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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter will soon be here and hopefully lots of snow. It has been a busy year at the club once again this year. This year we were able to pour a concrete floor in the new shed and construct an elevated practice stand for the bow range. The first black powder shoots were held at the club and more are planned for 2004. Five different 3-D bow shoots took place again this year and were very well attended by shooters. The volunteers who put on the bow shoot are doing a tremendous job and should be thanked for their efforts. Trout rearing and stocking experienced some problems this year. A lack of

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THE IMAGE OF A HUNTER



A couple of thoughts from Dr. James Swan, Psychologist and renowned speaker and outdoor writer as we HUNTERS enter the field for another fall hunting season:

"... the image of hunters in the media is that of a drunken bum. Somehow we must provide the media enough positive good fodder so that they might publicize more good images. ... How? We all can start with ourselves. You can begin by giving yourself a good reference tool for appropriate hunter behavior. Using your hand let each finger represent a standard. In all your actions ask these questions represented by an individual finger;

1. Is it SAFE ?
2. Is it LEGAL ?
3. Is it SPORTING ?
4. Is it ETHICAL ?
5. Does it project a POSITIVE IMAGE ?

If the answer to all 5 questions is YES then what you are doing is what you should be doing."

"Another area in which hunters are generally weak on is explaining why they hunt. Every one of us needs to reflect on that question and do some serious soul searching for the right answer for us. To say you do it solely for meat is not defensible anymore. In fact, to attempt to argue a sole reason for hunting is defeatable on every count by the anti's. It's when we have collective purpose for why we hunt that we begin to win the arguments for hunting. All of us need to train people to be their own spokesperson. We can no longer afford to simply look for "a" champion of our cause. You and I must become the champions. We must get better at understanding and articulating the heritage, biological, recreational, and social benefits of the hunting culture. ... How we reward people in the hunting culture should change also. We should be catching hunters doing things right instead of catching them when they are doing wrong."

BOW CLUB NEWS

A recent project completed at the club was the construction of an elevated stand at the bow range. This stand has a dual purpose. First it allow hunter to practice shooting at targets from an elevated position. Second the stand will be used by the hunter safety instructors to demonstrate to the students the proper ways to use tree stands while hunting. The cost of the stand was paid for from the education account.

MEMORIAL TRAIL

One of the ongoing projects at the club is the establishment of a Memorial trail system on the club grounds. Part if this project will recognize past members of the club. If you have any information on past members who should be recognized by the club, please forward that information to the board of directors. It is the board's intention to develop some kind of display to recognize past members of the club.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



DECEMBER

21

MONTHLY MEETING

Potluck and
Sledding Party

Noon
Club Grounds

JANUARY

29

MONTHLY MEETING

2004 Membership
Kickoff
Club Grounds

FEBRUARY

14-15

3D BOW SHOOT

Club Grounds

26

MONTHLY MEETING

Club Grounds

MARCH

6

SPRING
FUNDRAISER
CV Village Hall

20-21

3D BOW SHOOT

Club Grounds



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Membership Totals (as of Dec 1, 2003)

Lifetime Members	291
Annual Members	108

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water flow into the tanks and pond caused a die-off of trout in the pond. The remainder of the trout in the pond were stocked in the creek, some of the trout stocked were 20+ inch brooks that had been the pond for years. Also the fingerlings that were being raised were stocked in October, instead of the normal April stocking because of the lack of water.

Looking ahead to 2004, some of the projects we hope to undertake include remodeling the remainder of the club house, starting on the memorial trail system on the grounds, installing a trap house and building shelters over the shooting benches. Of course doing all these projects takes money and the Board of Directors is looking into new way to increase income. One method was to have a raffle and ask each member to buy or sell raffle tickets. The Board is looking into other ways to increase income for the club.



2004 MEMBERSHIP KICKOFF

January 29, 2004 is our Annual Member ship Kickoff Meeting. This is the time to renew your yearly memberships and come on down to the clubhouse and enjoy free drinks and food that night. All yearly memberships expire the end on December. If you cannot make it to the meeting, please renew your dues by completing the form below and mail it to CVCC. Thank you in advance for your support in 2004!

COON VALLEY CONSERVATION CLUB 2004 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

EMAIL: _____

[] 2004 Yearly (\$10.00)

[] 2004 Family (\$25.00)

[] Lifetime (\$100.00)

Make Checks payable to: CVCC

Mail to: CVCC
PO Box 35
Coon Valley, WI 54623

2004 BOW CLUB 3-D SHOOT SCHEDULE



February 14-15

March 20-21

April 7-8

August 7-8



CVCC's 2004 WISCONSIN DNR HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS.

The Coon Valley Conservation Club Wisconsin DNR Hunter Education Class **begins Thursday, February 5, 2004**, at the Coon Valley Village Hall. The class will meet on Thursdays from 3:45 – 6:00 PM running through March 25th. There will also be two Saturday morning sessions: March 13th and March 27th. This class is required by anyone born January 1, 1973 or after, in order to purchase any hunting license in Wisconsin. Students should be at least 12 years old and ready to assume the responsibility of handing a firearm to enroll in the class. **Parents and other adults are encouraged to enroll.** There is no course fee and no pre-registration required. Registration will be done at the first class meeting.

The class includes units covering hunting heritage and history, hunter responsibility and ethics, firearms safety, selection and care of hunting equipment, specialty hunting with bows and muzzleloaders, wildlife conservation and management, wildlife identification, hunting techniques, care of game, and basic survival skills. A Wisconsin DNR Conservation Warden will also discuss game laws and hunter responsibilities.

The class is being taught by certified Wisconsin DNR Hunter Education Instructors Roger Anderson 452-3891, Royce Curtis 452-3809, Al Haakenson 452-3913, and Larry Leum 452-3425. For additional information contact any one of the above instructors.



BIG BUCK CONTEST 2004

The winners of the big buck contest will be judged at the December meeting. Anyone who entered the contest will need to bring their rack or weight slip of their deer so that they can be judged.



RAFFLE TICKETS

You will be receiving in the mail some raffle tickets to buy or sell. All the proceeds from the raffle tickets will be used for Hunter Safety and Education related costs. If you would like more tickets to sell, please contact Keith Mathison (452-3410) and more can be sent to you. Your help in raising money is appreciated.



DECEMBER MEETING ON DECEMBER 21

The Coon Valley Conservation Club's December monthly meeting will be a potluck meeting held on December 21 at noon at the club grounds. The potluck dinner will start at noon with the meeting to follow the dinner. Also if there is snow, there will be a sledding party after the meeting that day. Lets hope for snow!



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

April 24	Pork Roast
May 15	.22 Silhouette Shoot (Tentative)
August 15	Chicken Q and Family Fun Day
September 18	Steak Fry
October 2	Fall Fundraiser

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.



CONGRATS !!

ARICK BRYE

Winner of the this year's *Kenny Brye Memorial Scholarship*. Arick is a junior at UW-Madison.

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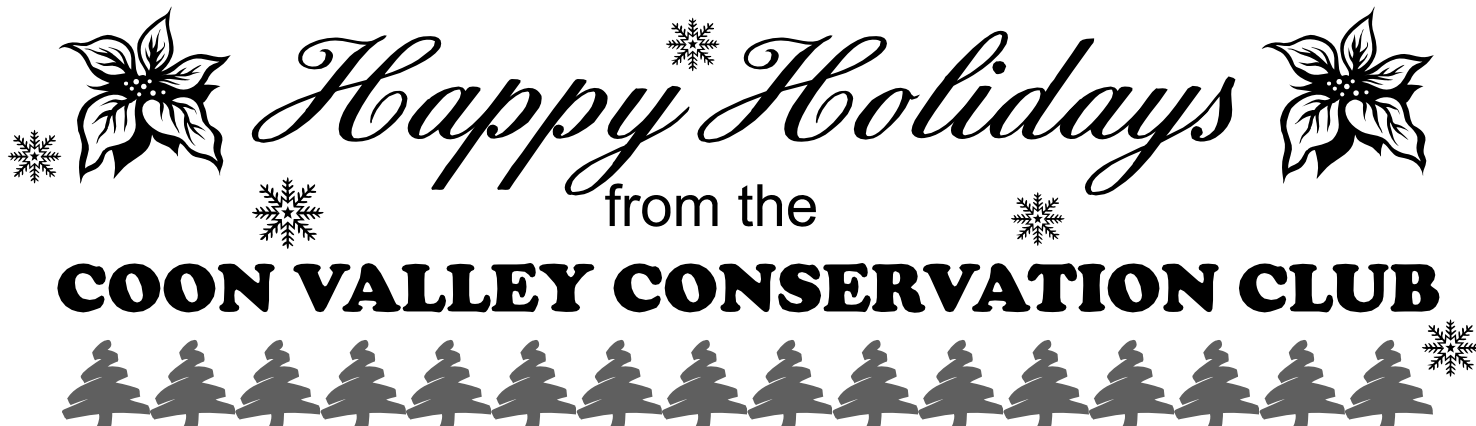
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join us for our
DECEMBER MEMBER MEETING and POTLUCK DINNER
Sunday, December 21, 2003 12:00pm @ the Clubhouse
Potluck Dinner starts at noon, with meeting to follow.
also, Sledding Party for the kids (snow permitting)