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The Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park Membership Meetings were 9 April 09 and 14 May 09. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and accepted followed by the treasurer's report for each month which were read and accepted.

Communications: New York State Assemblyman Bob Reilly toured the facilities and was briefed on the club in May. Mr. Reilly a sportsman himself was impressed with the club.

Trap:

Open trap shooting continues to be held on Thursday nights. In addition to open trap we are running a series of ATA "Big 50" handicap events from now through early June. During the summer months we will be running other informal league competitions. Beginners are always welcome.

On May 9th we hosted a trap clinic put on by one of NY States premier trap shooters Mr. Chris Vendel. Ten shooters from all around the area participated in the day long class. Our club was asked to host the event as it is recognized around the region as one of the top trap facilities.

The computer and software we have used since 1999 is gone and new (used) equipment is in place to help run our bigger events.

The old software was called "ShootCompute for Trap". It was a DOS program and very limited but it worked. The guy that we purchased it from announced a few months ago that he would no longer be supporting it. The new program is called "ATA Shoot". It is the same program that the ATA uses to run the national events. The program was written By R. J. Stuart. Mr. Stuart was hired recently to update the IT department at the ATA. As a gift to the ATA he has made his program available to member ATA clubs for free. The program comes with the complete current ATA membership database. Mr. Stuart has also arranged for downloading of the annual update of the ATA membership data from his company website.

Tom Herzog, the club Financial Secretary, said he re-

cently upgraded his personal computer and could donate his old computer to us. It is now installed and running in our Trap computer storage cabinet at the club. Our new system consists of a Dell Dimension 4400, a color monitor and a HP 952 DeskJet printer. Our thanks to Tom.

Use Of Trap Fields — The Board of Directors has instituted new procedures for use of the trap fields by members that wish to use hand clay throwers or privately owned clay throwing machines. The changes are necessary to (a) insure the range safety fans and shot fall area limits are not exceeded, (b) To limit damage to the black-top area of the fields and trap houses and © Keep the trap field free of litter.

The following is a new sign which will be placed facing the parking lot.

"Notice" Use of trap fields for private machine, or hand throwing, of clay targets, must be in accordance with the positions, angles and restrictions in the SOP posted on the trap bulletin , located inside the clubhouse.

SOP for use of Trap fields with private throwing machines or hand throwers.

- Always check the club schedule to be sure trap fields are not scheduled for use. (this includes non-trap activities to include archery, club house activities, etc)
- Insure the range and shot fall area are clear before starting any firing positions.
- Shotguns only.
- Gauge, ammo restrictions, and additional range safety rules are posted on the range rules sign located on the light pole behind field #1.
- We have two specific firing positions. **All firing and throwing is limited to one of these two positions**, Position #1 is midway

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between, and in line with, house #1 and #2. Position #2 is midway between, and in line with #2 and #3.

- Field of fire shooting limits for position #1 is the 50 yard post on field #1, and the 50 yard post on field #2. Field of fire shooting limits for position #2 are the 50 yard post on field #2. Field of fire shooting limits for position #2 are the 50 yard post on field #2, and the 50 yard post on field #3. **Do not shoot at targets outside your shooting position field of fire.**
- Pick up all spent shells, cardboard, and trash and take it with you when you finish shooting. Please do not leave and broken clays on the mowed lawn area.

The Trap Committee

Rifle: Chris Lambertsen who has been the chairman of the rifle committee has resigned due to other commitments. We thank him for all his service and effort. Our new chairman is Charles Carroll

The 200 yard range berms have been refurbished and target holders replaced at the 50 and 100 yard line with standard 2' pipes. The 200 yard line will be completed before June 1st. On the 300 yard range, it has been cleared of brush and will have new standard target holders and targets by the middle of June. All ranges will use the 8' X 24" target holders with a target center 5'6" above the ground. We are looking into installing 2 garage doors in place of the windows on the 200 yard line.

Safety is first and foremost at all times. Practice good sight alignment. Know where your shots are impacting. Several trees along the edge of the 200 range show significant hits.

We can always use volunteers. If you are interested please call Charles Carroll at 371-2823

Pistol: The Monday night NRA league started up on April-6 at 7:00 PM. You can still shoot by contacting Tony wells who is filling in for Don Blakeslee our chairman who was injured in an accident. We wish Don a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back at the club.

Archery: Our 3D shoot to benefit Breast Cancer was a great success. We had 105 shooters and we raised over \$2000.00 for the American Cancer Society. This includes the shooter registrations, kitchen and Raffle proceeds. Special thanks to Carol LaDue and Michele Mack for running the raffle table. Tim Passer, Melissa Passer and Connie Hayner for obtaining such great Prizes. Thanks also to Jeff Stevens and for running shooter registration. Thanks to Jennifer Novak and Jackie Hayner for running the kitchen. Also thank you to all the guys who set up the 3D course and help run the shoot. It was a great day.

We have a very busy 3D Season our remaining shoots are Sunday June 21st and Sunday July 26th.

All Ranges will be closed on these days

The lost arrow traveling league began at Clifton Park this year on Wednesday May 6th. Contact Tim Hayner at 664-5928 for more information and to join the league.

There is also a 10 week 3D league in process on Tuesdays. 15 Targets at \$5.00 per person. Contact the archery chairman for more information. Our archery co-chairman Chris Clingerman has resigned due to a family illness. We thank him for all his service and effort and wish him well with his family.

Tim Hayner

Legislative: see page 4

House and Grounds: he grounds committee is still seeking volunteers to serve on the committee. The club is in need of members to help on this committee in taking care of the

grounds If interested call Jerry Smith at 877-5961

Web Site: You can send your pictures and information for the web site to John Lee. Send us your pictures from hunting and fishing and we'll update the older pictures on the web site.

Plinking Range: The plinking range is open. Remember to take out whatever targets you bring in and clean up the area after yourself. **Follow the range rules posted there.**

Kitchen: June menu— pizza and wings
The kitchen committee is looking for volunteers to help cook and serve lunch during the following club events:
Sun May 17th 3D Archery shoot
Sat May 23rd CMP shoot
Interested persons should contact Jennifer by phone (518) 878-7855 or email flutterby.anna@yahoo.com.

Civilian Marksmanship committee:
The Club sponsored its first CMP Match on May 23rd. Over 25 shooters signed up to participate. A morning and afternoon relay were run and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd best score were awarded for each relay. CMP Marksmanship Certificates were presented to each shooter together with a match participation award.
We are planning a Garand, Springfield, Vintage Military Clinic and another Match for Fall 2009, so watch the newsletter and the website. Keep shooting!

Jim King

County council: no report

Old Business: A new American flag is now in place and the front walkway has been landscaped to improve our overall appearance. Overall the grounds have been cleaned up with lots of tree limbs and brush from the storms cut up and disposed of. Thanks in large to about 30 folks on the archery committee who did a great job for the entire club and a few volunteers from the rifle committee.

If you would like to join the NRA or renew your NRA membership, please do so through the club as we get a financial benefit. Our Point of contact is Mark Cady.

The next gun hunter safety course is scheduled for 12 and 19 Sept 09. You must attend both days. To register call Denis Conrad at 899-5587

.New Business: It is being proposed and to vote at the June meeting on a change to our bi-laws. The change which has been discussed at the April and May member-

ship meetings is to define what constitutes a sponsor on new membership applications. This is the proposed new article 3.2a New sponsor membership. All proposed members must have a sponsor, for an application to be considered complete.

The sponsor must be a club member in good standing, and a member for at least (3) years. The sponsor must have knowledge of the applicant, and be able to vouch for the applicant in areas of general background and moral character. If an applicant is not acquainted with any member that can act as a sponsor, he must request the officers of the club appoint a sponsor for him/her. The appointed sponsor will be an officer, director or long term trusted member.

A club appointed sponsor, if required will personally interview the applicant to ascertain, to his/her satisfaction, that the applicant is suitable for membership, and sign the application. The interview process will be completed prior to submitting an application to the financial secretary for approval and general membership vote.

65 applicants were read and accepted in the months of April and May

Just a refresher course for all our members

General information/rules

1. There is no hunting on the property nor fishing in the reservoir
2. Your dues are due in January of each year regardless of the month you joined
3. If your dues are not paid by February 1st your card will be deactivated
4. You can bring a guest or family member to the club
5. There is no shooting less than 250 yards on the 300 yard rifle range
6. There is no shooting less than 50 yards on the 200 yard rifle range
7. There are no shotguns or rifles allowed at the pistol range at all
8. There is no shooting before 9 AM
9. You can shoot after dusk on the pistol range and trap range if the lights are on
10. You can use a hand thrower on the trap range but you must be on the grass between field houses one and two.
11. All range rules are posted at the ranges and on the web site,

www.sportsmensclubofcliftonpark.org READ AND FOLLOW THEM

12. The newsletter is mailed out every two months and is posted on the web site
13. Membership meetings are always the second Thursday of every month at 7 PM
14. Board of Directors meetings are the last Thursday of every month at 7 PM
15. You are encouraged to participate on a committee of your choice, run for an officer or Directors position in elections.
16. Be patient and courteous, we have a lot of members and several shooting disciplines
17. Any member can reserve the club house for parties or events at no cost
18. You are expected to clean up after yourself, don't leave shot up targets and trash at the ranges.
19. Report any safety/range violations you see or any unsafe conditions to an officer or Director
20. Shoot only at approved targets, do not shoot up the woods on the side of the ranges nor at the top of the berms.
21. There is no alcoholic beverages allowed at any range

Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park—legislative

May 2009

April was a dark month for Gun Rights and the 2nd Amendment in New York. The State Assembly passed several measures to take away or restrict your right to own a firearm in this state:

- A801A will require you to renew your pistol license every 5 years. (Senate S1598)
- A1093 requires gun dealers to have liability insurance to protect them from criminal misuse of a weapon. (Senate S1715). The next step will probably require that all gun owners have liability insurance in case a crime is committed with a weapon stolen from them.
- A1326 will outlaw all handguns that are capable of being fired by anyone 5 years or younger
- A2881 & A2882 would ban frangible ammo and expand ballistic imaging
- A3211A would ban .50 caliber firearms. For now this only applies to centerfire weapons
- A5844 requires mandatory storage of firearms. (Senate S3098). Last year I covered the Yale Law School Study that proved this to be ineffective.
- A6468 bans all handguns not capable of microstamping ammo. (Senate S4397) This would essentially ban the sale of all used semi-auto handguns.

Now is the time for action. If you won't defend your rights, who will? Please call or email State Senator Roy McDonald and let him know how you feel about these measures to disarm the law-abiding citizens of New York State: 518-455-2381 or mcdonald@senate.ny.us.

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June			July		
Date	Event		Date	Event	
1	Pistol League	7 pm	2	Trap	5 pm
2	Archery 3D League	3pm	8	Lost Arrow League	3 pm
4	Trap	5 pm	9	Trap	
8	Pistol League		11	Archery Clifton Park Summer Program	8am-5pm
9	Archery 3D League		12	Bass Masters Meeting	6:30pm
11	Trap		16	Trap	
14	Bass Masters Meeting	6:30pm	23	Trap	
	Membership Meeting	7 pm	26	Archery 3D Tournament—ALL RANGES	CLOSED
15	Pistol League		30	Trap	
16	Archery 3D League				
17	Lost Arrow League	3 pm		NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JULY	
18	Trap				
21	Archery 3D Tournament—ALL RANGES	CLOSED		NO DIRECTOR'S MEETING IN JULY	
22	Pistol League				
23	Archery 3D League				
25	Trap				
	Board of Directors Meeting	7 pm			
29	Pistol League				
30	Archery 3D League				