



Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2019

“Wisconsin’s Oldest and Finest Gun Club”

CORRECTION - 2019 HANDICAP LEAGUE:

The annual Trap League meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 26th at 7:00PM.** The last newsletter noted the meeting was on Monday February 25th, which was incorrect.

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). 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.

2019 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Every January after the December annual meeting the board of directors votes for officers. Below is a summary of those assignments:

President – Tony Owen (new for 2019)

Vice President – Jason Berry (previously president)

Secretary – Derek Prock (new for 2019)

Treasurer – Andy Cohen

We thank Jason for his 7+ years of being President and welcome Tony and Derek to their new roles!!!

FEBRUARY 24th:

This is the first time the entire clubhouse will be open for trap shooting (weather depending). Please come on out and shake of the cob webs by sending a couple shotgun rounds down range. Or, shop by and pick up your 2019 Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club Membership.

DEER DUMPSTERS:

The Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club partners with the Augusta Sportsman’s Club to provide funding for deer carcass dumpsters every fall. Two dumpsters are provided, one in Seymour and one in Augusta.

The deer carcass dumpster program has been going for about nine years. Prior to this there was a big problem with people dumping deer carcasses in road ditches and county forest areas. When speaking with Ken Thomson of the Wisconsin DNR he noted when they caught some people dumping carcasses, they said they didn’t have a good place to dump the stuff. The DNR has been trying to work to get people to dispose of carcasses properly because if we dump carcasses all over we could be spreading CWD.

That is when Mr. Thomson worked with the ECRG and Augusta Sportsman’s Club along with Eau Claire County Parks and Forest to set up the dumpsters. Deer hides at the dumpster sites are collected and are sold to help pay for the program.

The total cost is split by ECRG and Augusta and these costs have increased the last three years from \$335 each in 2016, \$409 each in 2017, to \$742 each in 2018. The 2017 increase was due to several hides being stolen out of the

collection box. The larger increase in 2018 was due to the Eau Claire landfill not willing to accept the carcasses (CWD concerns). Instead, they were shipped to Barron more than doubling the delivery costs.

This program has become very popular with the public and people really appreciate the local sportsman's clubs funding this service. Additionally, the WI DNR and Conservation Wardens appreciate the service and the clubs participation in this program.

HELP WANTED – LEAGUE SECRETARIES:

We are still looking for more League Secretaries this shooting season spring. Duties will include keeping track of a group of team scores for the night along with keeping track of any shoot-aheads/bank scores. We are working towards making our scoring system electronic, but this has not been implemented yet. If this is something you'd be interested in, please contact us.

We will be testing the electronic scoring system during 2019 shooting season (more to come in a future newsletter).

BYLAW CHANGE:

We are going to be making a change this year to the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club Bylaws. We are working with an attorney to ensure proper completion of the amendment as well as proper notification. We will be voting on the change later this year (date TBD).

- The way the current bylaw reads:

Article 10: In the event of the dissolution of this corporation and corporate assets remaining after the payment of all debts and obligations shall be assigned and set over to the County Board of Supervisors, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, to be used for park purposes.

- The proposed change:

In the event the corporation is dissolved for any reason, it is hereby intended that the assets of said corporation be placed in a trust. Said asset are to be used for a public shooting range for the use of firearms, archery, hunting, and other shooting sports determined by the trustee. The trustee of said trust shall be the Eau Claire County Wisconsin Board of Supervisors, or designee by the Board of Supervisors of said county for the purposes stated herein.

RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE:

We had 23 people show up for the RSO class in January! The class was completed in one day and all attending received their RSO certification. There will be a meeting with the RSOs in the new couple weeks to finalize the range rules and Standard Operating Procedures.

As far as the range itself not much progress has been made on the upgrades the past few weeks. The cold and now snow has put things at a standstill. We did get a few culverts for noise dampening on the rifle range and will be testing those out.

If you're interested in helping us with range upgrades or volunteering to be an RSO to help open the range for shooting please reach out to us.

2019 GENERAL SHOOTING SCHEDULE:

The yearly shooting schedule is attached on the next page and will be available on our website as well.

WE THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF WISCONSIN'S OLDEST AND FINESET GUN CLUB!!!