



CLUB LINES

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CLUB HOUSE IMPROVEMENT

The board and the building remodeling committee is looking for your input as to what changes or improvements you would like see done to the clubhouse.

Placing concrete in the pole shed will allow us to clean up the back part of the clubhouse and convert that space into something more useful. We would like your input into what you would like added to the clubhouse. Some ideas at this time are, add a walk in cooler, Bar, and eating area. If you have any suggestions please bring them to a club meeting, let a board member know, or talk to Bruce King, Brad Role, Al Haakenson or Tom Longmire (Remodeling committee). Your suggestion or ideas are welcome.



Photo: Colin Sveum

HARD WORK: Club Members work at pouring concrete in the pole shed on July 19th

First Annual “SMOKE IN THE VALLEY” Muzzleloader Shoot

Saturday, August 23, 2003 - Coon Valley Conservation Club Shooting Range

There will be an open muzzleloader shoot at the club grounds shooting range on Saturday, August 23rd with warm up starting at 8:00 AM. Competition consisting of 6 different shoots will begin at 9:00 AM. Each shoot will be 3 shots. Any muzzleloader without telescopic sights can be used. Shoots will range from 25 to 100 yards with trophies awarded to the top 3 shooters. A variety of other prizes will be awarded to the other top place shooters. Lunch will be available from 12:00 – 1:00 with competition resuming at 1:00 PM. Entry fee is \$6.00

Primitive camping will be available on Friday evening. The shoot is open to everyone. Muzzleloaders and instruction will be available for those who do not have a muzzleloader but would like to try one.

For further information contact – Royce Curtis 452-3809 or Arvid Holey 452-3855

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



AUGUST

9-10

**40 TARGET
3-D BOW
SHOOT**
Club Grounds

17

**CHICKEN Q
& Family Fun Day**
Club Grounds

23

**BLACK
POWDER
SHOOT**
Club Grounds

24

**4-H
COMPETITION
SHOOT**
Club Grounds

28

**MONTHLY
MEETING**
7:30pm

SEPTEMBER

6

STEAK FRY
Club Grounds

25

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Membership Totals

(as of Dec 31, 2002)

Lifetime Members	290
Annual Members	45

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TROUT NEWS:

This year the club received 2500 wild brook trout. Last year we reared 2200 wild brook trout that were released into the local streams. The new trout are doing great and growing fast. Please do not enter the rearing shed and disturb the brook trout. We would like to keep human contact to a minimum; this improves their survival rate during rearing and when they are released into the wild.



FISHING IN THE POND

Fishing in the pond is for children and those people who are unable to get to the creek easily. In the past, fish have been caught, found that they had swallowed the hook, line was cut, and fish was released. These fish died even though they were handled properly. If you fish in the pond and catch a trout

New purchases for the club

This year the club finally purchased a gun safe for the clubhouse. The club purchased a safe in which the arrangement of the interior can be changed, and set up as would best suit our needs. We purchased this safe from Cabela's after comparing prices for a long period of time. The club also purchased a new riding mower for the club grounds. We purchased a John Deere Hydrostatic drive mower from Horizon Equipment. The club compared prices at a lot of local and surrounding stores and Horizon Equipment had the best price on the type of mower we were looking to purchase. The old mower was sold to a club member for 505 dollars.



Kestrel Nest Box Update

By Colin Sveum

During spring 2002, Gary Gilbeck and I put up a kestrel nest box on CVCC property. On May 5th of this year I observed a pair of kestrels perched near the nest box. In early June I observed 3 eggs in the nest box. When I visited the nest box in mid-June I took this picture of 2 newly hatched kestrels and 1 egg. On July 18th the chicks were gone. All that remained was the unhatched egg. Based on any lack of disturbance in the nest box I believe the 2 chicks probably fledged just days before my last visit. Here are some more facts about kestrels. We are planning to put up another nest box before next spring.

Eggs:

Eggs are white to reddish brown, usually with reddish brown spots. A typical clutch consists of 4 to 5 eggs laid at 1 to 2 day intervals.

Incubation:

Incubation usually begins with the second to last egg laid, and lasts around 30 days. The female does most of the incubating, with the male providing her with food.

Nestling Period:

Both parents care for kestrel young. The female broods and feeds the nestlings and the male brings all the food. The nestlings are downy white at first but are well feathered by 20 days. The young develop rapidly and leave the nest roughly 30 days after hatching.

Post-Fledging Period:

After the young leave the nest they are dependent on their parents for food for 2 to 3 weeks. By then they have learned to hunt on their own.

Fall Fundraiser

Tickets for the fall fundraiser will be available at the July Club Meeting. If you did not get any tickets at the meeting, you can call Keith Mathison (608) 452-3410 for tickets. Tickets are \$10 dollars apiece, one person per ticket. Ticket price gets you into the raffle drawing, meal and drinks. The fundraiser will be held October 4 at the village hall. Door open at 6:00 pm. If you would like to get some tickets to sell or for yourself, please contact Keith Mathison.

Summer Projects

This year the club has undertaken two large projects. First we are placing concrete inside of the pole shed that was build a couple of years ago. This will greatly increase the usability of the building and allow the club to do some reorganization of the clubhouse. Also we plan to stain and seal the new deck and tables at the clubhouse.

Summer Camp

Again this year the club sent three students to summer camp. The three students sent this year were Chelsey Foster, Joel Lindall and Nick Klum. Each of the students sent us a thank you letter after their trip. In their letter they say how much fun they had at camp. They spent time canoeing, hiking and exploring the outdoors. They all had a great time and would like to go back next year. This activity is funded by the education fund.



REMINDER TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS!

If you know anyone eligible and interested in participating in the **2003 Gun Deer Hunt For Hunters with Disabilities** (held on Club property) please contact Colin Sveum at 787-6170. The final list of hunters must be submitted to the DNR by September 1st.

—Monthly— Gun Tickets

Any members interested in entering the monthly gun drawing, which is held during each club meeting, please contact Keith Mathison for ticket information. We have some tickets available for anyone who would like to enter the drawing. If you would like to enter the drawing, but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact me and an arrangement can be made to pay for the tickets and have your name entered into the contest. The cost is 5 dollars a ticket and the club sells one hundred tickets on each gun. If interested please contact Keith Mathison.

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CHICKEN Q

AND FAMILY FUN DAY



SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

COON VALLEY CONSERVATION CLUB GROUNDS

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