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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As your new president, I look forward to the challenges of our building projects and numerous membership activities. We are currently reviewing bids for siding and windows for the house and construction of a 40' X 24' pole building. There will also be a small storage shed located near the shooting range. Committees have been set up to get guest speakers at our monthly meetings and to provide articles for the quarterly newsletter to keep you in touch with club news.

I encourage you to attend the monthly club meetings to share your ideas or concerns and be a part of our club activities. This is a great club—let's keep it that way! If you can't attend a meeting and have suggestions for the good of the club, please contact an officer or board.

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Youth "Field Day" held at Club Grounds

By Steve "Cowboy" Pauloski

Every spring the Education Committee has the pleasure of working with the youth in the Coon Valley-Chaseburg schools to help them learn more about conservation of our natural resources. There are a couple of ways we as a club, attempt to accomplish this. We have an annual "Field Day" down on the farm, for the 7th grade class, and we also sponsor 2 students, from the 7th grade class to attend a summer camp at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station.

Our Field Day was held on May 10th and the weatherman smiled on us with a beautiful day. Jim Dalton, the Vernon County Forester and Dave Mathis, the county wildlife manager, were both able to attend to help us explain some of the projects the club is doing and why.

The class showed up around noon and the kids unloaded off the bus where they were treated to hot dogs, beans, chips, and pop. This year, as in the past couple, the feast was whipped up by Chef Al Haakenson, and the kids cleaned up almost everything we cooked up. (Al played hooky from work but don't tell anyone) We then start our tour of the farm. We went as one group this year because of a bus scheduling problem where the class had to leave about ½ hour earlier than usual. The class was shown the trout rearing tanks, wildlife feed plots, our tree plantation and the clear cut. We showed them the difference in growth from the trees started from seedlings, versus the ones that used an existing root system to get started. (for those of you who haven't been able to see the difference in person, many of the trees that started from the existing root systems in the clear cut area are now 15+ feet tall and the tallest ones in the plantation are a maximum height of 8 feet) We showed them how to age trees and explained a little about our farms history with the CCC practices. The terraces, locust trees, and scotch pine are all great examples of some

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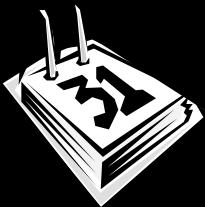
Wildlife Habitat Improvements

By Colin Sveum

In April, 300 shrubs and trees were planted on club property. The plants were ordered through the Trempealeau County Land Conservation Department. The plants came at a reduced price as part of a state-run habitat improvement program. Four different types of plant were purchased. They include wild plum, ninebark, arrowwood viburnum, and silky dogwood. Wild plum and ninebark provide excellent nesting habitat for songbirds and cover for small mammals. Ninebark also makes an excellent hedge or shrub border. For this reason, a strip of ninebark was planted between the clubhouse and the farmhouse to provide some privacy to the renters. Arrowwood viburnum has a blue-black fruit that attracts birds, squirrels, and deer. It also has a beautiful glossy red fall foliage. Silky dogwood also has a red fall foliage. The buds and berries of silky dogwood attract birds while deer and squirrels browse on the stems and leaves. John Moe, Brandon Wehling, and Colin Sveum (+ 2 friends from work) helped to plant the trees and shrubs. The abundant moisture this summer has resulted in good growth of these shrubs and trees. Hopefully the plants will grow quickly and provide wildlife the food and cover they require. If anyone is interested in ordering plants through the Trempealeau County Land Conservation Department please contact Colin Sveum at 787-6170.

Two corn food plots were again planted on the property. This corn is not harvested and is consumed primarily by deer, wild turkey, and birds in late winter when food resources are limited. Tom Mathison and Charles Sveum again volunteered to plant and care for these food plots. Thank them when you get a chance. Each year the club strives to make their property better for the wildlife that call it home.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



AUGUST

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4th Annual
CHICKEN Q
& Family Fun Day
Club Grounds

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3D BOW SHOOT
Club Grounds

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MONTHLY MEETING

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MONTHLY MEETING

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Coon Valley
Village Hall

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MONTHLY MEETING

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(as of July 31, 2000)

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Annual Members	106

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OPINION

Here we are, almost at summer's end and my list of things to do seems scarcely shorter than it did in June. I am sure you have been busy as well, but I do hope you had an enjoyable summer. Summer has been somewhat uneventful here at the club, but soon we will be enjoying ourselves at the annual Chicken Q. Even though there have been few events this summer, there have been some important things going on. You can see the results of some of these things just by coming down to the club grounds.

Sometimes it seems that I cannot do enough down at the club, but there is a special sort of satisfaction gained by doing what I can. Do you know the feeling I'm talking about? Do you find yourself wanting to do more for the club? Why? Or Why not? I really want to know. I guess being a member of the club means more to me than just having my name and address on a list. When I see my name on an event work schedule I try to figure out how I can be the most help. Sometimes it seems like the same names are always on the work schedules. Why do you think that is? What do you think when you receive a work schedule with your name on it?

The club is here for the benefit of all members, and we need the input of as many members as possible to help us grow and prosper. If you have ideas, questions, or time to invest—come to a meeting and voice them, ask them, or find directions on where your time and talents can be put to use. If you can't make the meeting, call me or any other officer or board member for more information. We have a very large membership but a very small percentage are active. There are so many things that we as a club can do but so few who are willing to do them. Why do you think that is? Perhaps you want to become more active. If so, we meet the last Thursday of every month. When you see a schedule of upcoming events at the club, mark them in your calendars and plan around them. Try not to complain about things that are not being done, but point out the things that are, and say it with pride because you were there to help.

Respectfully, Bruce King

Youth "Field Day" . . .

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of the first conservation practices implemented in the nation and we have prime examples right on Our Farm! We also talked about how important it is to keep a well balanced ecosystem living and growing not only on our farm but everywhere to protect all our natural resources for future generations. This includes everything from the worms and microscopic organisms that live in the soil to the monster buck we love to hunt, from the tiny flowers that show up in the spring to the mighty trees we harvest to produce everything from lumber to toothpaste to plastic. Then the entire class participated in planting some pine and Red Oak seedlings donated by Webster Industries. If you get a chance, take a walk down towards the creek in the old pasture and look at all the young trees the youth have planted for us in the past few years. They are doing great! This years field day was quite a success and I thank everyone who helped to teach our area youth a little something about respecting and perpetuating our natural resources for the future.

As I said earlier, The Youth and Education Committee also coordinates sending 2 seventh graders to a summer camp. This year we had an overwhelming interest in participation of this camp. After I found out there were at least 8 students who wanted to attend, I approached the Board of Directors and they voted to send an additional 2 students this year. The other 4 were given information to apply directly to the camp for financial assistance in attending. It's too bad we couldn't send them all. The cost/camper is \$255 and they will be camping on Sunset Lake the week of July 30th-August 4th. This year, all the essays were as usual quite interesting and some actually humorous. The students we sponsored were: Ashley McClurg, Tony Gianoli, Joshua Sina and Chad Samplawski. I'm looking forward to hearing from them when they return to tell us of their adventures.



EDUCATION UPDATE

By Steve "Cowboy" Pauloski

Toward the end of summer we need to start thinking of not only fall and hunting but fall and school. Our Club, in 1988, established a scholarship fund to be used to help defray the cost of continued education in a conservation related field for students who are alumni of Coon Valley-Chaseburg schools or who are members of our club, or whose parents are members of our club. This Scholarship was renamed the "Kenny Brye Memorial Scholarship" in honor of the man who not only thought of the idea but also the man who worked so hard to establish it. Every September we award up to \$1000. divided among 1 to 7 students who have completed at least one year of a 2 year program or 2 years of a 4 year program in the continued education in a conservation related field. We are proud to have awarded this scholarship in the past years to these outstanding people: Rhonda Mathison, Daniel Stefferud, Heidi Roesler, Jason Hoff, Kevin Traastad, Torgor Volden, Gregory Norman, Mark Anderson and Colin Sveum. If there is anyone interested in applying for this year's scholarship, please contact me or Knute Brye for an application. All applications must be filled out and returned to us by September 15th so the committee can review the and determine the recipients by the September meeting. You can contact me, Stephen Pauloski,(Cowboy) at: 608-483-2255 or at: spauloski@prodigy.net

Working with our youth is a very rewarding experience and is one more thing our club should be very proud of doing. If anyone is interested in becoming more involved with the Youth and Education Committee, please feel free to contact me. There is always plenty to do and I thank you all for supporting our projects. Remember, Our Youth Are Our Future.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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member. Be sure to bring your family to the clubhouse on Sunday, August 13th for some good old fashioned fun and terrific food at the 4th annual Chicken Q. Check out the newly arrived brook trout fingerlings in the fish tank. See you there.

Your Club President
Curt Brye

!! REMINDER !!

If you have unsold raffle tickets for the Chicken Q, please try to get them sold. If you are unable to sell them, please drop them off early at the Chicken Q so we can try to sell them during the event.

!! PICNIC TABLES NEEDED !!

If you have a picnic table we can borrow for the day of the Chicken Q either bring them to the club grounds or call Bruce King or Steve Pauloski and we can arrange to pick them up and return after the event.

TROUT REARING UPDATE



By Colin Sveum

In mid-June, the club received 2,000 wild brook trout continuing the club's commitment towards improving trout fishing in our local streams. These fish are considered "wild" because they are offspring of wild fish that were captured from local streams. This differs from trout the club raised and released in the past. The trout raised by the club in the past were offspring of parent fish born and raised in a hatchery. Hatchery trout generally are tame. Wild trout are generally more wary and should be less susceptible to early mortality. These trout should provide fisherman with a greater fishing challenge. It is expected that "wild" trout will exhibit the survival skills needed to thrive in our area streams.

So far this years batch of brook trout are doing extremely well. They are growing quickly and only a handful have died. Feeding and cleaning duties this year are the charge of John Griffin (check spelling) and Charles Sveum. Thanks guys for your efforts! This year the club expected an additional 1,000 wild brown trout but due to unexpected needs from rearing facilities in north-eastern Wisconsin, no extra trout were available. Bu next spring, just prior to the May opener, the brook trout will be released into tributaries of the Coon Creek. By then the trout will have grown from there current size (2-3 inches) to around 10 inches. A few brook trout will also end up in the club's pond. These fish will add to the population of trout already in the pond. Kids that come to the August chicken-que are welcome to fish in the pond. So bring the kids and fish poles August 13th!



DEER HUNT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES 2000

by Colin Sveum

For the 4th consecutive year, the Coon Valley Conservation Club will hold a gun deer hunt for hunters with disabilities. The hunt will be held from October 7th through the 15th. For the second year, the club's and Jon Larson's bordering properties will be open for this hunt (nearly 350 acres). Persons eligible for this hunt must have a Class A or C hunter permit number. Hunt participants and their designated assistant(s) need to contact me before the September 1st deadline. Remember that all regulations and weapons used during this hunt will be the same as during the regular gun deer season in November.

During the first 3 years the club has held this hunt, an average of 2 to 3 participants have signed up annually. Two bucks have been harvested (1 in 1997 and 1 last year). Hunting pressure has been light and the club would like to get more disabled hunter participation. Therefore, if you know of anyone that may be interested please let me know before the September 1st deadline (ask for Colin at 608-787-6170). Two hunters are currently signed up to hunt. The hunt lists for each property are made on a first-come first-served basis.

Club members need to remember that during the hunt, only the participants and their designated assistants(s) may hunt on either the club's or Jon Larson's property. Both properties will be clearly posted during the hunt. Club members also need to be aware that both the bow and shooting ranges will be closed during the 9 day season (7-15 October). Hopefully the hunt participants will enjoy a safe, peaceful, and successful hunt.



THE RESULTS ARE IN: HERE'S YOUR 2000-2001 CLUB OFFICERS

Elections were held during the April meeting. Conservation Club officers and directors for 2000-2001 are:

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Curt Brye
(452-3125)

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Royce Curtis
(452-3809)

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Richard Mathison
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CHICKEN Q AND FAMILY FUN DAY



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Kids' Pond
Fishing



D.J.
MUSIC



"Don't you
dare miss it!"



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TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13
COON VALLEY CONSERVATION CLUB GROUNDS

2 miles south of US14/61 on Hwy 162. Watch for signs.

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