



# Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club NEWSLETTER



## DECEMBER 2018

*“Wisconsin’s Oldest and Finest Gun Club”*

### **RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASS:**

An RSO training class has been scheduled:

When: Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

Where: Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club Clubhouse

Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Cost: \$75.00 (with \$40.00 due by January 10<sup>th</sup> with the balance due the day of the class)

Instructor: Tony Anderson; [ecarryguy@yahoo.com](mailto:ecarryguy@yahoo.com); 715-894-7450

Restrictions: Students must be 21 years of age or older.

Coffee, donuts, snacks, soda, and water will be provided. Box lunches will also be available.

We have discussed reimbursing the cost of the class to RSOs who volunteer “X” hours for the club. This is still being discussed.

If you are interested in volunteering and getting the rifle/pistol range up open again, this is your chance!

### **17th ANNUAL SPORTSMAN DINNER AND GUN RAFFLE:**

The annual Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club Banquet will be on March 14, 2019 at the Westgate Sportsman’s Club. Social hour starts at 5:00PM with dinner and drawings at 7:00PM. Invites will be sent out in January. If you are looking for tickets, please contact Mike Johnson at 715-579-5707 to get on the waiting list as seats are limited.

### **2019 MEMBERSHIPS:**

2019 memberships are available for purchase at the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club. Memberships are valid 1/1/19 – 12/31/19. Prices of memberships will be the same as prior years at: \$35-Family; \$25-Adult; \$5-Youth; Senior Free (if a member the last 5 years). Please note Family Memberships only include yourself, your spouse, and your children under 18-years of age.

We historically sold memberships at various retailers in the area, however, we are currently deciding if we are going to continue to do this. Positives of this idea include members having to come to the Club itself where they can receive clear expectations on what membership includes and be able to ask questions. Negatives of this idea include the limited hours of operation for the Club, especially early in the year.

We will evaluate this over the next few months and determine a course of action going forward.

### **2019 SHOOTING SCHEDULE:**

The yearly shooting schedule is currently being finalized – waiting on final ATA shoot dates and a couple benefit shoot dates. Once this is finalized, we will include it in a newsletter as well as have it posted on our website.

We do know a couple dates to start planning ahead for:

- Handicap league will start on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> – this is one week later than last year
- There will be shooting during the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July (as the holiday is on a Thursday this year)
- 16-yard league will start on May 6<sup>th</sup>
- “Corn Day” will be on August 11<sup>th</sup>
- Handicap League shoot-offs will be on August 24<sup>th</sup>

### **2019 HANDICAP LEAGUE:**

The annual Trap League meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

Team Captains: If you have not been contacted by or spoken with Bob Webber about your team shooting for 2019, please contact him immediately (715-723-7419 or email at: [ranlwebber@msn.com](mailto:ranlwebber@msn.com)). We would like to have the handicap league schedule out as early as possible so shooters can coordinate bank scores, shoot aheads, and other plans they may have around the schedule.

### **2018 ANNUAL MEETING:**

Our Annual Club Meeting is scheduled on the second Monday of December every year. This year it was held on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Highlights of this year’s meeting include:

- Financials – Primary revenues were down about 6.0% when compared to last year. This was largely due to less loading supplies being sold as more people are purchasing box shells, less membership revenue due to the pistol/rifle range temporary closure, and less total rounds of trap shot due to a colder start to the year and one less ATA shoot.

Primary expenses were controlled with overall expenses down about 9.0% when compared to last year. This decrease was largely attributable to less repairs & maintenance expense, mainly due to the new storage shed built last years, less loading supplies being purchased as we are holding higher shell inventory, and less wages paid due to the lower volume of trap rounds. The lower expenses were offset by the purchase of a skid steer for \$48,000.

Net income through 11/30/18 was negative at just over <\$54,000> with the skid steer purchase making up the bulk of the loss. The loss was supported with cash balances which remain healthy at \$125,000 at 11/30/18. We currently have no debt.

- Election of the Board of Directors – This year we had three Board Members terms come due: Jason Berry, Ron Harper, and Ron Bowers. Ron Harper did not seek re-election of another term. Following nominations from the floor we had three people running for three spots on the Board – Jason Berry, Ron Bowers, and Derek Prock were all elected for three-year terms.

We would like to thank Ron Harper for his 42+ years of service at the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club. His dedication and commitment will be missed on the board. We also would like to thank Derek Prock for his interest in volunteering and we welcome him to his new director role!!!

- Officer Position Votes – officer positons will be voted on at the January 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

- Big Game Contest – Winners of this year’s contests and \$25 each were:

Deer Gun – Rick Davis	Deer Gun (Youth) – <i>no entry</i>	Grouse Tail – Fred Krause
Deer Bow – Aaron Anderson	Turkey Beard – Dave Linderholm	Pheasant Tail – Doug Becker

- Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club Foundation, Inc. – Treasurer Tamy Moss presented their financial statement through 12/8/2018. The Foundation awarded \$5,500 in college scholarships in 2018. They also raised \$2,600 during the year through their annual steak night event, foundation lunches, handicap league hotdog/brat nights, and memorial donations.

### **COMMUNITY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION:**

The Community Memorial Foundation is located on the grounds of the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club (bricks, flags, and benches between the club house and the trap range).

The Memorial is dedicated to all who served and are serving our community and country. It is a community memorial honoring Homeland Security (Veterans, Fire Fighters, EMS, Law Enforcement, Coast Guard, POW and MIA). The Memorial includes honoring the presidents of the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club by reserving the front of the memorial for their names and period of service. The Memorial is operated by a memorial committee which is independent of the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club.

The Memorial was approved in 2011. CVTCF representatives visited the site, reviewed plans and approved supporting this community service project. Construction began in summer of 2012 with majority of labor from CVCTF. The Memorial dedication ceremony was held in September 2012. Committee members include retired Military, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, EMT, and local business leaders. Committee members are the perfect staff and mirror those being honored. The committee is composed of Chairman, treasurer and alternate treasurer and active members. They meet three times a year, or as required. The entity is a 501(c)(3) “Like” corporation. They have an EIN number, but pay sales tax. However, their funds remain below the amount required to file tax returns.

They have had tremendous community business supporters with materials donated. CVTC did all the engraving of plaques as a school project and the stainless steel was donated. Granite benches were from Johnson Monument and sold to foundation at a wholesale price.

If you would like to donate, there are brochures in the club house which outline brick purchases – 4x8 bricks are \$100 and 8x8 bricks are \$500. There are also two benches are still available for a donation of \$1,500.00. Committee will have a brass plaque engraved with donor’s name and placed on their bench. Please see Mason Shoe Trust brass plaque on their bench as an example.

The Memorial has donors from all over the country, however, the far majority of donors are club members. They have been great in supporting this Memorial.

We encourage anyone and everyone to donate “just to say thank you” to all who serve their country and community.

***WE THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2018 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR***

***CONTINUED SUPPORT OF WISCONSIN’S OLDEST AND FINESET GUN CLUB IN 2019!!!***