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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 annual meeting of the Clifton Park Fish and Game Club of opened at 7:14 PM to elect officers.. The Fish and Game Club is the parent club to The Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park. The Secretary cast one vote for the slate of Officers

The election was conducted and the following officers were elected:

President	Gary LaDue
Vice-President	Howard Manny
Secretary	Jim O'Brien
Treasurer	Dawn Schafer
Financial Secretary	Tom Herzog

Voting and election of Directors was as follows:

4 two year term Directors	2 one tear term Directors
Mark Cady	Don Blakeslee
Jerry Smith	Scott Keith
Dave Fizer	
Tony Wells	

There was no other business for the Fish and game Club. The meeting closed at 7:19 PM

The Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park Membership Meeting was 11 December 08. The meeting opened at 7:19 PM

The minutes of the November meeting were read and

accepted followed by the treasurer's report which was read and accepted.

Communications: none

Trap:

Open trap is shooting on Sunday mornings. The winter trap league started 30 November and will run through 1 February 09. This is an ATA sanctioned registered 16 yards singles shoot.

How to Pattern a Trap Gun

Submitted by Mark Shalala

(The following was written by Dennis DeVault, of DeVault industries, maker of the "Mach 1" and "Infinity" trap shotguns. Dennis is considered one of the best gun fitters and maker of custom trap guns in the USA.)

"From time to time a customer will ask for help, with their POI, because they think their gun shoots too high. I will ask how high the gun shoots and the answer is 100% high at 35 yards. I ask how they determined this and the answer is that all of the pellets are above the horizontal line they drew on the paper.

We then proceed to out back of the shop and shoot a pattern and bring it back for inspection. If the gun has screw-in chokes, I measure the constriction and usually find a tight choke. I then change the choke with a more open, or less constrictive choke. We go out and pattern again. This time we see pellets below the horizontal line. The customer says that is better, and asks how did you do that?

In effect I did not change the POI, I just made the pattern bigger. We get frequent requests to put Delrin add-on ribs on barrels. When I talk to a customer, I always discuss the pattern in inches rather than percentages. Talking about a pattern only in percentages, especially when you actually count pellets,

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leads to poor communication, and usually results in bad work. Let me explain how we do the calculations here at DeVault Industries.

The first thing we do is set up a pattern sheet. We use 48" x 48" paper used to cover tables. Next we draw a vertical and a horizontal line in the center of the paper. We draw a target like it is on edge and hang the pattern on a flat board. We go back 35 yards and shoot 3 to 5 shells into the same piece of paper. This will define the core of the pattern.

We take the pattern sheet in and spread it out on the floor. Looking at the pattern, we discount the flyers and find the outside edges of the pattern, both top and bottom. We measure the total diameter of the pattern and divide the total in half. If the pattern diameter is 28", then half of that is 14". At the 14" line, we draw a horizontal line in the center of the core of the pattern. From the point, where we aimed, measure up to the mark in the center of the core. Let's say that the core mark is 9" up from where we aimed, that would mean the gun is shooting 9" high or 80-20%.

The percentage is determined from an old formula that a shotgun throws a 30" diameter pattern. If 30" is used as a guide, half of 30" is 15". If your gun shoots 50-50%, by measuring the core, the pattern will be at the zero inch line. Every 3" of height equals 10%. If your pattern core is 6" up from the point of aim, the gun shoots 70%—30%.*

This method deals just with the core center and nothing else. When talking to a barrel man or qualified gunsmith this is the method that is best so everyone is on the same

page. It does not make any difference where the pellets are at on the paper. The core does not change by opening or tightening a choke. Most shooters look at only the bottom of the pattern, forgetting that when the choke is tightened, that both the top and bottom of the pattern shrink.

The key is to make the gun shoot where you look, and not worry about how high or low it is on the pattern paper. Make sure that your left to right is in proper alignment and then look at how you are breaking targets. If you are constantly knocking the bottoms off of targets the POI should be raised.

There are many factors that determine a proper POI. Swing speed, trigger lock time, and how your eyes perceive the target in flight. If you have trouble patterning your gun off-hand, use a bench rest to do the pattern work.

* **50/50%** = the zero inch line. You start with 50% and each 3" = an increase of 10%. So 6" equals 50% + 20%, and you would have a 70-30 POI."

Rifle:

There is no shooting on the 300 yard range closer than 250 yards. There continues to be targets set up and shot as close as 50 yards. This is a safety violation of the range. If you are caught doing this you can expect to have your membership terminated.

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 winter indoor league starts in January 2009. There is a sign up sheet in the archery building or you can call the

archery chairmen (Tim Hayner or Chris Clingerman) for more details. The league will shoot on Sundays at noon or Monday or Wednesday nights at 7 PM.. For the young archers, The Bucks & Does Youth Archery League will begin on January 11th, 2009. In the past the starting times were 4:30 for 11 and under, 7:00 for 12-16. This year times will be dependent on the number of shooters we have signed up. Contact Cliff Stevens at 885-6025 to sign up and for more information.

Legislative: see page 4

House and Grounds:

The club house is in good shape. The tractor is out of service requiring repairs still.

Web Site:

You can continue to send your pictures and information for the web site to John Lee.

Plinking Range:

The plinking range is expected to be closed soon for the winter as there is no snow plowing at the range.

Kitchen: January menu— warm shepard's pie

Civilian Marksmanship program:

Spring'09 Military Shoot . 23 May 09 is the date. There are sign-up sheets posted on the Club bulletin board for shooters and volunteers. Please sign-up to give us an indication of the interest in this program. The shooting times are 9 AM and 1 PM. Range cost is \$25. There will be more detailed info next month.

jk060850@nycap.rr.com. Jim King ,CMP Committee

County Council:

Dec is looking to at license fees increase and stamps for hunting different species. The state now has a full roster of conservation officers. There were reported instances of deer jacking as early as muzzle load season. Dec is reviewing the netting of herring to allow them to get farther up the Hudson during stripped bass season.

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 three 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.

The president announced the new range rule signs and a rifle rack will be up soon at the 300 yard range weather permitting.

New Business:

.The election of officers was reviewed and accepted into the Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park by the membership.

The 2009 operating budget for the club was presented by the treasurer voted on and approved by the membership. The budget for 2009 is \$58,109 plus \$5700 in Projects. The largest expenses other than taxes and insurance are newsletter, lawn mowing, snow plowing and other grounds upkeep. These are all opportunities to reduce expenses with volunteer help.

The projects for 2009 are as follows:

Rifle building—replace the end windows with overhead doors .
Put concrete barriers between the rifle range and archery building.
Replace the upper and lower stairs leading to the pistol building.
Trap houses—door replace and maintenance.
Gun rack for the outdoor pavilion.
Archery equipment for the kids league/bow hunter safety courses.

It was also approved for the archery committee to purchase some new 3D targets from their own committee funds.

John Lee thanked the BOD and Officers for helping and giving him support.

14 new applications were read and accepted. Welcome to the new members.

The meeting ended at 8:19 PM

Legislative Report By Fred Adriance

In our present culture, we seem to be incapable of delving fully into any issue that affects our daily lives. Television and radio news has conditioned us to the “short blurb” method of assessing issues. We’re given one or two sentences and expected to absorb enough information to educate us on the issue. Unfortunately, organizations with their own agendas try to pack those two sentences with a message that forwards their point of view. We’re all too familiar with the “Anti-Gun Lobby” rhetoric that sensationalizes every gun issue by calling nearly every gun an “assault weapon” or every weapon with an auto feed as an “automatic” weapon. That makes the Ruger 10-22 an “automatic assault weapon” and brings up images of crazed criminals spraying bullets on an innocent population with machine guns. The same logic applies to legislative issues portrayed by Pro and Anti Gun Groups. I encourage everyone to fully explore the full issue before running off to get your “two cents” in. New York State is famous for formulating and passing laws that just don’t make sense. We look at the proposed legislation and wonder “what took so long?” or “what were they thinking?” Here are some examples of recent legislation that calls for comment:

-S5411/A7628- Provides a prohibition on the exchange of firearms, rifles or shotguns by second hand dealers. What are they thinking?

-S3879/A6873- Creates the crime of unlawful sale of ammunition. What are they thinking?

-S2759- Protects certain information on hunting, fishing, and trapping license and permit applications from disclosure or release outside of the Department of Environmental Conservation. What took so long?

-S2489/A4657- Makes manufacturers of guns liable for damages if their guns cause injury or death to a person within the state. What are they thinking? This has already been settled at the Federal level.

-Prohibits counties and other local municipalities from regulating hunting, fishing and trapping. It’s about time. Maybe if this passes, it’ll solve our problem with the Vischer Ferry Reserve.

-S2733/A463- Provides that a person who has been convicted of a violent felony offense or a class A-1 felony and who is issued a certificate of good conduct or relief from disabilities shall not be entitled to obtain a firearm license or to lawfully possess a rifle or shotgun by virtue of such certificates. Why is the NYSRPA opposing this law? I’d think that most of us realize that felons give up their citizenship rights when they commit crimes. Is the “certificate of good conduct” a get out of jail free monopoly card that they can trade for a firearm? I can’t see that giving a gun to a violent felon is reasonable.

-S2405- Requires sale, lease or transfer of rifles and shotguns between unlicensed persons shall be conducted through a federally licensed firearms dealer. Is this a Jerry Jennings inspired Albany proposal that made it across the street to the “puzzle palace?” Maybe the NRA will consider what’s happening in Albany as a threat to our Second Amendment Rights and give Jerry a visit.

-S1079- Proposes a constitutional amendment protecting the right of the people to keep and bear arms. This is about 200 years late. New York is just one of a handful of states that doesn’t recognize the full set of rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

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

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Name _____

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 Check box if this is an address change

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

Want Ads

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's day	2	3
4 trap Archery Bass masters Mtg.	5 archery	6	7 archery	8 membership meeting	9	10
11 trap archery	12 archery	13	14 archery	15	16	17
18 trap archery	19 Martin Luther King Day archery	20	21 archery	22 Board meet- ing	23	24
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