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Your 2009 dues are now due. After 1 February 09 all members who have not paid their dues will have their gate cards deactivated.

Some of you are under the impression that your club membership number is 135. That is not correct. The number 135 is the combination number for the Pistol Range building and the Archery building. The number 135 appeared on the Old Membership cards that we no longer receive. Your White Access card is also your Membership Card. Your club membership number is on the top right of the front of the card. Your membership number would be within the first five digits. For example: 0004;00125;02016.

The Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park Membership Meeting was 8 January 09. The meeting opened at 7:03 PM

The minutes of the November meeting were read and accepted followed by the treasurer's report which was read and accepted.

Communications: there were belated Christmas cards read and a certificate of appreciation from the county council for our donation.

Trap:

Low Recoil Loads for Trapshooting

By Mark Shalala, Trap Committee

The first comment we get from new trap shooters concerns the recoil of a 12 ga. shotgun. Trap is a shotgun sport that requires multiple rounds in a day of practice or competition. The effects of recoil accumulate over time, and can be a problem that can hinder your progress and enjoyment in the sport, for some shooters. Juniors and small frame adults, with proper equipment, ammo, and form, shoot hundreds of rounds a day with no ill effects from the recoil.

The felt recoil of a shotgun can be abated in several

ways to include: The correct mount, good gun fit, proper grip pressure, proper stance and posture. The felt recoil can be further reduced by modifying your gun with added weights, cushioned comb covers, mechanical recoil reducers in the butt stock, and recoil reducing pads added to your shooting vest.

Most shooters agree that a gas operated semi-automatic shotgun produces the least amount of felt recoil.

A quick way to reduce felt recoil has nothing to do with the gun, but rather the ammunition you use. The rules of the sport require that your load may not exceed certain size of shot, amount of lead, and velocity. If you reduce the weight of the lead shot, and/or the velocity, in a trap load, the felt recoil will be decreased.

So next time you go to the store to buy trap ammo with a little less kick, that still gets the job done, keep this rule of thumb in mind when comparing target loads: No shot size bigger than #7 1/2, (#8 is probably better). No load weight greater than 1 oz, (15/16 and 7/8 oz. also work just fine), and no velocity greater than 1150 fps. (When you get down below 950fps. you could have problems with some semi-auto's functioning properly). These parameters will crush all trap targets from the 16 yard line back to approximately 22 yard line.

To analyze the ammo loads offered for recoil reduction, you have to do the math. Multiply the weight of the shot load by the velocity. The load with the lowest number (product) will give you the lowest felt recoil.

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Rifle:

The rifle committee is looking for people to serve on the rifle committee.

Tasks include taking care of the 200 and 300 yard rifle ranges. If you are interested please call Chris Lambertsen at 235-6770.

Pistol:

. On December 1,2008 the **Adirondack Foothills Pistol League** started its 22 caliber shoot. It will go until the end of March 2009. For all those interested please contact Tony Wells at 371-7504 or Tony Curcurito at 434-8032.

Archery:

The leagues are up and running on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday. If anyone wants to stop in and check it out please feel free to do so. Also we would like to send out a request that if any one has any Archery Equipment such as Arrows, Sites, Release aids, Arm guards or even bows they would like to donate to the Kids League please contact me or leave at the club with a note.

The first night of the kids Bucs and Does league had 16 kids that are 11 and younger plus 8 that are over 12.

Tim Hayner

Legislative: see page 4

House and Grounds:

The grounds committee is seeking volunteers to serve on the committee. The club is very much in need of members to help on this committee in taking care of the grounds and particularly the grass cutting in season. If interested call Jerry Smith at 877-5961

Web Site:

You can continue to 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 closed for the winter as there is no snow plowing at the range.

Kitchen:

February menu— pizza and salad.

. The kitchen committee is also looking for members to help out in the kitchen especially during events. Call Jennifer at 878-8755 or

E-mail: flutterby.anna@yahoo.com

Civilian Marksmanship committee:

Time: Saturday - May 23, 2009

Relays at 9AM and 1PM. Register in Clubhouse.

Fee

Range fee is \$25. Recognition and participation awards for shooters.

Shooter Requirements

18 years of age (proof required) and legally eligible to own a firearm.

Shooters provide the following:

- 1) Rifle – bolt or semi-auto in a military caliber (223, 30 Carbine, 30-06, 308 Win, 30-40 Krag, or any foreign military caliber) – open sights only. Rifle should be capable of being loaded by stripper clip or detachable magazine with at least 5 rds at a time.
- 2) At least 55 rds of manufactured ammunition (no hand loads).
- 3) Safety glasses, ear protection, and protective clothing.
- 4) Shooting mat, ground cloth or cardboard for prone position.
- 5) Spotting scope or binoculars - optional.

NEW AND EXPERIENCED SHOOTERS ARE WELCOME – The goal is participation in this new, Club supported event!

Course of Fire

- 1) Sighting Shots Any Position – 5 shots in 5 min. (rifle can be supported during

sighting)

- 2) Slow Fire Standing – 10 shots in 10 min.
- 3) Rapid Fire Seated or Kneeling* – 10 shots in 70 sec. (kneeling pads/rolls allowed)
- 4) Rapid Fire Prone – 10 shots in 60 sec.
- 5) Slow Fire Prone – 20 shots in 20 min.

*Accommodations will be made for participants unable to shoot from uncomfortable positions.

CMP Certification

Each shooter will receive a CMP marksmanship certificate, which combined with your SCCP membership will allow you to purchase rifles and ammunition through CMP (www.odcmp.com).

Sign-Up Early

The range can accommodate only 12-14 shooters in each relay, so please sign-up early on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse. Volunteers are needed for range set-up and take-down, registration, scoring, and range safety. Volunteers please sign-up on bulletin board.

Please sign-up to give us an indication of the interest in this program. If you have any questions, please drop me an email at jk060850@nycap.rr.com. HAPPY NEW YEAR and KEEP SHOOTING!

Jim King
CMP Committee

County Council: no report

Old Business:

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. Our club supports the NRA and we would like to see as many of our members be NRA members as possible,

There are two business card size ads available in the Club newsletter. If you would like to advertise your business or organization in a paper that has a circulation of over 1000 people and costs only \$120 a year. contact John Lee.

New Business:

The Club is conducting a key inventory. We ask that all members previously having served on a committee, as committee chairperson, former Director or officer please turn in any keys to the facilities/equipment you may still have.

Hunter Safety Course

Saturday, 18 April 2009 and Saturday 25 April 2009; 8:30am - 3:30pm both days.

Minimum age is 11; bring proof of identity/age. This is a two day course and attendance is required on both days.

The kitchen is expected to serve lunch for a small fee.

For information and to sign up call Dennis Conrad at 899-5387, e-mail Gobler69@aol.com

The pistol range will be closed the afternoon of 25 April 09.

Clifton Park Summer Archery Program

Once again the club will support the Town's summer program. On 11 July 09 the archery committee will host three sessions for kids and adults to learn about archery, shoot a few arrows and have some fun. Volunteers to help can call Tim Hayner at 664-5928. Further information for participants will be available through the Clifton Park recreation department.

The archery building and indoor range will be closed to members that day. **Additionally the 200 yard rifle range will be closed that day.**

18 new applications were read and accepted.

Welcome to the new members. You are encouraged to participate in the club and join one of the many committees that interest you.

The meeting ended at 7:40 PM

We are interested in your thoughts about what activities or things you would like to see to make the club grounds better. We also encourage all members who can spare the time to participate in a committee. Contact Gary LaDue with your ideas and interests at E-mail: cladue@nycap.rr.com.

Legislative Report

The City of Albany has a group of administrators and politicians that are determined to completely disarm residents, even if it means violating Federal Law and the US Constitution. Mayor Jennings and Council Member Calsolaro have introduced ordinances that will make Albany the model city for “gun ban” proponents throughout the United States.

Proposed Ordinances:

17.22.06 – (Council Member Calsolaro) - Prohibits the sale or exchange of any air rifle in the City. Based on a single case in Florida, they find that “air guns pose significant dangers to the public and law enforcement”. Gives the Mayor the power to declare a “state of emergency” with powers to implement security measures he may deem advisable. This confiscation authorization directly violates Federal Law HR5013 passed in 2006 after the illegal New Orleans’s Chief of Police confiscation of firearms during the Hurricane Katrina emergency.

48.41.07 – (Mayor Jennings) – Makes it illegal to sell or exchange any weapon or ammunition except through a Federal Firearms Licensed Dealer. Permits will be required for **all** firearms purchases or exchanges in Albany. Permits will be issued by the Chief of Police after fulfilling information requests which also includes a reason for having the weapon. This provision takes issues from the hands of publicly elected officials and puts it into the hands of “political cronies” hired by the Mayor. Makes possession of ammunition for a non-registered firearm illegal. The following ammunition cannot be sold or exchanged in Albany: .45 auto, .380 auto, .38 special, .357 magnum, .25, .22, and 9 millimeter.

Places air rifles, toy firearm, replica firearm, or paint pellet gun in the category of firearms for permitting. Makes it illegal to sell, transfer, or possess any laser sight. Makes it illegal to sell, exchange, or possess any martial arts weapons. A gun cannot be fired within the City of Albany except at a legal gun range. And here’s the bottom line: after paying between \$20 to \$35 for a permit, you must renew it annually for a fee between \$10 and \$20.

It looks like it’s time for the residents of Albany that believe in the 2nd Amendment to ask the National Rifle Association to help protect them from the politicians that pander to the “gun ban” minority.

Proposed Ammunition Accountability Act

Already introduced in 18 states, including New York: After a certain date, it would be illegal to possess non-“encoded” ammunition. Reloading would be rendered illegal. People would be required to separately register every box of “encoded ammunition” and the registration would be supplied to the police. Each box of ammunition would have a unique serial number, thus a separate registration. Gun owners would have to maintain records if they sell ammunition to anyone, including family members or friends. The cost of ammunition would soar, for police and private citizens alike. The Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturing Institute estimates it would take three weeks to produce ammunition currently produced in a single day. A tax of five cents a round would be imposed on private citizens, not only upon initial sale, but every time the ammunition changes hands thereafter. And to what benefit in terms of fighting crime? Criminals already steal guns and would certainly steal ammunition. Burglaries would be encouraged. Criminals could also use shotguns, which fire pellets too small to encode, and which use shell casings made of plastic, which would be difficult to engrave. Criminals could also collect ammunition cases from shooting ranges, and reload them with molten lead bullets made without serial numbers. Congress eliminated a handgun ammunition sale recordation requirement in 1983, because there was no law enforcement benefit. Be on the lookout in your states in the next legislative session for anti-gun zealots who refuse to learn from history, plus continue their crusade against our Second Amendment rights. New York Bills A10259/6920/7300 and S1177/3731.

(NRA article 12/12/08)

Fred Adriance, Legislative Chairman

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE JANUARY 1ST, 2009

Dues for 2009 will be \$75.00 (Seventy Five dollars). You will not be receiving a separate mailing or invoice. Unpaid members will have there card deactivated on Feb. 1st, 2009.

To remain a member in good standing, submit you dues of \$75.00 by January 1st, 2009. 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

13D Rovanten Park
Ballston Lake, NY. 12019

Name _____

Address _____

 Check box if this is an address change

Phone _____ NRA Membership # _____

Access Card # _____ (Found on the back of your card)

Want Ads

The Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park

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Clifton Park, NY 12065

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 trap Archery Bass masters Mtg.	9 archery	10	11 archery	12 membership meeting	13	14
15 trap archery	16 archery	17	18 archery	19	20	21
22 trap archery	23 archery	24	25 archery	26 Board meet- ing	27	28