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Communications: On 14 October 2010 at 7PM, a membership meeting will be held at the Club House. An agenda item will be to vote on new language to our bylaws pertaining to payment of dues.

Current Language as follows:

Article III – Members

Section 3.6(b) Failure to Pay Dues. Any member in default of payment of dues as set forth in Article XIII of these bylaws shall receive notice of such default by ordinary mail. Such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage prepaid. The said notice shall inform the member that he or she has thirty (30) days in which to cure such default. If the member fails to cure such default the Board of Directors may terminate his or her membership.

Proposed Language: (AS APPROVED AT THE 9 SEP 2010 MEMBERSHIP MEETING).

Article III – Members

Section 3.6(b) Failure to Pay Dues. Any member in default of payment of dues as set forth in Article XIII of these bylaws shall be considered delinquent and dropped from the membership role as of January 31st.

Current Language as follows:

Section 3.8 Reinstatement. A member who has been terminated for non-payment of dues may be reinstated with payment of all delinquent dues provided there is no waiting list for membership.

Section 3.8 Reinstatement. **REMOVED**

Article XIII – Dues. **CURRENT**

Section 13.3 Default and Termination of Membership. When any member shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period of (3) months from the beginning of the fiscal year or period in which such dues become payable, his or her membership may be terminated by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Article III of these bylaws.

Proposed:

Section 13.3 Default and Termination of Membership. **REMOVED**

The bi-laws state that all members must pay on or before January 1 each year. This is a continuing problem every year. The club uses the membership dues to pay for operating expenses, taxes, insurances and items necessary to maintain and run the club. Additionally the dues pay for a number of facility improvements every year. When we allow a few hundred members to pay whenever they feel like it, there is an impact to the financial consistency of the club. Therefore it is being proposed that the bi-laws be changed to reflect that all members must pay so payment is received no later than 31 January of every year. If payment is not made that member will be dropped from the roles. Should that person wish to be a member again they must submit an application and go on the waiting list like everyone else. Typically we do not serve notice of what is to be voted on at

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every meeting. It is not required by our bi-laws nor should it be. Sending out nearly 1300 notices every month would be expensive and time consuming. However, bi-law changes are important. Our Article in the bylaws is ambiguous about making changes so I also propose a change taken from Roberts Rules of order article that says that the membership will be notified. This will be done either by newsletter or internet web cite of proposed bylaws changes prior to the meeting in which the vote will take place. These changes outlined will be voted on at the October Membership meeting

On Another Note:

It's not to early to think about the elections this fall. All officers are up for re-election and four board members. Get involved. Run for one of the positions. For information on what the duties are and what is involved, call Gary LaDue or Fred Adriance who is the chairman of the election committee.

Committee News:

Trap: Open trap continues on Tuesday evenings from 5:30pm – 9:00pm (shooters need to be signed up by 6:30pm) and will remain on Tuesday's until Eastern Standard Time begins again in November. All are welcome, even if you have never shot trap before. Someone will be available to help out beginners if you want to give the sport a try. The cost is \$2.50 per round (25 targets).

Our ATA Big 50 Handicap League will be starting on September 14th. Details are below:

Fall Handicap ATA BIG 50 Trap Series 2010

Time/dates:

Registration will be from 5:30PM to 6:30PM each Tuesday of the series. First squad starts shooting at 6:00 PM. The series will run for eight Tuesday's in a row from 14 Sept 2010 to 2 Nov 2010.

Format:

ATA sanctioned, registered, handicap Big 50 program. Shooters may elect to shoot all, or just a few of the series dates. Shooters are limited to 50 targets per day. For those wishing to participate, a non ATA competition will be held using the scores from each night's match. The winner of the series long competition will be the participant with the highest total score from their best 5 scores. You do not have to be an ATA member to participate in the series competition.

Prizes:

Token prizes will be awarded at the end of the Series for the highest of the 250 target score and the runner up.

Cost:

For Each match:		
ATA "daily fee" (ATA fee)	\$1.00	
Targets (50)	<u>\$5.00</u>	
Total:		\$6.00
One time Series Competition fee		\$5.00

Notes:

All ATA Big 50 rules apply. The Trap Committee Chairmen will act as the league referees. All ATA shooters must be current, paid up, ATA members. Any fines for scores submitted, for non-current shooters are the sole responsibility of the shooter. ATA Membership applications and annual dues renewal may be completed at the event. The management

reserves the right to refuse entry, and change this program as conditions warrant.

Contact: CO-Chairman: John Donahue 235-5582, email: jdonahu2@nycap.rr.com

Rifle: As we get closer to hunting season the annual rifle and shot gun (slug) ritual of sighting in is rapidly approaching. Because of the limited firing points, I recommend you visit the plinking range to zero your rifle or shot gun prior to using the 200/300 ranges. Sight your rifle/shot gun to 1 inch below the center of the target. This will get you on paper at the 50/100 range quicker and reduce the time it takes to zero the firearm allowing more shooters to use the ranges. And reduce the damage to the target frames.

Again, shot guns are restricted to slugs only on the rifle ranges. We still have a few folks who haven't got the word or don't care.

CMP: CMP MILITARY RIFLE CLINIC

A military rifle maintenance clinic will be held on Saturday, Nov 13, 2010 at the SCCP Clubhouse from 9AM to 2PM. The clinic will cover the disassembly, cleaning, lubrication, and re-assembly of the M1917, 1903 Springfield, M1 Garand, and M1 Carbine. Before attending the clinic, each participant **MUST** familiarize him/herself with the disassembly and re-assembly procedure for their rifle located on WWW.SURPLUSRIFLE.COM. Each participant is responsible for his/her own cleaning tools, patches, rags and lubricants. Contact Jim King to REGISTER and for a suggested list of supplies (371-7600 or jk060850@nycap.rr.com). The clinic is ***free of charge and will be limited to 16 people***, so register early. **Do not bring ammunition into the Clubhouse.**

Archery: The Sportsmen's club of Clifton Park would like to congratulate all the Archers who recently attended the **IBO World Championship** Held in Ellicottville NY. Al Arpin, Jeff Alderman, Tim and Connie Hayner, Tim Passer, Mike Mayo, Lynn and Dave Shippee, Greg Rayno, Chris Clingerman, Tom Spagnola. I would like to especially congratulate Brendan Manny this young man has been affiliated with this club longer than I have. He has won his way through the ranks of PeeWe, Cub, Youth and now he has placed 5th in the Male Hunter Class at the WORLDS. This is a great accomplishment and a testament to what this club has to offer our kids and youth who will someday run this club and it is good sportsmen like Brendan that will make this happen. We are all so very proud of him. Congratulations Brendan Manny.

The Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park recently welcomed 35 children and parents from the **Town of Clifton Park for an Introduction To Archery Class**. The shooters enjoyed learning about the equipment and the shot process. All of the participants had a great time. I would like to thank all the volunteers: Jeff Stevens, Tom Spagnola, Al Arpin, Mark Meyers, Mike Mayo, Greg Rayno, Chris Clingerman
Congratulations to all who shot in the **lost arrow league** this year. Clifton Park team came in first place.

Pistol: We had 14 shooters that finished our Spring in house Club League. John Wax was the highest NRA rated shooter, as Expert, based on his average; he was also the holder of the single High Match, scoring a 279. The Hi LO match was won by myself and Mark Raciti.

The fall bulls eye league is starting. The dates are Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov. 2, 9, 17. These are all Wednesdays at 7PM. To join contact Tony Wells at E-mail agwjc@hotmail.com.

The target sales have taken off and we are now self sufficient. The honor system is working for the most part and I'm even considering expanding the selection. I need your input as to target types and I'll do my best to accommodate.

The range upkeep has been great. I really have to thank our men on mowers for the job they do. On another note, please keep your point of aim at 5'6" (that's 66 inches) above the ground. That keeps the rounds impacting the backstop and saves the target frames. I've only been the pistol chair since 1 July, but I've already fabricated 18 additional target frames during that time. I have a hard time believing that people can miss the center of the target with such consistency. Some of the vertical posts look like they've been hit with #4 buckshot.

The Intermediate pistol course on Thursday nights has morphed into a Practical Pistol Course. We go over the finer points of quickly hitting a target with the first rounds, not how small is my group. All shooting is done at 7yds; target pistols do not lend themselves to type of course. So if you are interested stop on down.

I'd also like to find out how many people would be interested in participating in a center fire bulls eye or paper silhouette shoot during one of the open evenings. Email or phone, or leave a note.

Last, but not least, I started a Lost and Found. So, if you lost it on the Pistol Range, I probably found it! Give me a call and I'll get it back to you.

Plinking Range: We have folks violating range rules. Rocks and pieces of cement are being used as targets and bottles are being placed at the top of the back stop. If it continues the range will be closed. Follow the rules. They are for everyone's safety.

Old Business: Change in status to be exempt from state sales tax is progressing. This process takes several months with multiple approvals.

The contract was signed for the new gate and security cameras. Work is expected to begin Sept.20th.

New Business: There is a project to fix the drainage issues on the plinking range. It has been approved and work will start soon without closing down the range.

There was a discussion about members paying their dues and changing the bylaws relative to that. A change in language was approved.

Legislative Committee : Supreme Court - There was another close vote decision, 5 to 4, in the MacDonald vs. Chicago gun ban case. The Supreme Court declared the Chicago laws unconstitutional. Again, Chicago is following Washington DC's lead in saying that it's just an opinion and not law. It looks like it'll take a law passed by Congress to get them to comply. Elena Kagan was confirmed by the Senate as a Justice of the Supreme Court. She's the 2nd anti-gunner appointed by President Obama. It'll take only one more Justice nominated by him to overturn the 2nd Amendment.

New York -Thanks to a full out effort by sportsmen, the Micro-stamping Bill was defeated.

-The City of Ogdensburg has changed their policy on armed city workers. The Town has decided that the 2nd Amendment applies at work as well as at home.

-For those of you that have registered handguns, your names and some addresses have been posted to the Internet at <http://www.whospackingny.com/>. I've already emailed Senator MacDonald, but, I haven't heard anything back. New York Lawmakers have declared that handgun owners should not be disturbed by the posting of public information. I hope to see the public list of any of our lawmakers published to show if they've been arrested for drugs or drunk driving. Unless you make it personal with them, they don't seem to care what the electorate thinks.

California -Legislation introduced to mandatory register all new weapons, handguns and long guns. This hasn't worked in Canada and they're thinking of repealing it. It's too costly and doesn't work. California's like New York. They just keep passing laws that spend money without regard to the deficit.

Legislative chairman, Fred Adriance

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE JANUARY 1ST, 2011

Dues for 2011 will be \$75.00 (Seventy Five dollars). You will not be receiving a separate mailing or invoice.

To remain a member in good standing, submit you dues of \$75.00 by January 1st, 2011. Make checks payable to "Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park". Please fill out the information on this page, remove page, and submit with payment to: Tom Herzog

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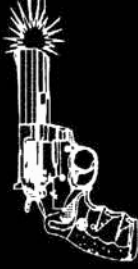
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2010

Date Event

5 trap
6 bullseye league
12 trap
13 bullseye league
14 membership meeting
19 trap
20 bullseye league
26 trap
27 bullseye league
28 directors meeting

November 2010

Date Event

2 general election all ranges closed
3 bullseye league
7 trap
10 bullseye league
11 membership meeting
13 CMP clinic
14 trap
17 bullseye league
21 trap
25 directors meeting
28 trap