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Communications: The December meeting is the annual budget meeting and elections of officers/board members for the upcoming year. It's your opportunity to vote on the operating budget, planned projects and who you want to manage the club.

As a reminder, you must pay your annual dues for 2011 by 1 January 2011 per the club bi-laws. Any members who has not insured that his or her dues are received at the club by 31 January 2011 will be dropped from the roles as a member.

Our chairman of the kitchen committee as resigned from that position due to work commitments. We are looking for a new chairman. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Gary LaDue at 383-0637

Hunting season is in progress and many members have already reported getting deer during the archery season. Everyone be safe and enjoy hunting.

Committee News:

Trap: Open trap is now on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00am and will remain on Sunday mornings until Daylight Savings Time begins again in March. 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.

We finished our Fall ATA Big 50 handicap league a few weeks ago. This was a 200 target league, results as follows: 1st Place-Mark McCumber (190), 2nd Place-John Lee (189), 3rd Place-Ray Maynard (187) and 4th Place-Mike Schwendinger (185). Congratulations and thank you to all who participated.

Duck Unlimited Benefit Shoot

We will be having a trap shoot to benefit Ducks Unlimited on January 16, 2011. This will be a 100 target shoot and registration will begin at 9am. Cost for the event is \$40.00 per shooter with proceeds to benefit Ducks Unlimited. There will be prizes and raffles throughout the day with one raffle being for a Ducks Unlimited Edition Firearm. There will also be shooting awards given out for winners in many different categories. If you wish to pre-register, you will be entered in a special raffle for a Marlin Model 60 .22 caliber rifle. Those who wish to pre-register may do so by contacting Mark McCumber at 355-2070 or markrmccumber@msn.com. Mark can also be contacted for any other questions about this event.

For any other questions about trap shooting at the club, contact either of the Trap Committee Co-Chairman: John Donahue, email: jdonahu2@nycap.rr.com, John Lee, email: jleesccp@nycap.rr.com

Rifle: Reminder to the 10% who didn't get the word. Next time you shoot take the time to read the range rules posted on all ranges. Cinder blocks, full size man silhouettes and targets that exceed the target frame cross members are not authorized targets. Shooting from in front of the firing line is a safety violation and will not be tolerated. Charles Carroll chairman

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CMP: The WWI and WWII Military Rifle Clinic held on Nov 13th was well attended. The clinic offered instruction in the disassembly, cleaning and lubrication of the M1917, 1903 Springfield and its variants, the M1 Garand and M1 Carbine.

CMP volunteers assisted in preparation of the Club's new 100 YD, multi-purpose range, which will be the sight of future CMP Matches. The next CMP event is a 100 YD Match planned for Spring 2011. For questions about CMP see the Club's website or contact Jim King.

Archery: There will be a work party early December to repack the indoor target butts. The indoor league will begin the first Sunday of January. There will be a sign up sheet in the archery building. Hope everyone has a good hunting season. Tim Hayner/Tom Spagnola co-chairman

The kid's archery league will start 9 January. For information contact Cliff Stevens at 885-6025

Pistol: The Pistol Range is seeing an increase in the number of shooters, and that's a good thing! Now, we need to see your smiling faces at the membership meetings. If you'd like to see some additional types of activities on the pistol range, we need your input.

The new security cameras and gate system should be up and running around the same time you get this newsletter. The new swipe card reader will be installed at "hip pocket" level so you can enter the pistol building with the card in your pocket and your hands full. What I need to insure is that everyone swipes in and out every time you pass thru the range door. It may be neighborly and courteous to hold the door for the next person, but make sure you pass close enough to get counted. It's the only way we can get a "density" report of the range usage. Entry and exit from the indoor range will be thru the main door ONLY (that's the one under the overhang by the 2 outdoor points). The back door will be an emergency exit only.

We still have someone shooting shotgun ammo on the Pistol Range. If you are the person, stop; if you see who's doing it tell them to stop and just note the date and time, we'll do the rest.

Pistol instruction is available upon request. So if you want to learn how to use handguns safely, give me a call. Dick Buehler chairman

The club will host an NRA basic pistol course on Saturday, January 15th and 22nd, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The course will be taught by NRA certified instructors, and will include both classroom instruction and live fire on the pistol range. The course will emphasize the safe and proper handling and use of pistols. Participants will learn about firearm safety, parts and operation, shooting fundamentals, care and cleaning, safe storage and more. Cost is \$30.00. Participants must be current NYS pistol license holders. Contact Richard Reed or 248-1157 or Richard_h_reed@hotmail.com for registration.

The AFPL (winter traveling league) starts December 6th. For more information or to join the team they can contact me at ralph.morse@obg.com or 518-951-6195.

Plinking Range: the 25 yard rifle sight at the plinking range has been a huge success. We have 3 target holders for rifle and shot gun slugs (no bird shot please as it destroys the target holder). Feel free to use any of the targets that we have supplied from on top of the rifle stand. Please do your initial sighting in on the plinking range and then move to the 200 or 300 yard ranges for your final sight in. The ranges should be busy these next few week ends and hopefully using the plinking range first will relieve some of the wait time for the other ranges. Have a successful and safe hunting season. Bill Sommers chairman

Investment Report: We started the 3rd Quarter at \$120,405.82 and finished at \$130,324.64. This is the highest finish we have had in the history of our club investment fund. The fund is invested entirely in mutual funds. They were selected as a low risk, balanced portfolio, for long term investing. The mayor gains this quarter came for global bond fund and an income fund. We automatically reinvest any dividends and money fund earnings each month. We gained another \$2500.00 in October. Mark Shalala chairman

Old Business: Change in status to be exempt from state sales tax is progressing. We hope to have all the paper work submitted with our tax returns for this year. Thanks to Mark Shalala and Dawn Schafer for all their hard work.

The project for installing a new gate and security cameras is progressing but slowly. There has been numerous delays due to the weather and the contractor. However the project will soon be completed. It will provide more reliable security for the club and help us identify and deal with those few members who still do not follow range rules and club policies. The Board of Directors has appointed Charles Carroll as the club security officer to manage the security cameras.

The project to fix the drainage issues on the plinking range has been completed for this year

New Business: Changes in the bi-laws was approved by the membership requiring all members to pay by 31 January each year or be dropped from the membership roles.

Come and vote at the December meeting. The current officers are running again unopposed. However there are four (4) positions for the board of directors up for election and six (6) candidates.

2011 Ballot

Officers (unopposed)

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

Board of Directors nominations

Dick Buehler
Mark Cady *
Dave Friedman
Tom Spagnola
Jerry Smith *
Tony Wells *

* = incumbent

Legislative Committee : New York City: License Fee Cost Proposals: The current \$340 fee for all pistol licenses would be lowered to \$70 for a premises license and \$110 for a carry license. Rifle and shotgun permits would drop from \$140 to \$65. Costs for license renewals would also be significantly reduced. With that proposal for lowered fees, the New York Police Department also introduced revisions to the police department's gun permit procedures, which need only approval from the mayor's office, not the City Council. Under

proposed revisions, the NYPD can reject gun license applicants for a number of reasons, including: arrest or conviction of almost any "violation," in any state; having a "poor driving history"; having been fired for "circumstances that demonstrate lack of good judgment"; having "failed to pay legally required debts"; being deemed to lack "good moral character"; or if any other information demonstrates "other good cause for the denial of the permit." These are very vague guidelines that will empower the NYPD to turn down almost any permit request they don't like.

Pennsylvania's "Castle Doctrine" HB 1926 would permit law-abiding citizens to use force, including deadly force, against an attacker in their home and any places outside of their home where they have a legal right to be. If enacted, this law would also protect individuals from civil lawsuits by the attacker or the attacker's family when force is used.

Election Changes in Federal Government NRA Ratings:

U.S. Senate - In the 111th Congress, there were 43 A-rated and 34 F-rated Senators. The 112th Congress will contain 50 A-rated (+7) and 33 F-rated Senators (-1).

U.S. House - In the 111th Congress, there were 226 A-rated and 151 F-rated Representatives. The 112th Congress will contain 258 A-rated (+32) and 133 F-rated (-18) Members. Fred Adriance, Chairman

Trapshooters Fog By Mark Shalala

There is nothing more annoying than being on the Trap line with a good score going, and have your shooting glasses fog up. The number one shooting rule of "You can't hit what you can't see", really comes into play here. The distraction factor can be very high, even for a very good shooter. This problem can happen in hot or cold weather. The following is a collection of suggestions and fixes from different sources for the problem of shooting glasses fogging up on the firing line:

- Make sure your glasses are clean, inside and out, each time you shoot. This makes it harder for the moisture to form and adhere to the lens.
- Side shields applied to shooting glasses tend to trap heat and moisture on the lens. Consider removing them.
- Wearing a baseball type cap, with the visor down close to the top of the glass frames can trap heat and moisture. Consider tilting the hat up a little or removing it.
- Wrap around style lenses can trap heat and moisture. Make sure your glasses are fitted so the glasses are not too close to the face, and air can circulate freely under the lens.
- Having glasses fitted so they sit higher on the bridge of the nose, and are centered when your face is tilted down on the stock, improves circulation under the lens, and improves the lens optics geometry.
- Some shooting instructors suggest taking a deep breath as part of your pre-shot routine. Make sure the exhaled air is directed down or sideways from your mouth. Exhaled air is moisture laden, and is the main source of exterior lens fog in colder weather.
- Apply a small amount of a clear antiperspirant to your forehead on shooting days. Sounds weird, but it cuts down on the amount of sweat that gets under your glasses. (Professional hand ball and squash players wear close fitting safety eyewear and have used this trick for years.)

Apply an anti-fogging product to your lenses each time you shoot. There are several good commercial products available on the market, such as "Parkers Perfect", available from Cabela's. A home remedy is to apply liquid dishwashing soap. Work a small amount around the lens and remove the excess with a soft cloth.

Hope the items above will help you come out of the fog and improve your scores.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE ON OR BEFORE 1 JANUARY 2011

Dues for 2011 will be \$75.00 (Seventy Five dollars). You will not be receiving a separate mailing or invoice. Unpaid members will have their cards deactivated on 1 February 2011 and you will be deleted from club membership. Should you wish to join the club again you must get on the waiting list and apply as a new member. **Make checks payable to "Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park"**. Please fill out the information on this page, remove and submit it with payment to: Tom Herzog

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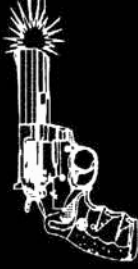
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2010

Date Event

5 trap
9 membership meeting
12 trap
19 trap
26 trap
30 directors meeting

January 2010

Date Event

2 trap/archery league
3 archery league
5 archery league
9 trap/archery league
10 archery league

12 archery league
13 membership meeting
15 basic pistol course
16 trap/archery league
17 archery league
19 archery league
22 basic pistol course
23 trap/archery league
24 archery league
26 archery league
27 directors meeting
30 trap/archery league