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President's Message

by Scott Hobson



Well, this is not what I had envisioned, but I'm back again. As you may remember, I had plans of moving on with projects that did not include spending a lot of time at the CVCC, but when election time came we could not find anyone to take the position of President. By some unfortunate motion I said I would take on the position for another year, but I would need more help as I did not feel I could put as much time in as in the past.

So here we go, another year. What is ahead? Well the biggest thing I see that we need to keep going is the clubhouse remodeling. So far that has been going great, with Ray Williamson leading the charge and making our vision a reality. We have been scheduling a monthly workday, but it looks like we are also going to have to add some weeknights.

As far as upcoming events are concerned, I am already looking ahead; the first thing on our calendar is our annual Chickenque, followed by the "Shootin' for a Cure and" the Fall Muzzleloader Shoot. We will end the fall with the Fall Fundraiser in October. In the meantime the Summer Bow League is under way with shooting every Monday evening, in what seems like a never-ending season of rain, every Monday evening.

The last few years I have been mowing the gun ranges, but with trying to back away I had to find someone who could take on a weekly commitment. Luckily, Jay Jackson, one of our new junior members, stepped up along with his grandfather Glen Olestaad and took on that job. Together they have both been doing a great job for us and things look outstanding around the ranges and clubhouse.

So as my year goes on YOU may get asked to help out with something, be it big or small. Your help is more appreciated than you think. For the smallest things that anyone does, it really means a lot to me and greatly benefits the club. Let me just give you an example.

On June 24th, we had the Coon Creek Rendezvous at the club grounds and as a club we were asked if we could make breakfast for all the campers and of course charge for it. Bruce King took care of purchasing the menu, so that left us with the problem of how to prepare it. I asked Corey Leis and Merv Brotan if they could help for a couple of hours, and then Bob Ritger asked if he could do something. Along with Corey's wife Jen and Bruce's help, the whole thing came off without a hitch and that is all due in part to a few members stepping up to lend a hand. It paid off in spades, and for that I offer a big THANK YOU!!!!

In closing let's get started and see where this next year takes us – Clubhouse remodeling, our main events, I am ready for it all, ARE YOU??!!

Club House Remodeling

The remodeling is well under way and so far we have the new breaker panel moved to the back area and the storage closet moved to the southeast corner. A new upper storage loft area was built to hold lighter-weight items at the east end of the building.

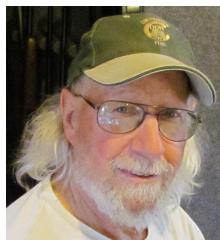
Last work day we installed the new double door on the back wall on the east end and studded out the north wall. The next work to be done is putting in a new passage door on the north wall going out to the pond and windows on the east wall.

Coming up after that: placing the electrical boxes and running wires, tackling the ceiling, sheeting the walls and ceiling, and then removing the wall that separates the two halves of the building.

There's lots of work to do by winter, but so far it is all coming together. We will be announcing more workdays at the meetings each month, or you can contact Ray Williamson or me, Scott Hobson. The next workdays will be 18-19 July, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and 29 July, 8 a.m. to noon.

2017 CVCC – Coon Creek Rendezvous Report

by Royce Curtis



The CVCC members at the May 25 meeting accepted the request from the Village of Coon Valley to host the annual Coon Creek Rendezvous that had been held the past 10 years in the village park. Fliers were printed and distributed and plans were quickly made on where to set up camps and what activities to include as well as assignments made to accomplish all this. Royce Curtis was selected as Booshway, with Tom Garvis and Martin Ferrari as Segundos to oversee the camps and competitions.¹ Scott Hobson and Bruce King volunteered to oversee the camp breakfast on Saturday morning. Camp areas were prepared, firewood, garbage barrels and port-a-potties placed, prizes purchased and camper medallions made by Keith Mathison. In spite of about three inches of rain during the week a total of 18 rendezvous camps were set up with over 50 people participating. Competitive events included two pistol shooters, 12 hawk-and-knife, 15 rifle and 11 bow. (**Special Note:** The top two bow shooters were using bows made from black locust trees that were cleared from the oak savanna area above our shooting ranges.)

Other rendezvous activities included the nightly campfires, violin and banjo music and songs, a fireworks cannon, a Saturday night camp potluck and the final camp meeting on Sunday with distribution of competition awards and camp prizes. The consensus was that we definitely should do it again next year and with a year to plan it will be bigger and better. Many comments were made on what an ideal facility we have for a rendezvous and how much nicer it was than in a city park



¹ From redhawktrading.com, the term “booshway (bushway)” derives from the word “bourgeois.” Today, it is applied to the person or couple in charge of a rendezvous, but “back in the day” it “was a company man who supervised the independent trappers who were forced to work for a fur-trapping company.” Definitions.net says that it was the head man at the Fort Union trading post on the upper Missouri River at the confluence of the Yellowstone River, circa 1849.

with major highway traffic to contend with.



We had one camper from California as well as others from Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin.



Special thanks to all who pitched in to make this event a success and even turn a profit: all the CVCC members, Pauline from Chance Are for advice and handling much of the finances and especially to Larry Servais from Coon Valley Dairy Supply, who provided a Gravley UTV to help

shuttle people and supplies between camps and activities.



Update from the 29 June 2017 CVCC membership meeting: Preliminary figures show that a profit of a few hundred dollars was made. Members also approved hosting the rendezvous for the next three years. A committee is being formed to plan and prepare for next year's event.



June Military Rifle Shoot by Merv Brotan

The first of the two summer Military Rifle shoots was held on Saturday, June 3rd. Prior commitments on the part of some of the regular shooters kept the number of participants low, but all who attended had a great time. Competition was tight in the Vintage shoot, with only two points separating second through fifth places. First place, however, was a new course record of 190, shot by Brad Mellen.

Scores were as follows:

Vintage

First place – Brad Mellen, with a score of 190, shooting a US Model 1917, caliber .30-06.

Second place – Bjorn Brotan, with a score of 173, 1X, shooting a British No. 4 Enfield in caliber .303 British.

Third place – Merv Brotan, with a score of 173, shooting a Swiss K-31 in caliber 7.5 X 55.

Fourth place – Arnie Mitzey, with a score of 172, shooting a Czech M24 Mauser in caliber 8 X 57.

Fifth place – Chad Olstad, with a score of 171, shooting a US M1903, in caliber .30-06.

Junior Vintage

First place, Junior Division – J. Jackson, with a score of 113, shooting a Swedish M1896 Mauser, caliber 6.5 X 55.

Second place, Junior Division – Damian Mellen, with a score of 41, shooting a British No. 5 Jungle Carbine, in caliber .303 British.

Modern

First place – Keith Mathison, with a score of 186, shooting an Armalite AR, in caliber .223.

Second place – Merv Brotén, with a score of 173, shooting a Colt SP1 AR, in caliber .223.

The next Military Rifle Shoot will be Saturday, August 26.



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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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.

July 15 – Saturday, **Muzzleloader Trap/Rifle Shoot**, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
16 – Sunday, **Vernon County 4-H Competition Shoot**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

August 19 – Saturday, **Muzzleloader Shoot**, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
20 – Sunday, **CVCC Chicken Q**, 11 a.m. to ???.
26 – Saturday, **Retired Military Rifle Shoot**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
27 – Sunday, **Vernon County 4-H Premium Shoot**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

September 9 – Saturday, **Johnathan Hoff Memorial Fundraiser**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
15-17 – Friday through Sunday, **Fall CVCC Muzzleloader Weekend**, all day.
16 – Saturday, **Muzzleloader Rifle Shoot**, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
17 – Sunday, **Muzzleloader Pheasant Hunt** at Badgerland, 8 a.m. to noon.