



CVCC NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2014/2015

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President's Message



Greetings from the CVCC and HAPPY NEW YEAR! Yes, 2014 is in the rear view mirror and the road through 2015 stretches before us. Another deer season is behind us; was this the year you put a trophy on the wall? Is your freezer well stocked with venison? No matter what the final outcome was I sincerely hope you made some worthwhile memories. I believe that is the most important part of a successful hunt.

2014 was a busy year for your club and I believe 2015 will be no exception. Keep in mind the business of the CVCC encompasses much more than special events and functions. As all property owners know, maintenance often creates more work than you can handle. The older the buildings and the more extensive the grounds, the more work you have.

If you have some construction experience we have some opportunities on the rental house for you to test your skill. Perhaps you don't feel qualified for that level of construction; well, maybe you could help maintain the shooting range backstops or assist in the construction of retaining walls. Do you have electrical experience? The CVCC has some electrical condundrums that you can help with.

Are you more the outdoor type who likes to work with the land? The CVCC has some dead trees to be removed and brush to be trimmed along field edges. The Farm and Food Plot Committees also have opportunities for you. When spring arrives there will be spring cleanup and the constant need for grass cutting. There will also be weeds to spray.

These opportunities I have shared with you are by no means all-inclusive. I did not list a single event or function. Rather what I have shared with you is a laundry list of sometimes mundane (and sometimes strenuous) tasks. Most of these tasks fall to a very few members, who tirelessly toil, trying to make a difference for your club. These folks are no less busy than the rest of us, but rather than making an excuse not to help, they have found a reason to help. The very future of the CVCC depends on good people finding a reason to help. Perhaps preserving the CVCC for the future is reason enough. Will 2015 be the year you discover your reason for helping?

Thank you,

Bruce King

Become an Ambassador

by Bruce King

Welcome 2015, Happy New Year! Have you checked the calendar of events in this newsletter so that you are aware of the opportunities in store for you and many others? Have you been to a meeting or event sponsored by the CVCC lately? Have you spoken with anyone about the club or any of its functions? What picture did you paint of the CVCC in that conversation?

We live in a country where freedom of speech is cherished, and yet there are few of us who have not heard the advice, "If you can't say anything good, don't say anything at all." We are

surrounded by negativity, and it seems bad news sells better than good. We all have the right to our opinion and many of us are quick to voice that to all who will listen.

As you know, the CVCC is a very diverse group with various backgrounds and interests. We do have a purpose that may not be so well known. The CVCC By-Laws, Article I (Purpose), Section 1 states, "The purpose of the CVCC Inc. shall be to conserve, use and improve wildlife resources wisely, advance the interest of outdoor life, teach conservation, promote friendliness and good fellowship among its members, endeavor to obtain understanding and agreement between the sportsman and the general public, and in every feasible way assist the members by lending group support to a satisfactory solution of individual and group problems. Furthermore, the CVCC will actively assist in the furthering of worthwhile conservation movements with similar and related groups and agencies having wildlife conservation as their purpose."

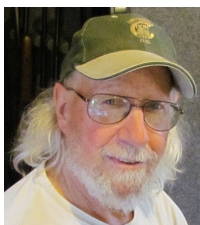
Wow, that is a tall order. This is the task that is assigned to your officers and board of directors, as well as the daily operation of the property and rental properties. While you may not agree with all of the decisions made by this group, they do bring most items to the membership body for approval.

If you are an inactive member your voice may not be heard. When decisions are made by the officers and board members, every attempt is made to further the purpose and ensure the future of the CVCC. You may not agree with all decisions made, but please be aware of the damage your negative comments can do to the CVCC. Bring your concerns to the board. You may not get the results you want but you should leave with an understanding of the final decision.

As a member at large you can do the most good by being an ambassador of the CVCC. Strive to find the positive in what your club is doing, and understand that most things are a work in progress. If someone takes issue with the CVCC and you find it indefensible because you do not have all the facts, please refer that person to the board. I will not ask you to talk about issues on which you are uninformed, but do all you can to remain positive. Rest assured that your officers and board members are trying to make decisions for the greater good of the CVCC.

At the end of the day the most important rule of being an ambassador may just be, "if you can't say anything good, don't say anything at all."

NEWS RELEASE



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HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES TO BE OFFERED

The Coon Valley Conservation Club is sponsoring its annual Wisconsin DNR Basic Hunter Education course. The regular classroom course will meet each Thursday at the Coon Valley Village Hall from 3:45 PM to 6:00 PM beginning on Jan. 29, 2015 and ending on March 12, 2015. There will

also be two Saturday morning classes at the Coon Valley Conservation Club on Mar. 7 and Mar. 14 from 9 AM to noon. There is no minimum or maximum age. Parents are encouraged to enroll and participate. A parent or guardian must attend the first class to complete and sign registration forms for any student under the age of 18. **Pre-registration is required by Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015.** Contact Royce Curtis at 608-452-3809 or email student information to CVCCHuntSafe@gmail.com to pre-register. Enrollment in this class is limited and preference will be given to those youth attending Westby-area schools who will be 12 or older prior to the 2015 hunting seasons, and their parents. Others will be admitted if space is available. The course fee is \$10.00 and covers all necessary materials. **A Wisconsin DNR Customer ID Number is also required** and can be obtained by calling 1-888-936-7463. Persons born on or after 1-1-73 must have a hunter education certificate to purchase any regular Wisconsin hunting license. (Persons 10 years or older can participate in the special Mentored Hunting Program without this certification.)

Persons successfully completing the course will receive a basic hunter education graduate certificate and a distinctive embroidered emblem. Young students who are certified will be able to purchase a hunting license in any state, and hunt alone (with parental permission) when they turn 14. Classes will cover hunting topics such as hunting equipment and methods, rules and regulations, ethics, responsibility, first aid and survival, principles of wildlife management, and basic firearms knowledge and safety. Hunting can be fun when done properly. We need better-educated hunters to protect the positive image and traditions of hunting not only for today but for the future as well.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS MUST CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE COURSE TO REQUEST SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS.

Note: An On-Line section of this class is available for those students who cannot attend the regular scheduled class. Enrollment numbers are restricted for this type of class. This is a “self-study Internet- based” class with attendance at final Field Training and Testing day on April 25, 2015 required. Contact Royce Curtis at CVCCHuntSafe@gmail.com for information and/or to enroll in this class after March 1, 2015.

Range Security Update

by Bob Ritger



The ranges saw a very busy couple of weeks leading up to deer hunting and for the most part things went well. There were a couple of incidents that resulted in follow-up, with one member's card being deactivated for 90 days for allowing somebody else to use the card, one person was contacted regarding leaving the gate open and unattended and one report filed with the Vernon County Sheriff's Department for trespassing (requested a warning be given to the non-member). As most of you know we had an incident of trespass earlier this fall and were unable to identify the people involved, but that problem has been taken care of with additional technology that will enable us to identify people on the property.

I would like to thank everyone for the care in using the gate access system and making sure the gate is closed and would also like to remind those that forget to close the gate that this system is in place to protect the investment in the shooting ranges and we are all part of the protection of our club.

If you have any suggestions for the Range Committee please feel free to contact me or any other committee or Board member.



Range Courtesy or Common Sense

by Scott Hobson

Shooting range common sense or courtesy. Whichever you choose, please use one of them.

As someone who tries to keep the ranges mowed and ready for use, I have some points that need to be addressed. We here at the CVCC have tried to make the shooting experience for everyone a little more fun, and in doing that we have put some portable shooting stands on the pistol range, but on occasion I have found them on either the big bore range or on the .22 range. Please, if you feel that you need to use them on the other ranges, make sure that you return them to the pistol range when you are done, using common sense and courtesy. If you feel that there is a need to have portable stands on other ranges let us know.

You may have noticed that we placed a dueling tree on the pistol range and had one on the .22 range. Judging by the use of them they seemed to be quite popular. However, the pistol-range tree is meant to take up to a .45 caliber handgun, and the one on the .22 range was intended for .22s; they were not meant to take a high-power rifle round, thus the change in the one on the pistol range and the elimination of the other on the .22 range. Please, while you are shooting on the ranges use the proper range for what you are shooting.

The portable stands have been used a lot by the looks of them, but the small pellet holes from shotguns are tearing them up along with the backstops on all ranges. If you remember from your orientation, we pointed out that shotguns are to be patterned. Replacing the backstops comes at a cost of \$11.00 a sheet plus time, which comes directly out of the CVCC treasury, which is part of your membership.

The CVCC has placed picnic tables on the trap range for use on trap-shooting evenings and in order to mow around them we have placed them where they should be put. However, on occasion we have found them elsewhere on the range, which means they have to be moved back. Common sense would say that when you are done using them, place them back where they were first found.

When shooting on the range and using paper targets, please remember to place your target within the orange stripe around the backstop and not at the top or the outside edge. One bullet going through the wood on the back does not make that big of a hole going in but look at the back and see how much was taken out on exit. Also please remember to remove the targets when you are done. Should it rain or the wind is blowing, targets can come down and blow around the ranges, making a bigger mess for someone else to clean up. Courtesy.

One could look at this as griping and nitpicking but when you see these on a weekly basis it can get to be more of a nuisance. We all have enjoyed shooting on the ranges and some of our guests that have come to shoot with us say that we have a real gem here. If we all do our part to keep it clean,

that will make it that much more enjoyable for the next person.

Common sense or courtesy, it your choice, and remember, after entering the walk-through gate, pull it shut. The range is for members, built by members and paid for by members.



COON VALLEY CONSERVATION CLUB MUZZLELOADERS

WINTER MUZZLELOADER PHEASANT HUNT

Badgerland Pheasant Farm,
Westby, WI

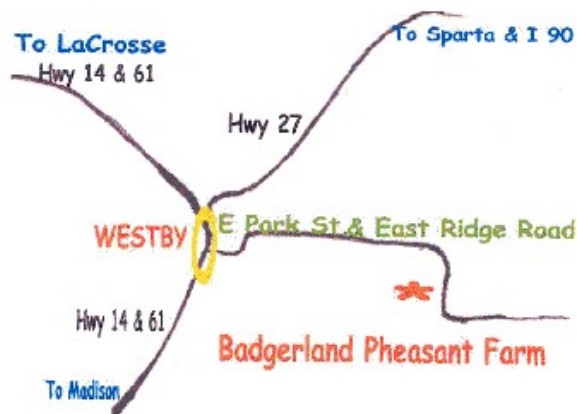
Saturday, January 17, 2015

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Extra muzzleloading shotguns are available as well as guides & dogs. To reserve your spot contact Royce Curtis at CVCCHuntSafe@gmail.com or 608-452-3809.



20 Miles SE of LaCrosse on 14, 61
-Or-
20 Miles South of Sparta & I-90 on 27
-Or-
97 Miles NW of Madison on 14, 61





**CVCC Muzzleloaders
2015 Shoot Schedule
(At the CVCC
Clubgrounds,
S1005 Knutson Lane,
Coon Valley, WI.)**



ALL SHOTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SHOOT RULES: All shoots are standing offhand position with no telescopic sights or support aids including slings or shooting sticks, etc. Target loads with lead balls or lead bullets only. **SAFETY IS FOREMOST** – Muzzles Up or Down Range at all times! (NOTE: The June 20th shoot is a TRADITIONAL PATCHED BALL ONLY shoot with Primitive Attire preferred.) Range is open for practice prior to shoots.

Sat. Jan. 17: Winter ML Pheasant Hunt 1:00 – 4:00 PM at Badgerland Pheasant Farm, Westby

Sat. Jan. 24: “Iron Man” Shoot (including Muzzleloader, rifle, pistol, shotgun and archery) starting at 9 AM.

Sat. Feb. 28: Cabin Fever Shoot – 11 AM - 5 shot bulls eye,
Unlimited Number of Targets.

Sat. Apr. 18: “Silhouette” Shoot - 1:00 PM.

**Fri. May 15 -> Sun. May 17: Spring CVCC Muzzleloaders Weekend.

*Sat. June 20: Coon Creek Rendezvous Shoot – 1:00 PM.
(Patched Round Ball only.)

Sat. July 18: “Heat in the Valley” Muzzleloader Trap Shoot – 1:00 PM.

Sat. Aug. 15 : Twelfth Annual “Smoke in the Valley” Shoot – 1:00PM.

**Fri. Sept. 18 -> Sun. Sept. 20: Fall CVCC Muzzleloaders Weekend.

Sun. Sept. 20 -> 8-12 noon Sixth Annual “Muzzleloader Pheasant Hunt”
at Badgerland Pheasant Farm, Westby.

****ML Weekends** include camping available for the weekend, Friday evening at Stockyards, Saturday group breakfast and Competition Shoots, and a Saturday evening pot luck. **SHOOTING RANGES** are open for sight-ins and practice Friday and Saturday morning for Bow, Rifle, Shotgun and Knife & Hawk. This is a full weekend of fun **OPEN TO ALL** muzzleloader enthusiasts. Camping is also available on the clubgrounds for all other shoots. For information call Royce Curtis at 608-452-3809.

Or Visit CVCC WEB SITE: www.coonvalleycc.com



Iron man Shooting Sports Challenge

January 24th

8:00 am to 3:00 pm



Shooter choice any 3 of the following

Archery	10 targets with scoring of (10,7,5,0) one shot per target, for a total score 100 points
Rimfire	5 shots @ 25 yards and 5 shots @ 50 yards Total score 100 points
Center fire	5 Shots @ 100 yards and 5 shots @ 200 yards Total score 100 points
Trap	25 shots, each clay worth 4 points. Total score 100 points
Muzzleloader	5 shots @ 25 yards and 5 shots @ 50 yards Total score 100 points
Pistol	5 shots @ 12 yards and 5 shots @ 25 yards Total score 100 points

All shots from the standing position, any type of sight allowed

Shooting classes

- 1) Hunter Safety grads and mentored youth up to 16 years old
- 2) 17+ (Adults)

Prizes

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place in each age class for overall combined score and top scores in each individual discipline

Team Prizes Two person teams Prizes for 1st and 2nd place for top overall combined scores

Cost \$10 dollars for individual shooters, \$15 dollars for a two person team.

Food and refreshments available on the Club Grounds

More information contact Keith Mathison (phone or text 608-769-0113)

Email keith.mathison@milestonematerials.com

The CVCC Apparel Line

11 Styles of Camo Print
\$15.00 Each



Green Polo Shirt
\$20.00 S-4XL



Shooters Shirt
\$40.00 S-3XL



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Check out the selection the next time you are at the CVCC, or you can contact Scott Hobson for more information

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Upcoming 2015 Events Calendar (next three months):

Membership Meetings – January 29, February 26, March 26.
Board Meetings – January 8, February 12, March 12.
Winter Muzzleloader Pheasant Hunt – Saturday, January 17.
Iron Man Shoot – Saturday, January 24, 8 AM – 3 PM.
Hunter Safety class #1 – Thursday, 3:45 PM on January 29 at the Coon Valley Village Hall.

Hunter Safety class #2 – February 5.
Hunter Safety class #3 – Thursday, February 12.
Bow Shoot – Saturday/Sunday, February 14-15.
Hunter Safety class #4 – Thursday, February 19.
Klondike Derby – Saturday, February 21.
Hunter Safety class #5 – Thursday, February 26.
Cabin Fever Shoot – Saturday, February 28.

Hunter Safety Field Practice – Saturday, March 7, 9 AM to noon at the CVCC.
Spring Fundraiser – Saturday, March 7 and Hunter Safety class #6, from 9 AM to noon.
Hunter Safety Make-Up class, if needed – Monday, March 9.
Hunter Safety Tests – Tuesday and Thursday, March 10 & 12.
Hunter Safety .22 Shoot – Saturday, March 14 at the CVCC.
Bow Shoot – Saturday/Sunday, March 21-22.