general.

I invite you to stop down and partake in as many of these offerings as you wish. The CVCC is indeed a multi purpose Club serving varied interests, but we are One Club – we are the Coon Valley Conservation Club.

Stop Down,

Bruce King

CVCC Shooting Ranges Improvement Project -

With the completion of the security fencing and gates, installation of cameras and activation of the proximity card entrance gate system the Shooting Ranges Improvement Committee has completed its work.

A new committee responsible for overseeing the operation and maintenance of all the CVCC Shooting Ranges has been appointed. Members volunteering for this committee are John Halvorson , Keith Mathison, Marty Mathison ,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. An organizational meeting of this committee has been scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 3rd at 7:00 PM

2013 NRA General Grant Award -

CVCC has received 8 of the 10 .22 rifles plus the 2 20ga. Shotguns from the NRA Store. The remaining 2 .22 rifles are on backorder and will be shipped as soon as the NRA receives them. These new firearms have already been put to good use by Hunter Safety students at the Sept. 28th Field Day.

\$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 are undergoing the required 5 year update in 2013. The new Board elected in April 2013 are completing the update of the Club By-Laws. There is still time 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 complete. The Oak Savanna Project is progressing toward completion. The Club should soon be in a position to re-active the Clubhouse Improvement Project. Committee members are needed to work on this very large and important 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

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Handicap Deer Hunt – by Colin Sveum

This fall marks the 18th consecutive year the Coon Valley Conservation Club has held the disabled hunter gun deer hunt! Man how time flies by! The dates of the hunt are October 5th through the 13th. We have 3 individuals signed up for this years hunt. Rick Heller from Black River Falls and the husband and wife team of Jim and Darlene Novy of Hillsboro. Rick has been hunting the club's property nearly every year we have sponsored the hunt and last year he harvested a nice buck. Jim hunted for the first time last fall and tagged a large doe on the first day

he hunted. Just as a reminder the club grounds are closed during this hunt. Signs will be posted at the entrance to the club and at the clubhouse as well. Please report any unauthorized use of the club to officers. Hopefully our hunters will have a safe and successful hunt with cooler temperatures and good deer movement. Good Luck!"

Hunter Safety Education Classes -

The Driftless Folk School class taught by the CVCC instructor team certified all 14 students on Thursday, Sept. 18th. Plus the second CVCC On-Line Hunter Education class of 2013 certified all 19 students who attended the Sept. 28th Final Field Day. This group of on-line students achieved an average score of 98%.

Your CVCC Hunter Safety Instructor volunteer instructor team completed 4 different classes this year and successfully certified a total of 97 new hunters with all students completing the classes passing the final certification exams!

Special thanks to Haaken and Keith Mathison for cleaning all the hunter safety and getting them ready for storage until the next class!

Summer 3D Bow Shoot League Report- by Dave Larson

The CVCC held an 8 week 3D bow league this summer. It ran from the beginning of July through the end of August. At total of 32 shooters had 15 targets to shoot at each week, with a cost of \$5 per night. Included within our teams were 10 youth shooters who were 16 and under and 1 woman. The number of shooters was higher than we expected, and the league was a great success!

After the league was over, a small award ceremony was held which included an outstanding steak dinner that was prepared by Tom Longmire. The top actual team score with an 8 week total of 4505 points was shot by Bryce and Brady Rudie; and the top handicap team score with a total of 4830 points was shot by Jeff and Jake Sturgis. The competition was fun, but the league featured a great opportunity to improve our shooting skills long before the start of bow season.

After a successful inaugural league in 2013, we are planning an expansion to a 12 week league during the summer of 2014. Please contact Jeff Sturgis (906-630-3105), Dave Larson (608-452-3256), or Cory Leis (608-452-2016) if you have any suggestions for next year.

Thank you to everyone who shot in our bow league this summer. Also, "congratulations" to a couple of our youth shooters, Cory Leis and Jake Sturgis, who both have already used their summer archery experience to find early archery season success in 2013!

Summer Bow League Participants Enjoying Themselves



Trap Shooting – by Scott Hobson -

The 2013 Trap shooting season came to an end on the 25th of September with 7 shooters taking advantage of the Wobble trap. We started the year out in mid April this year and found that it was a bit cool and rainy. By June we were met with 4 weeks of rain out, leaving July and August in the heat.

In August we moved the Trap range and enlarged it to a 16 yard range, giving the shooters a chance to shoot on a regulation range. With the addition of a new block enclosure to protect the Trap, we now have a very functional range. In September the range had a good work out with a different set up. 5 stands Trap was the name of the game for the Jonathan Huff memorial shoot. For those that shot it was a very challenging layout with the use of 3 different trap machines. A total of 92 rounds shot that day with over 2300 clay targets thrown, and comments coming from the shooters were very positive.

The Range is also set up so that in the future we can set it up for a skeet range, by using two machines, of which we have borrowed in the past to enhance the shooting experience.

Next year we will start in early May and hope for good weather, and more shooters. This is not a big competition shot but more of a fun time with everyone trying to do better then the last time and not trying to be better then the other guy.

Many Thanks need to go out to Merv Broten ,John Halvorson, and Royce Curtis for all their help this year, with out their involvement the Trap shooting event would not be possible, one man can't do it all.

We look forward to the upcoming year and seeing if the long winter had any effect on the shooters.

MUZZLELOADER SHOOTS –

Shoots were held in July, August, and September on the 3rd Saturdays of the month. Shoots were well attended with some very good scores by the winners. Shooting fees remained at \$5.00 per shoot with all costs covered and a small profit shown. Shoots will resume next year in April and will continue to provide a great opportunity for members and friends to polish their muzzleloader shooting skills and also have a fun time.

September 22, 2013 CVCC Muzzleloader Pheasant Hunt at Badgerland



Special “Fundraisers” Hosted by CVCC -

UPS Employees Bow Shoot – Sept. 7 : By Emily King

The early morning began pleasantly, with plenty of sun and decent temperatures. A larger group of shooters came around 8:30 to get some target practice in and shoot the course while the weather was cool.

When they returned a few more UPS employees had arrived to enjoy the day. They played the 50/50 Raffle, which turned out to be a great way to offer prizes at a bow shoot. The 50/50 Raffle offered two tickets for a dollar and a 50% chance of winning a prize. The prizes included shirts from Predator, United Way and UPS can cozies, an assortment of camouflage hats and other miscellaneous prizes.

The top shooter was awarded a UPS camouflage duffel bag-which was earned by Jeff Sturgis who shot a perfect 400 score on a 20 target course.

I had projected we would be having 30-40 shooters. We ended up with 25. I would speculate it was because of the heat some people decided to withdraw their participation. It was not a disappointment by any means. The event was organized within two weeks which does not leave much time for advertising. We ended up raising approximately \$250 for the community via the United Way due to shooting fees and the raffle. With more time to coordinate and promote the event a certainty in the future, it may be something UPS would be interested in trying again next year if the club would have us.

People who came to shoot really enjoyed themselves. They have an interest in upcoming club events and shoots, so the event did offer some good exposure. Special thanks to Bruce King who helped immensely by assisting throughout the process and spending much of the day Saturday taking care of the kitchen. And to Cory Leis, Dave Larson and anyone who helped with the 3D course. I could not have done it without any of you and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Jonathan Hoff Memorial Bow & Trap Shoot – Sept. 14 :

A very successful event included 92 rounds of 5 stand trap shot and 58 3D bow shooters in addition to raffles that included a bow, 2 guns, a custom knife, snowmobile jacket, and very popular Duck Dynasty items. Everyone had a great time for a great cause with over \$4000 raised to fund a scholarship in Jonathan's name at Westby Area Schools plus a donation to the Cancer Fund. Special thanks to Cody & Cory Leis for organizing the event and to all to helped out.

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 re-growth and stumps. Funds have been budgeted for additional seed and chemicals. Fall spraying is scheduled to kill the existing grasses and prepare for seeding of a native prairie seed mix.

Shooting Ranges Improvements PROJECT UPDATE:

The project has been completed with member orientations held in Aug. and Sept., proximity cards distributed and the entrance gate locking system activated. The CVCC shooting ranges are now monitored and maintained by the new CVCC Shooting Ranges Committee.

CVCC HISTORY – Shooting Activities

Providing CVCC members and guests the opportunity to practice and enhance their shooting skills with bow and gun in a safe but challenging environment has been a long tradition with the Club. This is one of the core missions of the CVCC. Here is a summary of the activities available to members with a little history included.

3D Archery Shoots – by Kevin King

Mark See, Tom Frydenlund, Jeff Berg, Bruce Stumpges, Steve Jorgenson, Scott Jorgenson and I were the members who started the 3-D archery shoots we also had help from various other members. Prior to this Cowboy had set up a range consisting of Hay Bales up past the old gun range. The main reason we started was because at the time a lot of the local clubs were having shoots

that we enjoyed going to so we decided it would be a good idea to start doing the same in Coon Valley, If I remember correctly we started out with fourteen Makenzie Targets that cost around \$2000.00 we also had some dozer work done for some earthen burms we used for (Broadhead Shoots).

(Editors Note: The CVCC 3D Archery Shoots have evolved into a significant fundraiser and attract shooters from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. Many positive comments have been made with some saying that we have the best 3D target layout around. Thanks to Cory Leis and Dave Larson for keeping this tradition going strong.)

Cabin Fever Shoots -

The first shoot was held the last Saturday of February to provide and opportunity to showcase our new shooting ranges to members and friends as well as get out and enjoy some shooting after a long winter. The second CVCC Cabin Fever Shoot was held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Shooters could choose pistol, rimfire, centerfire, muzzleloader, and shotgun events. The 2014 shoot is planned again for the last Saturday in February.

Muzzleloader Shoots -

The first CVCC muzzleloader shoot was organized by Bill Marquart, Arvid Holey and Royce Curtis and was held in August of 2004. Shortly after this first CVCC shoot, Bill Marquart invited several of his fellow LaCrosse Muzzleloader Club members to visit the CVCC. They were very impressed with out facilities and as a result requested that they be included in future CVCC muzzleloader shooting activities. Permission was requested and granted to also allow the LaCrosse Muzzleloaders group to participate in "Muzzleloader Weekends" the third weekends of May and September along with CVCC members and other muzzleloader enthusiasts. Approval was also given to move the LaCrosse Muzzleloaders storage shed and target equipment to the CVCC shooting range area and to allow this equipment to be used by the CVCC in all future muzzleloader shoots. These "Muzzleloader Weekends" have been very well attended and considerable donations have been made to the CVCC by the participants to more than cover the cost of shoot prizes, food and camping.

When the power lines were buried and the power to the clubhouse upgraded a request to also install camper outlets was approved. The LaCrosse Muzzleloaders Club made a donation in excess of \$700 to cover the total cost of these outlets. An additional donation of materials to build a second handicap hunting blind was also made to the CVCC. This blind was constructed at a cost of less than \$200 from the CVCC treasury and joined our first handicap hunting blind that was constructed at a cost of \$700 from the CVCC treasury. During this time the majority of the LaCrosse Muzzleloaders joined the CVCC with most becoming life members, plus a member of the LaCrosse Muzzleloaders also constructed and donated the outdoor bulletin board to the CVCC. A short time later the LaCrosse Muzzleloaders Club voted to suspend operation and donate all the remaining funds in their treasury to the CVCC to start the Shooting Ranges Improvement Fund. This was accepted by the CVCC with matching funds included to start this fund. The storage shed and contents also have become property of the CVCC.

Even though the LaCrosse Muzzleloaders Club is not longer active it has left quite a heritage behind through donations of cash, assets and new active CVCC members to help continue the future of muzzleloader activities at the CVCC.

Summary of LaCrosse Muzzleloader Club Donations to the CVCC:

1. Cash donation to cover cost of camper outlet installation	\$700 +
2. Materials to build 2 nd handicap hunter blind	\$500 +
3. Outdoor Bulletin Board	\$400 +
4. Cash to establish Shooting Ranges Improvement Fund	\$300 +
5. Storage Shed	\$500 +
6. Steel frame picnic tables and bench	\$500+
7. Muzzleloader supplies and targets	\$1000 +
8. Portable Sporting Clays equipment	\$1000+
9. Additional steel targets, supports and paper targets from the Madison area Taychopera Muzzleloaders club.	<u>\$1000+</u>
Total +	\$5900 +

Monthly muzzleloader shoots continue with the primary objective to provide members and guests a fun opportunity to practice and enhance their shooting skills with basic fees charged to at least recover the costs of each shoot.

Trap Shooting –

Trap shooting began on Wednesday evenings in 2012 using our new Promatic Wobble Trap purchased with matching funds from our Friends of NRA grant. A shooting area was built with the help of Gary Gilbeck and his bobcat that allowed 5 shooters to shoot from 12 yards. It was quickly determined that shooting from a Wobble Trap was much different and challenging than from a regular trap. Shooting continued in 2013 and in August and official 16yd layout was built. The shoots were open to all members and guests and plans are to continue in 2014. Thanks to Scott Hobson, Merv Broten, John Halverson and also Gary Gilbeck for making all this possible.

.22 Silhouette Shoots -

The first shoot in many years was held on Saturday, May 11th. Shooting included both youth and adult classes for both open sights and scopes. Top shooters received medals and all in attendance felt that another shoot should be planned for 2014.

CVCC Support of Youth Groups Shooting Activities -

Boy Scouts: We sponsor the local troop and host all their shooting activities. Scouts participate in our other shoots as well.

Hunter Safety: The CVCC currently sponsors one regular class and 2 on-line classes with graduates using our ranges for both .22 rifle and 20 ga. Shotgun shooting.

4-H Shooting Sports: All shooting activities are hosted by the CVCC including archery, air rifle, .22 rifle, shotgun, and muzzleloading. Project members have 3 practices and 2 competitions each year.

Westby Area Schools Summer Archery: Students utilize our archery practice range and summer 3D course to learn and enhance their archery skills.

The CVCC also provides secure storage for the youth group shooting equipment in the 3 cribs in the Shooting Ranges Storage Building.

CVCC HISTORY - Trout Rearing at the CVCC – by Bruce King

We all know of things that have gone on for so long that we take them for granted. One of those things could be the relationship between the CVCC and trout.

Your Club has raised and released over 160,000 trout since 1957. What is your favorite memories of trout raising at the Club, or trout fishing in the area streams? One of my early memories is of a work day at the Lee pond with Wes Nordstrom grilling burgers for a hardy lunch. We all have favorite fishing memories, but I honestly believe fishing in local streams has never been better.

Obviously the stream bank improvement projects, lunger structures, fence crossings, and trout raising benefit more than just Club members. Perhaps many people do not appreciate the work that goes into developing a class A trout stream, but there are many who do.

Recently I spoke with a gentleman who has fond memories of fishing the Coon Creek in Timber Coulee. When his long time friend and fishing companion, William Homstad, passed away his family looked for a way to remember him. They felt there was not better way than to promote the passion he enjoyed for many years, trout fishing in the coulee region. Thank you Stingl family for your generous donation to our trout rearing program. Be assured that the CVCC will continue to raise trout to be stocked in local streams for the foreseeable future.

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR:



Club Meetings – Oct. 31, Nov 21, Dec 26 @ 7:30 PM

Board Meetings – Oct 10, Nov. 14, Dec.14 @ 7:30 PM

Handicapped Deer Hunt – Clubgrounds Closed Oct 5 – 13

Learn to Pheasant Hunt @ Badgerland – Sat. AM Oct. 12

Fall Fundraiser – Oct. 12 starting at 5:30 PM

Big Deer Contest – Last night to sign up – at Nov. 21st meeting

Big Deer Contest Judging – at Dec. 26th meeting