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President's Message

Fall is here and winter is not far behind. It has been an active summer at the club again. This year saw the completion of the house project, construction of a new shed and deck, addition of a playground set and the purchase of a gun-safe for the clubhouse. We have several activities planned for this fall and winter. There will be a rifle sight-in clinic, Gun deer hunting contest, 3-D bow shoots and a family sledding day& bonfire.

The rifle site in clinic will be November 9, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the club grounds. All members interested in participating can register the morning of the clinic. A meal will be available during the clinic. If

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FIGHT CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) BY CONTINUING TO HUNT DEER



Deer Carcass Disposal Available on Coon Valley Conservation Club Grounds

This year the Coon Valley Conservation Club will provide convenient deer carcass disposal on the club grounds during the November gun deer season. At our September club meeting, Vernon County Game Warden Richard Wallin told the club that he receives numerous complaints regarding improper deer disposal every year. For this reason, he has worked with Gail Frie, Vernon County Solid Waste Administrator, to create a deer carcass disposal program. Warden Wallin said dumpsters are already available each year at the Vernon County Landfill but he felt the program needed to expand into this area. Based Warden Wallin's information, the club decided to add the club grounds to the list of deer carcass collection sites. Our club views the disposal program as one means of improving our public image as hunters and hopefully this can help reduce conflict with the non-hunting public. We will have a large dumpster located at the upper end of the parking lot by the clubhouse. **ONLY DEER PARTS ARE ALLOWED IN THIS DUMPSTER!** Club members will supervise the dumpster daily. Please feel free to use this service! The dumpster will be available for 2 consecutive weeks starting Thanksgiving week. Good luck this season and hunt safely!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



NOVEMBER

9

**SIGHT-IN
CLINIC**

Club Grounds

21

**MONTHLY
MEETING**

DECEMBER

26

**MONTHLY
MEETING**

JANUARY

18

**SLEDDING DAY
AND BONFIRE**

Club Grounds

30

**MONTHLY
MEETING**

UPCOMING...

**FEB 15-16 &
MARCH 22-23**

3-D

BOWSHOOTS
Club Grounds

**MARCH 1
SPRING
FUNDRAISER**

Coon Valley
Village Hall



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Membership Totals

(as of Nov 1, 2002)

Lifetime Members	284
Annual Members	80

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you have any questions please call Keith Mathison (608-452-3410).

The club will once again sponsor a gun deer-hunting contest. Cost to enter is 5 dollars per person. Winners will be awarded in two categories: Largest Rack and Heaviest Deer. Largest rack will be determined by measuring the inside spread and adding the number of points. Heaviest deer will be determined by either weight slips from the registration station or by having your deer weighed by the club. To enter the contest, either sign up at a monthly meeting or return the enclosed form along with your payment by November 21. Judging of the contest will be December 26 at the Monthly meeting.

A family day of sledding and bonfire will be held January 18, 2002. The sledding portion will start at 1:00p.m. if snow is available. You must bring your own sled or inner tube. The bonfire, food and drinks will start at 4:00p.m. and go until ? The bonfire will take regardless if there is any snow for the sledding.

I hope to see everyone there.



LOOK IT UP . . .

Turn to the Internet for the latest news and developments on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). If you have or have access to an Internet connected computer, these are some sites you may find interest in:

Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance
<http://www.cwd-info.org/>

Wisconsin Department Of Natural Resources
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us>

Quality Deer Management Association
<http://www.qdma.com/>

USGS National Wildlife Health Center
<http://www.nwhc.usgs.gov/>

**Wisconsin Department Of Agriculture,
Trade And Consumer Protection**
<http://datcp.state.wi.us>

Disabled Hunter Gun Deer Hunt Recap

The 7th annual disabled hunter gun deer hunt was held on club grounds and John Larson's property from October 5th through the 13th. Four individuals signed up this year but for various reasons only one hunted. Rick Heller from Black River Falls hunted 4 of the 9 days. He camped at the club just like he has the last several years. I called him recently to see how his hunt went. He said he passed on opportunities opening weekend but saw few deer after that and didn't fill his tag. He still enjoyed his time in the field and asked to be considered for next years hunt. We need more hunters to continue this hunt! Please contact me at 608-787-6170 if you know someone that may want to join in this special hunting experience.

On a side note, we continue to have problems with people using the shooting ranges during this hunt. Remember that the gun and rifle ranges are closed during the hunt. They are also clearly posted so there cannot be any confusion about this closure. Also the property is closed and posted to hunting by any other individuals. Remember we are trying to provide a safe and quality hunting experience to each hunt participant. Thank you for your attention. Colin Sveum-Club Secretary



TREE STAND SAFETY TIPS

One of the most popular pieces of equipment used by deer hunters is a tree stand. Tree stands can be dangerous if they are used incorrectly or carelessly. Nationally, one in three hunting injuries involves a tree stand. Falls from tree stands can be caused by a variety of factors, including a weakness in the stand's structure and incorrect installation. Hunters also may fall asleep while on their stands. Tree stands can also be a factor in other hunting accidents, including injury from accidental firing of a loaded firearm while the hunter is climbing to the stand. To help prevent these accidents, follow these safety precautions:

- Never carry equipment with you while climbing. Use a haul line to raise or lower your gear. Make sure guns are unloaded and broadheads are covered prior to raising or lowering firearms or bows with a haul line.
- Since most accidents occur when hunters are climbing up or down a tree, always use a climbing belt. Always use a safety belt or harness when hunting from elevated tree stands. Study manufacturer's recommendations before using any equipment. Never use a rope to replace a safety belt.
- Check permanent tree stands every year before hunting from them, and replace any worn or weak lumber.
- Read, understand and follow the factory recommended practices and procedures when installing commercial stands. Inspect portable stands for loose nuts and bolts each time they are used.
- Choose only healthy, living trees when using climbing devices. Rough-barked trees such as oak are best. Do not use a tree that is rotten or has dead limbs.
- Never put all your weight on a single branch. Keep at least one hand and one foot on a secure place when reaching for the next hold.
- Climb higher than the stand and step down onto it. Climbing up onto it can dislodge it.
- Wear boots with non-skid soles, because steps or platforms can be slippery in rain, sleet or snow.
- Tell a dependable person where you're hunting and when you plan on returning. Map your whereabouts and leave a note at camp, at home or in your car so that you can be found.
- Don't fall asleep. This is a common cause of accidents. If you get drowsy, move your arms rapidly until you feel alert.
- Never wear a ring in any climbing situation. Rings can catch on tree limbs and equipment.
- As a precautionary measure, remove all logs, upturned and cutoff saplings, rocks and other obstructions on the ground below the tree stand.
- Use updated equipment. When used properly, newer tree stand equipment is solid, safe and secure. Older models of safety belts offer some protection, but newer safety harnesses offer more protection.
- Carry a whistle to call for help and carry a first aid kit, flashlight and cellular telephone in a fanny pack.



EDUCATION UPDATE

Once again it has come to the time of year when our minds go to hunting and preparing for the winter months ahead. But this is also the time of year when we as a club are able to assist one or more college students with furthering their education. We do this by awarding the Kenny Brye Memorial Scholarship to students who are entering into a conservation related field.

This Scholarship was established in 1988 and over the years we, as a Conservation Club have assisted at least 12 young adults in getting themselves established in some type of career working to preserve and correctly utilize our natural resources.

This year our scholarship will go to Jon Schultz of Chaseburg. He is in his third year at UWSP majoring in Limnology/Water Resources. He is a new Lifetime member of the Club and is planning to get a job monitoring bodies of water for contaminants, plant growth, toxic runoffs, and sustainable development in the ecosystem of the body of water as a whole.

Jon's interest in this field started at an early age. While most of us were just excited about catching fish at a young age, Jon noticed the difference in the species, size and quantity of the fish he was catching. He started a fish log to track the differences on Coon Creek from year to year and noticed a decline in the size and quantity. It was then he decided what field of work he wanted to enter.

Jon states in his scholarship application "In the future, I see myself monitoring bodies of water for contaminants, plant growth, toxic runoffs, and sustainable development in the ecosystem of the body of water as a whole. I'm interested in conducting valid research to be used as a study tool to figure out what needs to be done for water and aquatic life to improve and develop its own reproductive cycle within."

We as a Conservation Club are proud to assist in the education of individuals such as Jon and all others who strive to better our world by protecting and conserving our natural resources. I'm sure the \$500 scholarship we award Jon is well invested.

Congratulations Jon and thank you to all who support our club and all we do. This is one of many activities we can be very proud of. We must always remember, our youth of today are our future.

Tree Stand Incident Statistics

Based on the study conducted by the Georgia Department of Human Resources and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources from 1979 - 1989.

Nature of Incident:

52%
Falling from a tree stand

23%
Fell while descending a tree stand

19%
Fell while climbing to a tree stand

6%
Unknown

Causes of Incidents:

32%
Mechanical failures (i.e. collapse of the tree stand or its steps)

5%
Hunter fell asleep

4%
Intoxication

66%
Had not got through the hunter's safety course

100%
Were NOT wearing a safety harness or seat-belt device.



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DEER
HUNTERS!**

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Realtree Advantage Camo w/ Gold Logo
Black w/ Gold Logo



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Khaki Tan / Green (\$10.00)



Khaki Tan Golf Shirt w/ Embroidered Logo
Sizes S-M-L-XL-2XL (\$20.00)



Look sharp with the all new Official Coon Valley Conservation Club Gear. Club Jackets are also available by special order. Caps and shirts are available for purchase at any monthly meeting and also at all CVCC events and fundraisers. They also make a great Christmas gift for your favorite CVCC member!

