

# The Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park

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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.**

The Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park Membership Meeting was 12 February 09. The meeting opened at 7:08 PM

The minutes of the January 2009 meeting were read and accepted followed by the January treasurer's report which was read and accepted.

**Communications:** The club house will be used as a polling place for the Special Election for the 20th District Congressional Seat on Tuesday March 31, 2009 from 6 AM until 9 PM. **ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED THAT DAY.**

## **Trap:**

We wrapped up our ATA singles league and are starting a Doubles ATA league. The league runs through April 9th. Open trap continues on Sundays, but once the time change occurs we will switch to Thursday evenings. Our first Thursday will be March 12th. Thanks to Greg Peters for his work on trap house two. We have been having mechanical trouble all winter and Greg made the necessary repairs. The trap committee is looking for some one to donate a computer to keep track of scores.

## **Rifle:**

The rifle committee is looking for people to serve on the rifle committee. We have three members who volunteered but need a few more. Tasks include taking care of the 200 and 300 yard rifle ranges. There is not a lot of activity now, however in the spring there are some projects and maintenance that needs to be accomplished. If you are interested please call Chris Lambersten at 235-6770.

## **Pistol:**

- Hello from the pistol chairman. The Monday night NRA bulls eye pistol league will start on April-6 th. and end on June 15 th. New members just show up before the start time of 7:00 PM and the cost this year is \$20.00 for 11 weeks. We supply the targets and target frames and we have 12 spots open unless you want to wait until the first set of 12 are done. After the first Monday we are usually done before 8:00 Please remember to bring ear protection and eye protection and 22 caliber pistol ammo only. For new members I give safety orientation about what to expect when shooting in a NRA league and this is one hand shooting only. This pistol league is to introduce new shooters to bulls eye shooting and the main purpose is to have fun. Remember it takes practice to get better scores. Some of the past league shooters have gotten good enough that they are in a traveling league where you can win trophies.

## **Archery:**

The leagues are up and running on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday. There is still three weeks left in the league.

Below is a list of the 3-D Archery dates for 2009.

Sunday April 26th

Sunday May 17th

Sunday June 21st (fathers day)

Sunday July 26th

**All Ranges will be closed on these days**

**The shoot on May 17, 2009 is a charity shoot with all the proceeds going to the Prevention**

## *The Sportsmen's Club Officers and Directors*

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**of Breast Cancer. If you would like to make a donation of money, gift certificates, archery equipment, etc contact Tim Hayner at 664-5928.**

We are still looking for 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 Kids league is going well. There have been big improvements in some of the first time shooters as well as the returning shooters. We will be finishing up on March 1st.

Tim Hayner/Chris Clingerman

**Legislative:** The committee queried the membership for their opinion on the right to carry or the lack of a pistol in New York state. They are trying to start a poll on this issue.

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### **House and Grounds:**

The grounds committee is still 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:**

John Lee said the Club internet web pages need some updating. The articles and pictures are old. You can 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:**

March menu— kelbasi and potatoes

- The kitchen committee has gotten one volunteer and is looking for more to help out in the kitchen especially during events. Call Jennifer at 878-8755 or  
E-mail: flutterby.anna@yahoo.com

### **Civilian Marksmanship committee:**

#### **Final Call CMP Shoot**

**We have eight (8) slots to fill for the CMP, open sight, rifle shoot on May 23, 2009.**

**We also need a couple more volunteers to help with registration, range set up, range safety, scoring, etc.**

**This is a fun shoot subsidized by the SCCP. We would like to see as many people participate as our range allows. CMP marksmanship certificates will be awarded to all participants together with prizes and awards.**

**Fire Arms:** *Any military caliber or hunting rifle with open sights. Semi-auto, bolt, lever, or pump action.*

**Course of Fire:** 1) 5 sighting shots – prone – 5 min; 2) 10 shots – standing – 10 min; 3) 10 shots – sitting/kneeling – 70 sec; 4) 10 shots – prone – 70 sec; 5) 20 shots – prone – 20 min. Total = 55 shots. Distance = 100 yds.

**Required Equipment:** Ground pad/ cardboard; eye and ear protection; long sleeve shirt, pants, cap (protection from hot brass), ammunition, pen, staple gun.

**Cost:** \$25 - Pay day of shoot.

**Sign up by March 15, 2009 on the CMP Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse.**

Contact Jim King at [jk060850@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jk060850@nycap.rr.com) if you have any questions.

**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. Starting in January when we get the \$35 rebate from NRA we will give away an NRA membership.

It was announced the business card size ads in the Club newsletter are all full.

The Club is looking into starting an environmental stewardship program.

**New Business:**

**Safety is our concern**

**New Club Tractor Safety Program**

Over 130 people are killed each year, in tractor rollover accidents, in the US. Many more are severely injured or killed in other tractor accident categories.

The club could not operate with out the help of our full sized tractor with volunteer operators. It is used in many operations to include range maintenance, moving heavy items around the grounds, brush clearing, etc. Your Board of Directors has instituted a new club tractor safety program to help protect our members from injuries or death while operating our full size tractor, currently, a Ford model 4000. Step #1 is to install a ROPS (roll over protection system) kit on our tractor. This consists of a roll over bar and seat belt kit. Step #2 is to restrict operation of our Ford tractor to members of our club that have completed the S.C.C.P. tractor safety course.

If you have a requirement to operate our Ford Tractor, please have your Committee chairman, or one of the Club officers submit your name to the Board of Directors for training and certification. The training will be completed by the Club Safety Officer. The training consists of general tractor safety subjects, Operators Manual

review, local tractor policy and restrictions, hands-on tractor instruction and road test. The course follows established tractor manufacturer safety guidelines, and training requirements from national agricultural health and safety organizations.

The committee chairmen are encouraged to submit folks for the tractor safety training.

If you have any questions concerning this program please contact Mark Shalala, 372-6558, or [mshalala@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mshalala@nycap.rr.com)

**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](mailto:Gobler69@aol.com)

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

**The last season was a somewhat safe year with 29 incidents.**

31 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 7:47 PM

**.A rough winter for some deer in New York**

Early snow falls across the Adirondacks and portions of the Catskills have almost assured that there will be some deer mortality.

Depending on what happens over the next few weeks it could be significant according to Dec Biologists.

### **Saratoga County**

I've received some emails lately about Saratoga County Judge Thomas Nolan. The judge is known for his "tight-fisted" control on concealed carry permits in Saratoga County. Except in very unusual cases, he generally only signs "Hunting & Target Shooting" licenses. New York is not a "right to carry" state and you have to provide proof that you have a valid need to have a concealed weapon. Some of our members feel that Judge Nolan has gone too far. This topic of restrictions is one that we don't often hear anymore. What I'd like to find out is what the general membership's view is. Over the next month, please send me an email indicating your feeling on these hand gun restrictions that we have. Please indicate whether you agree, disagree, or don't have an opinion either way. **Email me at [fadrianc@nycap.rr.com](mailto:fadrianc@nycap.rr.com) and use the Subject: "Pistol Restrictions"**. I'll compile the results and let you know what the majority thinks. Please take the time to email me; ten emails really doesn't represent any majority.

### **New York State**

State Senator Eric Schneiderman (D-31), Chairman of the Codes Committee, introduced [Senate Bill 1598](#), legislation similar to [Assembly Bill 801](#) the last week of January. This bill directly targets law-abiding pistol license holders by requiring licenses be renewed every five years. In addition, it would mandate that all applicants outside New York City complete training and a test before a license may be issued. Keep in mind that a license is required in New York State simply to possess a handgun and in many cases licensees are only allowed to keep a handgun in their homes or businesses or to travel to and from the range. This would mean that most qualified New Yorkers could be put through training and a test still to be denied the right to carry a firearm for the purpose of self-defense. If this proposal is approved, gun owners can expect that a process that is already unfair in most parts of the state will become more so.

[Senate Bill 1069](#) is being introduced by State Senator Carl Kruger (D-27) and will be considered by the Senate Codes Committee that will give the State Police broad authority to outlaw firearms based what they look like, how they are assembled, the materials they are made with and whether they are "readily" detectable by "standard security equipment." The bill (as well as its companion, [Assembly Bill 4057](#)) does not provide a definition of "standard security equipment" and does not contain any testing procedures, thus allowing the Superintendent of the State Police the sole discretion to arbitrarily decide which guns should be banned. This could have major implications for the availability of all types of firearms in New York State. NRA 2/6/09 Following pressure from upset hunters and facing legal action, Governor David Paterson (D) and Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Chair Pete Grannis have decided that the Reynolds Pheasant Preserve, a last-of-its-kind pheasant-breeding operation open since 1927, will remain open. December's announcement that the farm would close set off a chain of events culminating in a suit filed by the New York Rifle and Pistol Association, the National Rifle Association, the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the Conservation Alliance of New York. The groups requested and were granted a restraining order to halt the destruction of the pheasants until it could be determined whether they were paid for with monies derived from excise taxes collected from firearm and ammunition sales. NRA 1/16/09

### **United States**

Governor Paterson selected Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand from our Congressional District to replace Hillary Rodham-Clinton as New York's Junior Senator. You may remember that Senator Gillibrand was the only Democrat in the Northeast to support the Second Amendment's Individual Character in the DC Gun Ban Case. In 2008, the National Rifle Association gave Gillibrand a 100-percent rating in its lawmaker scorecard. Gillibrand also introduced legislation in the farm bill that would have increased lands available for conservation and hunting. She also voted against the \$700 billion bail-out bill in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, saying the bill did not do enough to protect taxpayers nor did it provide enough financial return for taxpayer's investment. Loud cries of "foul" were heard from the downstate liberals when Mayor Bloomberg was heard to say, "If we had wanted a Senator from Montana, we would have moved there". It just goes to show you how big of a disconnect we have between upstate conservatism and downstate liberalism.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 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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