



CVCC NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2017

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Monthly Gun Raffle: Aaron Sheckel

Boy Scouts: Steve Pauloski

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Club History: Jon Lee

Archery: Cory Leis, Dave Larson

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President's Message

by Scott Hobson



Well, here I sit writing my last article as President and I look back at what has been two years of over seeing the day-to-day operations of your Conservation Club.

The first thing that comes to mind is the great people that we have here, and when it comes to getting things done, our members are right there to help out. We have finished so many projects, and they would not have been possible had our members not jumped in to get the job done.

I have spent four years as an officer of this club, two as the Secretary and the last two as your President. Over all of those years I have seen some changes, from our new cost of membership and the re-instatement of life membership, the new stair steps on the archery course, the shooting stations on the trap range, the purchase of a welder so we can do our own repairs, the gift of steel so we can make our own targets and fabricate items for our use, a new playground for the kids, and finally the remodeling of the club house.

I have seen donations from members in the form of money to donations of physical items that can be used on the grounds. Time and time again I look at the membership and I am truly pleased to be a part of an organization like this.

We have had some really good fundraisers and have started some new things, like the Bucks of Vernon County. We began the summer bow league, had some great trap shooting nights, and our club is the host of the "Shooting for a Cure." We are also the host club for the Vernon County 4-H shooting sports and soon to come, the addition of a sporting clay course.

As I look forward to what is to come, I see myself a little less active at the club. However, I will still continue to mow the gun ranges, be involved in the muzzleloader shoots and assist Ray Williamson in the Club House project, but I will also find more time now to work on my own home, which I have put on hold over the last four years.

The one and only thing that needs to be said to all members is "THANK YOU" for allowing me to be a part of your club's leadership and Thank You for accepting me for who I am and what I could bring to the club. But mostly,

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Coon Valley Conservation Club – what's it all about?

by Royce Curtis, CVCC Nominating Committee Member



From the CVCC Web Page - “The Coon Valley Conservation Club is an organization of sportspersons, conservationists, and nature enthusiasts dedicated to preserving and conserving our precious wildlife and natural resources. We are organized as a 501(c)3, existing solely to foster and perpetuate our conservation mission. We currently have over 400 members from throughout the country . . .”

The CVCC has existed for over 75 years through the dedication and volunteer efforts of a small core of active members each year who donate not only their time and expertise but also financially to meet the current and future needs of the Club. Without these efforts the CVCC would be unable to provide the outstanding benefits that the Club provides to all members. This small core of active members spend countless hours insuring that the Club is well maintained and remains financially sound without any expectation of reward beyond the satisfaction knowing that what they are doing is the right thing to do currently and for the future. There is a term that seems to be ignored more and more these days: “Fair Share.” Simply stated; everyone has the responsibility to contribute their fair share of time, effort, expertise, financial support, etc., to insure success, whether it be for family, work, school, or society in general. Fair does not mean Equal; Fair Share means doing the best you can based on your individual abilities and resources. These days everyone is busy with such things as work, family, school activities, volunteering, etc. that it is difficult to find any time to just relax and enjoy what we like to do. Finding that healthy “balance” in life is a real challenge. A few fortunate ones find that it is possible to find some of that balance through making time for something they really like and enjoy doing – hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, target shooting, habitat improvement, or other conservation-related activity. We should all ask ourselves on a regular basis if we are really doing our “Fair Share”.

The Thursday, April 27, 2017, Membership Meeting of the CVCC is the annual Election of Officers and Board Members for the coming year. There is much opportunity for members to assume a leadership role with the CVCC. All officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and two Board Positions are open. The current members holding these positions have all served two terms (four years) and will NOT be running for re-election. The new officers and board members will have the opportunity to oversee the current club activities and also set the future for the CVCC. Please consider stepping forward for one of these positions.

29 New Hunters Certified at March 25th CVCC On-Line Hunter Education Field Day

All 29 students enrolled in the annual CVCC-sponsored WI DNR On-Line Hunter Education successfully completed all required sessions and testing to earn their lifetime Wisconsin Hunter Education Certificates. Twenty students had perfect scores on the written test and 25 had perfect scores on the practical test. This class established a new high average for CVCC Hunter Ed classes of 99%.

Thanks to all the students, Conservation Warden Shawna Stringham and volunteer instructors Steve Pauloski, Corky Roethel, Steve Nestingen, John Alseth, Gary Butterfield, Ron Pennebecker, Dean Daniels, Dick Wallin, Kevin Sloane and Royce Curtis for making this another successful class.



The Bucks of Vernon County

by Aaron Sheckel



The last Saturday of January 2017 the Club put on a new activity, “The Bucks of Vernon County (BOVC).” Having never done this kind of thing, the Club formed a committee to plan and run the event. After many meetings and getting information from other clubs, we set out to do it, and got some sponsors to cover the expense of print and radio ads. We did not know what to expect, but I think the BOVC was well done, with 93 antlers brought in and over 160 people through the door. We also had four vendors. This could not have been done without all the work of the committee and the club members that helped on the day of the show. We even turned a profit! Next year we are going to do it again, on the last Saturday in January, so get your antlers ready and come on down to see all of them.





ATTENTION!! ARCHERS' SUMMER LEAGUE UPDATE

by Cory Leis



The Coon Valley Conservation Club Summer Bow League will start June 12th, 2017 and run through August 21st every Monday evening (except July 3rd). This will be followed by the annual Steak Fry for participants on August 28th. There will be 15 targets each week and the registration fee is \$60 for 10 weeks. If you are interested or have questions, please call Cory at 608-452-2016 or 608-618-0099.

CVCC Membership Options

We have new fees and options starting this year:

- Individual YEARLY -- \$40.00
- Family YEARLY -- \$60.00
- Senior (62+) YEARLY -- \$20.00
- Youth (under 18) YEARLY -- \$20.00

NOTE: Lifetime Membership is available for \$350.00 after five years of active membership, with all previous dues paid credited to this fee.

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(And if it did, it would reach over 430 CVCC members, predominantly in Vernon, La Crosse and Monroe counties, plus worldwide on our website.)

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Name: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ E-Mail: _____

Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

As a member, you are entitled to use the Coon Valley Conservation Club club grounds and ranges almost any time. A quarterly newsletter with a schedule of the many activities and events designed for your education and enjoyment is published on our web site www.coonvalleycc.com and is also emailed to members. The variety of events provides an opportunity for you to become involved in the CVCC business and activities. CLUB MEETINGS are held at the club grounds (S1005 Knudson Lane) on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

CVCC By-Laws: Memberships Article III - Section 10:

Each member shall have as duties the attendance at regular and special meetings, service on committees, assistance on projects and work of the Corporation, report to the Corporation of any infractions of laws, regulations or ordinances relating to conservation, and in every way further the purposes and interests of the Corporation.

I agree to be an active member and support the mission of the CVCC by participating and assisting with Club activities to the best of my abilities. I agree to obey the range rules as posted and use my weapons in a safe manner. I also agree to hold harmless and release the Coon Valley Conservation Club, its officers, directors, and employees from claims resulting from injury or damage to me, my family, or my property while visiting or using the club facilities.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Volunteers are needed to keep outside contracting from being needed to perform improvements, construction, and maintenance tasks. This keeps yearly dues at a minimum. We ask that you read the list below and check those that interest you as an occasional volunteer in helping out. Check as many as you wish.

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| ☐ Club Grounds Maintenance | ☐ March Fundraiser | ☐ September Fundraiser |
| ☐ Hunter Safety | ☐ Boy Scouts | ☐ 4-H Shooting Sports |
| ☐ August Chicken Q | ☐ Archery 3D | ☐ Gun Ranges Maintenance |
| ☐ February Cabin Fever Shoot | ☐ Muzzleloader Shoots | ☐ Shotgun Shoots |
| ☐ Rifle Shoots | ☐ Pistol Shoots | ☐ Newsletter |
| ☐ Web Site | ☐ Memberships | ☐ Raffles |
| ☐ Sight-in Days | ☐ Trout Program | ☐ Food Plots |
| ☐ Construction | ☐ Grant Writing | |
| ☐ Range Patrol (checks membership cards and report unsafe or destructive behavior) | | |
| ☐ Other _____ | | |

I am willing to use my technical /professional ability in the following field to help the Coon Valley Conservation Club.

List here: _____

☐ Since circumstances make it impossible to help I am willing to make an extra contribution to help cover expenses incurred by needed improvements, maintenance, and projects sponsored by the CVCC.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION: \$ _____

\$40.00 Individual ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$ _____

\$60.00 Family ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$ _____

\$20.00 Senior (62+)/Youth(Under 18) \$ _____

*\$10.00 Mailed Newsletter Subscription: \$ _____ (*I do not have email or internet access and am willing to help offset the cost of having the newsletter delivered via regular mail.)

(Membership Fees as of 1/1/2017)

TOTAL Payment: \$ _____

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N1005 Knudson Lane
Coon Valley, WI 54623

***Membership becomes active upon approval by the Board and Membership at the next regular meeting.
(Prospective member and/or Sponsor attendance required at this meeting)**

***NOTE: Lifetime Membership available for \$350.00 after 5 years of active membership with all previous dues paid credited to this fee.**

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Upcoming 2017 Events Calendar (next three months):

Board meetings – 2nd Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.
Members' meetings – last Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

April 8-9 – Saturday-Sunday, **3D “Dual Shoot”** with Chaseburg Rod & Gun,
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
22 – Saturday, **WMLA-CVCC Muzzleloader Shoot** and WMLA meeting,
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 6 – Saturday, **Hunter Safety Shoot** (at Westby Rod & Gun).
19-21 – Friday through Sunday, **Spring Muzzleloader Weekend**, all day.
20 – Saturday, **Muzzleloader Rifle Shoot**, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

June 4 – Saturday, **Retired Military Rifle Shoot**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
24 – **Coon Creek Rendezvous Muzzleloader Shoot**, 1 to 4 p.m.