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The Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park will hold its Annual Membership Meeting, Officer Elections, and Board of Directors Elections on Thursday December 10, 2009. Nominations for all Officer and 4 Board of Director positions will be accepted at the October 8, 2009 and November 12 Club Meetings as well as emails or phone calls to the Nominations Chairman. Nominees for all Offices must have been a member for at least 1 year and be in good standing (dues & fees paid). All nominations must be received by November 12, 2009. Fred Adriance will act as the Club Nominations Chairman and he can be reached at 233-0274 or email: fadri-anc@nycap.rr.com. If the Annual Meeting cannot be conducted due to inclement weather, it will be postponed and held on January 14, 2010. This is your opportunity to vote on those who manage the club and the 2010 budget.

Communications: The town of Clifton Park has reserved the Club for elections on 3 November 2009. All ranges will be closed.

Committee News:

Trap continues to shoot on Thursday evenings and will do so until mid November when we switch to Sunday mornings at 9am. The cost to shoot is \$2.50 a round (25 targets). All are welcome.

We just finished up our Summer "Lost Target League", which is based on a total of 300 targets, and here are the results: In the 1st division John Donahue took 1st place with a score of 295 and John Lee and Russ Speanburg tied for 2nd place with scores of 293. In the 2nd division, 1st place went to Ed Dworakowski with a score of 274 and Vince Olmstead took 2nd place with a score of 273.

We will be starting our **ATA Big 50 Handicap League** on September 24th, details are as follows:

Time/dates:

Registration will be from 5:30PM to 6:30PM each Thursday of the series. First squad starts shooting at 6:00 PM. The series will run for eight Thursday's in a row from 24 Sept 2009 to 12 Nov 2009.

Format:

ATA sanctioned, registered, handicap Big 50 program. Shooters may elect to shoot all, or just a few of the series dates. Shooters are limited to 50 targets per day.

For those wishing to participate, a non ATA competition will be held using the scores from each night's match. The winner of the series long competition will be the participant with the highest total score from their best 5 scores. You do not have to be an ATA member to participate in the series competition.

Prizes:

Token prizes will be awarded at the end of the Series for the highest of the 250 target score and the runner up.

Cost:

- For Each match:

ATA "daily fee" (ATA fee)	\$1.00
Targets (50)	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total:	<u>\$6.00</u>
- One time Series Competition fee

\$4.00

The Sportsmen's Club Officers and Directors effective 1 Jan 09

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Notes:

All ATA Big 50 rules apply. The Trap Committee Chairmen will act as the league referees. All ATA shooters must be current, paid up, ATA members. Any fines for scores submitted, for non-current shooters are the sole responsibility of the shooter. ATA Membership applications and annual dues renewal may be completed at the event. The management reserves the right to refuse entry, and change this program as conditions warrant.

For any question 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: We are now approaching our busiest time of the year. **Safety and range rules must be observed at all times.** The windows in the 200 yard range shed have been removed and the opening framed to receive garage doors. The vendor will require a half day to install the doors sometime during the last week in September or first week in October. A special thanks to the volunteers who gave up their time between 7 and 9 over the holiday week end to reduce the impact on range usage. A reminder to all that only authorized targets are to be used on the ranges. This does not include cinder blocks. If you take a target down range, retrieve it when you are done. This includes the paper wrapped unauthorized wood blocks left on the range. Safety is our first priority. If you see a safety violation, correct it and report it.

Charles Carroll, committee chairman

CMP: The Shoot scheduled for September was cancelled due to insufficient participation. It is expected we will try and schedule another shoot in the Spring if there is interest. Jim King, committee chairman

Archery: The outdoor season is coming to an end and congratulations goes out to all the club archers who went to the IBO worlds and Tupper lake. Jackie Hayner won the female youth class at the IBO worlds. We had some new faces on the 3D courses and lost arrow league this summer. It's great seeing new people. Our indoor leagues will begin in January. Special thanks to all who helped with the club 3D shoots this year, Tom Spagnola, Jeff Stevens, Tim Passer, Howard and Brendan Manny, Chris Clingerman, Al Arpin and all others who participated. Tim Hayner, archery committee

Pistol: The Monday night pistol league starts 21 Sept and ends on 30 Nov. The start time is 7 PM. Bring eye and hear protection. The club provides the targets. An extra clip is helpful. There are 12 openings inside and 2 outside. This is a good league to learn how to shoot if you are new to NRA bulls-eye competition. The dates for the league are Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Don Blakeslee, committee chairman

The Adirondack Foothills League (AFPL) is an organization that exists to foster competition among pistol clubs shooting .22 Bulls eye that continue to prosper in our region.

Each year, a winter Bull eye league is conducted by the eight member teams in the AFPL. They are Troy Pistol League, Salem Rod and Gun, Hudson falls, Glennville, Guan Ho Ha, North Troy Stag and the combined team of Sara Spa/Clifton Park Sportsmen's Club.

The league runs December through March with 14 scheduled matches.

The first place handicap team for the 2008-2009 season is the combined team of Sara Spa/Clifton Park team with a record of 12 wins- 2 losses. The handicap team members are: Ralph Morse, Pat Bruno and Tony Curcurito from Clifton park sportsmen's Club and Bruce Yarter and Bob Eccleston from Sara Spa. Pictured is Ralph and Tony Curcurito



County Council: There were no state record fish caught in 2008. However, 4 records were established in 2009. Walleye-16 lb. 9 oz on Mystic Lake in Cattaraugus County, Fallfish- 31 lb. 9 oz. on Susquehanna River in Tioga County, Brook trout- 5 lb. 4 1/2 oz. (21 inches) on Raquette Lake and Brown bullhead- 7 lb. 6 oz. (22 inches) on Lake Mahopac in Putnam County.

A new law on personal flotation devices was signed. These devices must be worn between Nov 1 and May 1, on any pleasure vessel less than 21 feet. During the off season water temps drop to 32-40 degrees. It takes a struggling person about 15 minutes to become unconscious under those conditions.

Legislative: Clearing Up the Rumors: The Truth About The "Gun Tax Bill"

Over the past few months, NRA-ILA has received hundreds of e-mails warning us about "SB-2099," a bill that would supposedly require you to report all your guns on your income tax return every April 15.

Like many rumors, there's just a grain of truth to this one. Someone's recycling an old alert, which wasn't even very accurate when it was new.

There actually was a U.S. Senate bill with that number that would have taxed handguns -- nine years ago. It was introduced by anti-gun Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.), and it would have included handguns under the National Firearms Act's tax and registration scheme. This has nothing to do with anyone's Form 1040, of course.

Fortunately, S. 2099 disappeared without any action by the Senate, back when Bill Clinton was still in the White House. We reported about it back then, just as we report about new anti-gun bills every week. Now, it's time for gun owners to drop this old distraction and focus on the real threats at hand. NRA 08/14/2009

Fred Adriance, legislative chairman

House and Grounds: The grounds are in good shape thanks to our very few volunteers who cut grass, weeds and brush on the ranges and along the roadways. We are still looking for volunteers to help out. Contact Jerry smith, grounds chairman at 877-5961.

Plinking Range: The range is closed for renovations, probably until late spring, early summer. Even then we need to find a way to manage folks who violate the range rules there before it can be opened. John Bushey, committee chairman

Kitchen: The kitchen will be serving pasta salad at the Oct. meeting, baked ziti with meat sauce in Nov. and lasagna in Dec.

I would like to thank the following members and volunteers for their help in and out of the kitchen Scott Keith, Ed Lopatniuk, and Bradley Bell.

Thank you! Jennifer Novack, kitchen chairperson

Web site: You are encouraged and welcome to send pictures to be placed on the web site. 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.

Investment: The investment committee gave a quarterly report stating our investments were slowly recovering back from our losses. The value of the portfolio is \$106K at the end of the second quarter.. Mark Shalala

Old Business: The Board of Directors has been very active this year. The process for applying for new membership has been revamped requiring all new applicants to have a sponsor or be interviewed by a board member and attend an orientation on the club and particularly the range rules. This process is conducted on different days other than the membership meetings to avoid confusion and to focus on who the new applicants are and range rules.

We have developed and are implementing an environmental stewardship plan coordinated by member Greg Peters. This will help us manage the property, the lead from all the shooting and improve the ranges.

Most folks know we have had and still do have some members who do not follow the range rules. Recently a member was observed not following the rules and is no longer a member. We have over 1000 members and cannot tolerate any violations of safety or range rules. The board is seriously considering security cameras to catch the violators and process them out of the club. Use the approved targets only on the ranges and follow all rules for everyone's sake.

We contracted for an NRA range inspector to come and evaluate all the ranges for safety and use. The final report is expected soon. However, based on preliminary comments we did shut down the plinking range. We expect to do some renovations on both rifle ranges, the pistol range and plinking range. Since it will have to be budgeted, the work will start in the spring.

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

New Business:

The club membership has grown rapidly and with more members came more problems, like the range violations. The Board is discussing putting a cap on our membership. You will hear more about this and the above items in the future.

There were forty three applications at the August and September meetings. The membership voted all applicants in.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE JANUARY 1ST, 2010

Dues for 2010 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, 2010.

To remain a member in good standing, submit you dues of \$75.00 by January 1st, 2010. 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
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Name _____

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Want Ads

The Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Trap moves to Sundays 22 Nov.

October

Date Event

1 new member orientation
trap
3 Boy scouts- club house
5 bulls eye league
8 Membership meeting
trap
10 Boy scouts- club house
15 trap
19 bulls eye league
22 Trap
26 bulls eye league
29 board meeting
trap

November

Date Event

2 bulls eye league
5 trap
7 boy scouts-club house
9 bulla eye league
12 trap
membership meeting
14 boy scouts-club house
16 bulls eye league
22 trap
23 bulls eye league
26 board meeting
29 trap
30 bulls eye league

ALL RANGES CLOSED ON 3 NOVEMBER 09_ ELECTION DAY