

# The Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park

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The Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park Membership meeting was 11 June 09. There was no meeting in July. The meeting opened at 7:02 with the pledge of allegiance to the flag followed by the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were read and accepted as was the treasurer's report.

**Communications:** A 3D shoot will be held 26 July and **all ranges will be closed that day.**

**Committee reports were as follows:** **Trap** announced there is open trap shooting every Thursday evening. The ATA league has finished and a non ATA league is beginning. John Lee

**Rifle:** All ranges now have standard target holders for each firing point. Approved target frames are available for use. A safety wall has been installed between the 200 yard range and the archery range. Due to excessive damage to the target frames, shotguns are restricted to slugs only on the 200 yard range. Birdshot and buckshot are not authorized. Shooting closer than 50 yards is also not allowed at this range. A firing point is available to pattern shotguns on the trap range as well as the plinking range. A reminder to all, safety is everyone's responsibility. If you see an unsafe condition or practice, take appropriate action to correct the issue then. Charles Carroll

**CMP:** The May 2009 CMP Match was a great success! Thanks goes out to the many volunteers who gave up part of their Memorial Day weekend to make the match a success.

**The FALL CMP sanctioned MATCH has been scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2009.** The match format will be the same as the May match – 55 rounds at a range of 100 yards from the prone, sitting/kneeling, and standing positions. Prizes, Awards and CMP Marksmanship Certificates (required for CMP rifle purchases) will be presented.

Forms for advance registration and payment of the non-refundable, \$25 range fee can be downloaded from the SCCP website or can be picked up at the CMP bulletin board in the Clubhouse. Please contact Jim King if you have any questions. KEEP SHOOTING! Jim King

**Archery:** The 3D league on Tuesday nights has finished up and the winner is still a mystery. On 11 July the club conducted the summer archery program for the town of Clifton Park. It was well attended as usual. Thanks to all the volunteers.

The lost arrow traveling league continues on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome to shoot.  
Tim Hayner

**Pistol:** We are going to have a **6 week practical pistol shooting course on hand gun and safety use.** It is designed for newer pistol permit holders. The class will be about 2 hours each night. The 1st evening will be devoted to classroom instruction and the remaining evenings will be shooting at the range. You will need 50 rounds per evening. You must pre register and the cost is \$60 non refundable due the first night. The classes will be held on September 2, 9, 15, 22, 30 and 7 October starting at 6:30 PM. Class size is limited to 12 shooters. Call Gary Hebert at 663-5463 to register.

**County Council:** - Boat Patrols on Saratoga and Sacandaga Lakes: Citations are being issued for bass taken out of season, undersized fish, and no licenses.

# The Sportsmen's Club Officers and

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State-Wide Burning law takes effect on June 15, 2009. Specifics were not known at the time of this meeting, but the banning of burning barrels for garbage disposal will be a prime target. Some exemptions will be in effect, possibly dealing with agriculture, recreational campfires, and outdoor furnaces. Population density may also be a factor.

Muzzle loading handguns – no permit is required for purchase or assembly; however, shooting it requires that you have a handgun permit for the weapon.  
Seniors Lifetime Resident Sportsmen License Seniors between 65 and 69 years old are encouraged to purchase a lifetime Sportsman's license for \$50 by September 30, 2009 for \$50. After that date the licenses will rise to \$65 and be limited to those Seniors 70 and older.

This fee increase has created a strong backlash in the Senior Sportsman's Ranks, reflected in the letters on the subject printed in the "New York Outdoor News".

**Legislative:** see page 4

**House and Grounds:** The grounds are looking better all the time. Thanks to member John Holmes who has been dedicating his time to help care for the grounds. Also to Jim Shaw who has contributed a lot of time as well. We still can use help to cut weeds and grass particularly on the ranges and around the different buildings. If you would like to volunteer call Jerry Smith at 877-5961 or Gary LaDue at 383-0637.

**Plinking Range:** Remember to take out whatever targets you bring to the range. Clean up after yourself. Help keep this range clean or it will be closed.

**Kitchen:** The kitchen will be serving spaghetti and meatballs at the Aug 13th (Thurs) membership meeting. The kitchen committee is asking for volunteers to assist in cooking and serving food during the following events:

- Aug 19th (Wed) Lost Arrow Archery League 3:30-7:30p
- Aug 29th (Sat) Bow Hunter Education Lunch 10:30a-2:30p
- Sept 12th (Sat) Hunter Education Lunch 10:30a-2:30p
- Sept 26th (Sat) Hunter Education Lunch 10:30a-2:30p

For more information or to volunteer for an event please contact Jennifer Novak via phone (518) 878-7855 or email [flutterby.anna@yahoo.com](mailto:flutterby.anna@yahoo.com).

**Web site:** Our web site is now being maintained by Jonathan Williams. John is taking over from Dave Panzera who is in the military and stationed South Africa. We want to thank Dave for all his effort and dedication to maintaining our web site and hope to see him back soon. Our new site manager has redesigned the site. This is a good place to stay on top of things happening at the club. You are encouraged and welcome to send pictures to be placed on the web sight. So if you caught any great fish or shot a turkey this spring or a deer last year and would like to share it with other members through the web site, send them to [jon.williams@sportsmensclubofcliftonpark.org](mailto:jon.williams@sportsmensclubofcliftonpark.org).

**Investment:** The investment committee gave a quarterly report stating our investments were slowly recovering back to our original investment amount. We are still down 11%. Mark Shalala

**Old Business:** There will be a **hunter safety course on 12 and 26 Sep-**

**tember.** It is a two day course and you must attend both days. Call Dennis Burns to register at 899-5387.

**A bow hunter safety course will be on 29 August.** To register call Gary LaDue at 383-0637.

The president requested that members join or renew their memberships to the NRA through the club

A proposed to change to the bi-laws was read, voted on and approved. The new section is 3.2a New member sponsor. All proposed members must have a sponsor for an application to be 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 the 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.

**New Business:** The president held a discussion on the rifle ranges. We are contracting to get an NRA range inspector to give us an evaluation of all ranges. It is hoped we can open the 300 yard range up to shoot distances closer than 250 Yards.

So far the berms have been rebuilt on the ranges and a safety wall constructed between the archery area and the 200 yard range. The target frames have been standardized and is what is approved to shoot on the ranges...nothing else is approved. It is imperative that the center of the target be 5 1/2 feet above the ground to safely shoot on the ranges. Follow all range rules and if you see someone doing something unsafe or in violation of the rules, bring it to their attention and to an officer or director. Keep us all safe and shooting.

There were twenty seven first readings of applications at the June meeting. The membership voted all applicants in. There is a new process for voting new members into the club. All new members must go through an orientation to become familiar with the range rules and the policies of the club. Visit our web site under membership for details.

The June meeting closed at 7:42 PM

### **Legislative Report—Fred Adriance**

NRA is reviewing Judge Sonia Sotomayor's judicial opinions on issues related to the Second Amendment.

However, we are very concerned that she served on the three-judge panel in the case of *Maloney v. Cuomo*, in which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit said this year that the Second Amendment does not apply to the states. We believe that decision was based on a misreading of Supreme Court precedent. It relied on 19th century cases that, when properly read, do allow application of the Second Amendment to the states—as the Ninth Circuit recognized last month in the landmark case of *Nordyke v. King*.

Given the high probability that this issue will come before the Supreme Court in the near future, NRA looks forward to a full and open review of Judge Sotomayor's record on this issue during the confirmation process. 05/29/09 NRA ILA

On Monday, June 8 two Democrats, State Senators Hiram Monserrate (D-Queens) and Pedro Espada (D-Bronx), switched parties to caucus with the Republicans. This change allows the Republicans to take control of the New York State Senate.

As of now, the legislature is in upheaval and we are unsure of the status of firearm related bills, including the micro-stamping bill ([Senate Bill 4397A](#)). 06/08/08 NRA ILA

When a call for a vote in the Senate to institute this change was made, the Majority Leader called an adjournment and had the house lights turned off as the Democrats fled the chamber. This behavior on the part of our State government displays a disregard for reality and extreme juvenile behavior. I guess if you stick your fingers in your ears and close your eyes, the bomb doesn't explode.

The NRA and other pro gun lobbyists are maintaining their guard, but Senator Dale Volker's office has advised sportsmen's representatives that the Senate has pretty much declared the Assembly's 13 anti gun bills as dead for this term. You can thank the political coup that occurred on Monday, redistributing the power in the Senate from a two-vote Democrat majority to a Republican majority.

The parliamentary maneuver has produced a coalition majority that includes all 30 Republicans and two Democrats. The two Democrat defectors have chosen to "caucus" with the Republican Conference, but have not changed their party affiliation.

Senate Bill 4397A (micro-stamping legislation outlined in this space last week) was placed on the Senate calendar before this chaos ensued, so it will remain on the calendar and still has the potential to be acted upon by the Senate- hence the NRA sentinels.

Efforts are being made to move S 4397A from the floor calendar to the Rules Committee or to seek some other means by which the bill may be tabled.

The new Senate majority was still locked out of the chamber last I heard, so it's anyone's guess how things will transpire. But for now it looks like anti-gun legislation is stalled if not dead. 06/11/09 Dave Henderson, [Ithaca Journal](#)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August

Date	Event
6	Trap
6	new member orientation
13	trap
13	Membership meeting
20	trap
27	trap
27	board meeting
29	bow hunter safety course

### September

Date	Event
3	trap
3	new member orientation
10	trap
10	membership meeting
12	hunter safety course
17	trap
19	CMP shoot
24	trap
24	board meeting
26	hunter safety course