



# Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club **NEWSLETTER**



**JUNE 2019**

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

## **ECRG WEBSITE:**

The website experienced a major issue with the hosting service and the application which runs it. Unfortunately, the website had to be rebuilt. Of all the times for it to be compromised and beyond repair, mid-season is not the most ideal. We apologize for inconvenience and are working to get it back up and running as soon as possible. Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter the website will be fixed ([www.ecrodandgun.com](http://www.ecrodandgun.com)).

The club e-mail address is still working, and any questions can be sent to: [bod@ecrodandgun.com](mailto:bod@ecrodandgun.com)

## **RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE:**

Improvements are done, for now, and we are excited to announce the range is almost ready to be open. We are hopeful the range will be open by the end of June, possibly sooner. Several of the RSOs were out on a range walk-through recently and the range SOPs are being finalized. We also have some signage we are waiting on.

In addition to a club membership, there is going to be a \$5.00 daily fee to shoot on the range. These funds will be used to cover RSO certification costs as well as range upkeep. This fee will not be charged the first few weeks of opening as word gets out about the range being open, not everyone will know about this new daily fee. Notification of when the daily fee will start will be posted on the range, be included in a newsletter, and be shared on our website and Facebook page.

With the new processes on the range, there is likely going to be a learning curve for all users, including RSOs. We ask all of you who plan on using the range to be understanding of this; which will in turn make it easier for all of us.

We appreciate all your patience and understanding over the past year while the range has been closed. There has been plenty of criticism and complaints about the range not being open. Some people have plenty of time to complain, but apparently have no time to come out and volunteer their time to get the range open. We thank all of those who helped with the improvements and have volunteered to be RSOs.

We are looking forward to moving away from the “dark cloud” which was over the rifle/pistol range and are excited for range users to be able to shoot comfortably, confidently, and safely.

## **JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK:**

There will be handicap league shooting during week 10 of the season. With Independence Day falling on a Thursday, leagues will be shooting Tuesday and Wednesday night. Please get your shoot-a-heads completed if you are not available to shoot that week.

Reminder: **SHOOT-OFF DAY IS SATURDAY August 24<sup>th</sup>!!!**

## **BEVERAGES OUTSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE:**

As a reminder there are no beverages allowed north of the sidewalk (trap range side). The only thing allowed on gun racks and bag holders are shotguns, shell bags, and shells. Questions, please ask.

## **CLUB ANNIVERSARY AND TURKEY SHOOT (AKA CORN DAY):**

Corn Day is Sunday, August 11th from 11:00AM until 5:30 PM (less than two months to go!). We will have a Team Trap Shoot, Turkey Shoots, Games and Raffles. As always, we will have FREE SWEET CORN ALL DAY! Please come join us for some fun!!!

As in prior years, parking during this event can be challenging. We will have the archery range gate open for parking and we encourage angle parking on the east side of County Road QS. Parking is not allowed on the west side of QS.

## **ECRG FOUNDATION:**

The Foundation will be raising funds during the second week of each month for a new scholarship fund – The Bob Webber Scholarship Fund.

This year they will be having “Bob Webber Taco Trap Days” with tacos/nachos/Mexican menu for sale to members to raise funds for this new fund.

The fund is intended for trap shooting kids who will be pursuing post-secondary education. There will be no specific field of study requirement as there currently is with the existing Foundation scholarship fund. Scholarship minimum criteria is being finalized and will be announced in January 2020. Awarding of the scholarship(s) will start with fall semester 2020.

## **BULLHEAD POND AREA CLEAN-UP:**

Special shout-out to Jeff Jaworski who during Earth Week made it his priority to clean-up along the roadway by Bullhead Pond. He travels the road frequently and after seeing the trash, he decided to do something about it.

All items were found along the roadway between the QS/QQ intersection and Bullhead Pond and included: two wheels and rims, a VCR/TV combo in Bullhead Pond, two deer carcasses in a barrel in Bullhead Pond, and litter (mostly paper, plastic, and glass & aluminum bottles and cans). The recovered items were disposed up properly with the Club covering the disposal costs.

Jeff has noted he intends to, “keep that area beautiful for everyone and enjoy unblighted by refuse.”

The Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club would like to say Thank You Jeff and we applaud your clean-up efforts!

## **SCTP Team:**

The Club’s SCTP Team, Clearwater Explosion, had a great season. We have 18 team members attending the State Shoot in June (6/22) and three team members attending Nationals in July.

We would like to thank Pheasants Forever for their generous donation to the team and thank all the volunteers who help with team activities.

## **HELP WANTED:**

Almost all of the work completed at our Club is through our GREAT VOLUNTEERS. We are always looking for volunteer help as to be honest, it is getting harder and harder to find volunteers. Many of our key volunteers are

actively involved in multiple areas of the Club. We'd like to see more people getting involved to continue to make our Club the best in the state!

Below is a list of separate committees/areas we have volunteers:

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| - Trap Committee          | - Rife/Pistol Range  | - Membership Committee |
| - Trap League Secretaries | - Archery Range      | - ECRG Foundation      |
| - Buildings & Grounds     | - Pheasant Committee | - Banquet              |
| - Youth League            | - Club and Bar       |                        |

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please talk with one of our Board of Directors or send an e-mail to [bod@ecrodandgun.com](mailto:bod@ecrodandgun.com) with details on where you would like to help out.

## **ARCHERY RANGE**

We are currently looking for more help on our **Archery Range**. We are really looking for someone to spearhead the Archery Committee and everything when it comes to the range (coordinating mowing, maintenance, new shooting setups, coming to monthly board meetings, and other tasks as deemed fit). We have some occasional help with mowing but are really looking for someone to step-up and be the go-to archery volunteer for the Club. *Is this you????* Please talk with Dan Creviston if you are interested or send us an e-mail.

We have a nice piece of property dedicated to archery use and as we get later in the summer, usage really heats up (bow season practice). It would be nice if we could make any upgrades/repairs before then.

## **BYLAW CHANGE:**

As noted in a previous newsletter, we are going to be making a change this year to the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club Bylaws. This is the second notification in member newsletter. We will be voting on the change later this fall (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.

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