

# The Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park

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## Communications:

The club continues to improve the facilities. The covered shooting facility, the no blue sky shooting shelter for the plinking range is completed. The parking lot and paved roads have been seal coated. This completes all of our budgeted projects for 2010. Allot of work was completed this year. Enjoy the improvements and follow all range rules. Please note, there is no shooting forward of the designated firing lines at any of the ranges. Do not go down range and shoot.

Shotguns are allowed on the rifle ranges **with slugs only**. No buckshot or birdshot. No shotguns are allowed on the pistol range at all.

The Board of Directors has been pursuing information on a new gate/security system and security cameras. The current gate system has had numerous problems the last couple of years, costing several thousand dollars and it still need constant repairs. As you know we have members who do not follow range rules and damage club property. The Board considers security cameras a good tool to identify those who ignore range rules and club policies so they can be suspended or dismissed from the club. After much research and presentations to the Board, a proposal is ready to be presented to the membership. It will be presented at the 12 August 2010 meeting. This is an unbudgeted and expensive purchase. It must be approved by the membership to implement. Come to the meeting and participate in the decision making.

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 at 383-0637 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). Keep checking our website for upcoming leagues.

For any question about trap shooting at the club, contact either of the Trap Committee Co-Chairman: John Donahue, email: [jdonahu2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jdonahu2@nycap.rr.com) , John Lee, email: [jleesccp@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jleesccp@nycap.rr.com)

**Rifle:** Safety First and Always. Summer has arrived and with it increased activity at both the 200 and 300 yard ranges. Take the time to re-read the range rules before you shoot. Get in the habit of checking the website for any last minute range closures.

Please read the Emergency Procedures posted at both ranges to assist you in the event of a major emergency (Heart Attack, Injury, etc.).

We still have a few members who haven't got the word. **Targets are not to exceed the 24X24 inch frame.** The use of shot guns on both ranges is restricted to slugs only. And with the seeding of the ranges it is even more imperative we stay off the berms. If you see someone violating any range rules, stop the firing and bring the issue to whomever is acting in the unsafe or thoughtless way. Report the incident to any club officer with

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the date and time, particularly when they exit through the gate and, if possible the individuals name. Thanks, Charles Carroll, chairman

## **CMP: CMP MATCH RESULTS**

On Saturday, May 22, 2010 SCCP sponsored a CMP sanctioned John C. Garand Match where participants fired 50 rounds in a series of timed fired strings at a range of 100 yards. We were pleased to see interest in the program growing as we fielded 50% more shooters this year than participated in last year's match. The strings included 20 rounds slow fire from the prone position, 10 rounds rapid fire from the prone position, 10 rounds of rapid fire from the seated or kneeling position, and 10 rounds slow fire from the standing position. 32 riflemen participated in three relays at 9AM, 11AM and 1PM and competed for a maximum score of 500 points. Prizes were awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each relay and special awards were presented for military rifle shooters firing the M1 Garand, M1 Carbine, 1903 Springfield or other Vintage Military Rifles. We would like to thank Zack's Sports of Round Lake for assisting with prizes and Club members Bob Brown, Charlie Carroll, Tony Curcurito, Jared Hale, John Holmes, Mike Kelley, Jennifer Novak, and John Wax who gave their time as volunteers. Thanks, Jim King, chairman

The winning shooters and their scores were:

### 9AM Relay

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ed Miller	447-2X
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Plansker	418-2X
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Bellochio	312-3X

### 11AM Relay

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ron Prastaro	420-2X
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Buehler	402-1X
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tim Macfarlane	401-2X

### 1PM Relay

1 <sup>st</sup>	Blaine McRay	426-2X
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jared Hale	425-3X
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charles Barrett	379-3X

**Archery:** The Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park hosted a 3D Archery Tournament on Sunday, May 23, 2010. With your help we managed to raise over \$2,800.00 that we have donated to the American Cancer Society so they can keep making strides against breast cancer. We had over 130 shooters. We could not have done this without the generous contributions from members, non- members and all the volunteers that helped set up and run the shoot. I would like to thank the set up crew for the awesome job on the targets (Tom Spagnola, Al Arpin, Tim Passer, Chris Clingerman, Rick Cornell, Joe Martin). The raffle items and door prizes were donated by several businesses in and out of the area, too many to mention. However, special thanks to Tim Passer for getting most of the donations. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the kitchen, registration table, door prize table and raffle table (Jackie and Connie Hayner, Andrew Babbage, Jeff Stevens, Carole and Gary LaDue, Howard Manny, Jennifer Novak). Also spe-

cial thanks to the pick up crew: Brendan Manny and Joe Martin. If there is anyone I did not mention, Thank You again for all your help. We hope this benefit will continue to grow and help this great cause.

Our last 3D shoot is Sunday July 25th. It has been a great year for archery so far. Our last 3 shoots have been a great success. Thanks to all the volunteers.

I would like to wish all the archers good luck for the upcoming events. We have a lot of shooters going to the IBO Worlds and to Tupper Lake in August I hope they all shoot well and have fun.

The club held archery classes on 10 July as part of the Town of Clifton Park's summer program. Thanks, Tim Hayner, chairman

**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 Tony Wells and Mark Raciti. The fall bulls eye league will begin on Wednesday 8 September.

Don Blakeslee who has been chairman of the pistol committee for some time has stepped down. He will continue to serve on the Board seat he was elected to and help at the club. Thanks Don for all your assistance.

Now we have a new pistol chairman . His name is Dick Buehler. I ask that he tell the membership a little something about himself which is as follows:

My name is Dick Buehler and our Club President Gary LaDue has asked me to take over as Pistol Committee Chairman from Don Blakeslee. Don and I have met to discuss the range, its operation, and effected the hand off of keys and responsibilities.

Since there is no meeting scheduled for July, the club newsletter seemed like the best way to introduce myself. The bulk of my experience comes from my career in the Army and the NYARNG. I spent over thirty-three years in uniform and have run pretty much every type of live fire range in the Army inventory. Part of my job involved organizing, equipping and training Local, State, Federal, and International Law Enforcement Tactical Teams. I'm an avid shooter and reloader but haven't gotten into competition shooting. I like working with all things mechanical and am a pretty fair "wrench". I look forward to meeting all of you and working with you at the range. I plan to be at the Bullseye League shoot on Wednesday nights at 7 PM. In the meantime, if any of you feel like helping out with the range please give me a call (518) 928-4627 or email me: [richard.buehler@verizon.net](mailto:richard.buehler@verizon.net)

Please help us all. Follow the posted Safety and Range Rules, Stay Safe, Dick

**House and Grounds:** We are still looking for volunteers to help out. Contact Jerry Smith, grounds chairman at 877-5961. thanks to John Holmes and now Denis O'Dell who are working hard at keeping the grounds mowed and looking good. If you would like to help in maintaining the club house contact Tom Herzog at 899-6855. We always need help in these areas. If anyone knows how to repair soda machines please contact Tom Herzog.

**Plinking Range:** NEW RULES have been posted. Please read them. Keep the range clean and pick up your targets, brass and trash. Thanks, Bill Sommers, chairman

**Web site:** You are encouraged and welcome to send pictures to be placed on the web site, send them to [jon.williams@sportsmensclubofcliftonpark.org](mailto:jon.williams@sportsmensclubofcliftonpark.org).

**Old Business:** Safety and following range rules is extremely important. Follow all rules and remind your fellow shooters to do so also. Don't overlook members violating club rules. They are there for everyone's safety.

Change in status to be exempt from state sales tax is progressing and has been approved by the Education Dept and approved by the Dept. of State. This process takes several months with multiple approvals.

A hunter safety course is scheduled for 18th and 25th of September. The time is 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM for both days. You must attend both days. Seating is limited to 40 students that pre-register. You can register by calling Dennis Conrad at 899-5387 or E-mail GOBLER69@AOL.Com. Use hunter safety in subject line please.

A bow hunter safety course will be held 11 September 2010. the time is 8 AM until 5PM. You can register by calling Chris Gibbs at 783-70976

**New Business:** The membership voted to eliminate the boxes posted at the ranges to collect and then distribute used brass. There was considerable discussion about this but mostly based on hearsay and rumor. Nevertheless a motion to eliminate the service was forwarded, seconded and voted on.

The Board adopted a conflict of interest policy to insure no officer or board member can participate in any decision for bids on work or services to the club that they might have an interest in.

Emergency protocol signs are now at every range. In case of an emergency it provides some basic guidelines and who to call in an emergency.

**Legislative Committee :** A6005A- New York State Micro-stamping Law has advanced to a Third Reading in the Senate today. That's the stage where legislators read the bill and amendments and approve or disapprove the legislation. This Legislation has already passed the Assembly as A6468C earlier this year. The NRA, the NYSRPA, and thousands of citizens have contacted state legislators about this new "gun control" law to record their displeasure. Let's see if anyone in Albany listened to anyone except themselves. The Legislators big claim is that they already passed micro-stamping in California. I don't see anything in California that'll work for most states. If this passes, don't be surprised if they set a time limit to have your present semi-auto pistols retrofitted or destroyed. In New York it seems that one bad law is never enough for the politicians.

S6773A/A10332A- Criminal possession of a weapon outside the home while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs. This law is modeled after the drunken driving statutes, except with a lot more teeth. If police suspect that you have a weapon while intoxicated, they can use a breathalyzer on you. Refusal, or a bad score, results in removal of the weapon and any firearms permits and/or a \$10,000 fine or up to 1 year in jail.

Fred Adriance, Chairman

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **August 2010**

**Date Event**

**3 trap  
10 trap  
12 membership meeting  
17 trap  
24 trap  
26 directors meeting**

### **September 2010**

**Date Event**

**7 trap  
8 bulls eye league  
9 membership meeting  
11 bowhunter safety course  
14 primary election  
15 bulls eye league  
18 hunter safety course  
21 trap  
22 bulls eye league  
25 hunter safety course  
28 trap  
29 bulls eye league  
30 directors meeting**