



Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2019

“Wisconsin’s Oldest and Finest Gun Club”

NOTIFICATION:

If you have not purchased your 2019 Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club Membership yet, this will be the last newsletter you’ll be receiving as we will be updating our mailing list. Please show your support by purchasing your membership at the ECRG Clubhouse today!

TRAP SHOOTING:

We still have trap shooting going on with fall International and Doubles Leagues. We are open every Tuesday and Wednesday night through October 9th for open shooting along with skeet or 5-stand shooting.

RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE:

Shooting has been going on, however, has been limited due to only a few Range Safety Officers (RSOs) being available to open the range. When an RSO is available to open the range, they are posting on our website calendar as well on our Facebook page a couple days in advance.

The RSOs have set a schedule for the rest of September and October. More dates will be added as other RSOs are contacted and commit to dates and times. You can find the dates and times on the new Rifle Range Calendar on our Website.

There has been some discussion about having a “Sight-In Day” for anyone to come out and shoot, but nothing is scheduled right now.

The more RSOs we have volunteer from the club, the more the range will be open. If you are interested in helping out the club and being an RSO, please send us an e-mail (bod@ecrodandgun.com) or contact:

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Other updates:

- As noted in previous newsletters, a \$5.00 daily fee to shoot will be implemented. This went into effect on September 1st. We are considering multiple day passes as well and an annual pass to shoot. More discussion needs to be had on this.
- There has been more spatter from the steel pistol targets than expected. We will be wrapping the support columns closets to these targets to prevent further damage.
- A portable toilet is now available – cost to be covered with the daily range fee.

CLUB ANNIVERSARY AND TURKEY SHOOT (AKA CORN DAY):

We had an excellent Corn Day this year and we thank all of you who attended. The angle parking on the road was a big help as people were able to park closer to the main entry than in the past.

Like last year, we had a member pay for the entire cost of the corn (donated) which is wonderful, and we are grateful for the generosity of said member.

PHEASANT REARING PROGRAM

For many years the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club has raised pheasants on our property. This is a cost share program with the Wisconsin DNR – we get the chicks at no cost and the Club pays all cost of raising the birds.

Each spring soon as the weather permits, we start repairing our pens and getting the six houses ready for pheasant chicks. We had a lot of damage to the pens this spring from all the snow – around 30 new broken posts, not including the ones which were already leaning. Support wires were also broken and the netting was ripped open. We had around 10 volunteers get the pens put back together the day before the chicks arrived.

A total of 3,000 pheasant chicks arrived on May 17th with 95% of the birds being roosters. The pheasants are cared for daily and then get released around the first week in October. The DNR takes most of the pheasants and releases them on public hunting grounds. The remainder of the birds are divided up between volunteers and board members to be released on lands of their choice.

We had some bird loss during the summer (approx. 120) but no where near the amount lost last year (700+ due to straw/chips, feed issues, and gape worm). There were no gape worm issues this year as preventative measures were taken in the spring to work to prevent it.

The annual spring patching work is starting to not be enough with several runs in need of new wires and netting. Initial costs for just the netting alone are \$600/run. The plan is to do a run or two each year until they are all replaced. We will reassess next spring before the birds show up.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who help in raising these birds annually.

BAR UPDATE

As we are winding down our trap shooting season (only a few weeks left) we have stopped ordering certain products for the year. We apologize in advance if our selection is less than normal, however, we still will have plenty of the primary sellers in addition to the best prices around!!!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

With hunting season starting, don't forget about our annual game contest. Awards are given out at the annual membership meeting in December. In addition to bragging rights, 5 prizes will be awarded for: largest whitetail buck (bow and gun), longest grouse tail feather, longest pheasant tail feather, and longest turkey beard. Entries will be judged that night and winners announced before the conclusion of the meeting.

The annual membership meeting is every year on the second Monday in December – this year it is 12/09/2019 and starts at 6:30PM. At that meeting we will recap the year for the club, get an update from the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Foundation, and elect board members. We will be also voting on the bylaw change this year as well (discussed in prior newsletters).

CLUB REPAIRS

We have several repair projects on the horizon:

- New flooring – the floors in the bar and pro-shop have some age on them and we are looking to replace them. This spring we did have the bar floors professionally cleaned and it turned out better than expected. Instead of replacing all the floors this year, we will just be doing new flooring in the pro-shop this fall.
- Trap Range Light Posts and Lights - many of the lighting posts are showing their age. We have started looking into the cost to replace these as well as the lighting. LEDs are an option and we are looking at testing some before purchase. Due to the overall cost per light post and lighting, this will be a multi-year project.
- Clubhouse Insulation/Venting – this spring the ice dams over the bar entry way/porch area were rather alarming. This is later fall project as the weather cools down.

CLUB VOLUNTEERS

As noted in various newsletters in the past, we are always looking for more help around the club. As a non-profit volunteer organization, we need people to donate their time in order to operate and keep our costs low.

If there is an area you'd like to help (bar, trap, archery, rifle/pistol range, etc.) or if there is something you'd like to see done differently, we'd love to see you at a board meeting to discuss. They are held the second Monday of every month at 6:30PM. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

HANDICAP LEAGUE RESULTS AND CHAMPIONSHIP TRAPSHOOT

This year we had 82 handicap league trap shooting teams competing across eight separate leagues and two different nights. The season came to an end last month with the league championship shoot-offs. Individual league high guns, club high gun, and results from the championship shoot are on the two pages.

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

2019 HIGH GUN AWARDS

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>SHOOTER</u>	<u>TEAM SCORE SHOT WITH</u>	<u>TOTAL TARGETS</u>	<u>AVG</u>
CLUB HIGH GUN	RON BOWERS	NORTHSIDE SERVICE	379 X 400	23.69
HIGH WOMAN	JULIE SIMON	CURT GROUP	373 X 400	23.31
HIGH VETERAN	BILL MOSS	CHICKEN CHOKERS	373 X 400	23.31
HIGH YOUTH	NOAH WEIMERT	MASON COMPANIES	345 X 400	21.56
HIGH 16 YARD	SANDY JACK	TRAP-A-HOES	244 X 250	24.40

LEAGUE HIGH GUNS

<u>LEAGUE-CLASS</u>	<u>SHOOTER</u>	<u>TEAM SCORE SHOT WITH</u>	<u>TOTAL TARGETS</u>	<u>AVG</u>
ARROWHEAD -AA-	RON BOWERS	NORTHSIDE SERVICE	379 X 400	23.69
ARROWHEAD -A-	RON BOWERS	SAMMY'S PIZZA	378 X 400	23.63
CLASSIC -B-	DAN CREVISTON	MARAWOOD CONSTRUCTION	377 X 400	23.56
CLASSIC -C-	GLEN ST. AUBIN	OAK PARK DENTAL	373 X 400	23.31
EASTERN -D-	JASON KLOHS	BOB'S LEGAL BEAGLES	360 X 400	22.50
EASTERN -E-	MITCH CONRAD	NICK'S AUTOMOTIVE	371 X 400	23.19
NATIONAL -F-	JERRY RIEMERS	RTS ROOFING	1350 X 400	21.88
NATIONAL -G-	AMY GIBSON	ULTIMATE LADIES	357 X 400	22.31
NORTHERN -H-	SHEA TORKEKELSON	ECLIPSE SALON	339 X 400	21.19
NORTHERN -I-	TOM E MONSON	BOY SCOUTS	345 X 400	21.56
INDIANHEAD-AA-	BILL MOSS	ALL REPAIR LLC	368 X 400	23.00
INDIANHEAD -A-	BUTCH SCHWARTZ	DIRT FARMERS	376 X 400	23.50
CENTRAL -B-	BILL MOSS	-A- TEAM	370 X 400	23.13
CENTRAL -C-	DEAN LUTHER	GREATER INS. (ARBS AGENCY)	370 X 400	23.13
WESTERN -D-	MARC HAGEL	SNAP-ON	371 X 400	23.19
WESTERN -E-	JULIE SIMON	CURT GROUP	373 X 400	23.31
AMERICAN -F-	RANDY TEWS	R TEWS CONSTRUCTION	375 X 400	23.44
AMERICAN -G-	ANDREW DEWILDE	EBJ LIVESTOCK	368 X 400	23.00
SOUTHERN -H-	JON HUTH	SWANSON'S FLOORING	352 X 400	22.00
SOUTHERN -I-	MAX KLINGER	MASON COMPANIES	347 X 400	21.69

EAU CLAIRE ROD GUN CLUB TRAP LEAGUE

2019 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TRAPSHOOT

August 24, 2019

<u>League</u>	<u>League Champion</u>	<u>Club Champion</u>	<u>League</u>	<u>League Champion</u>	<u>Club Champion</u>
Arrowhead	Chicken Chokers x	Chicken Chokers 234	Eastern	Nick's Automotive x	Nick's Automotive 210
-AA-	won both half's x		-E-	won both half's x	
Indianhead	All Repair, LLC x	All Repair, LLC 231	Western	Nationwide Flooring 205	Dresel Coldwell Banker 216
-AA-	won both half's x		-E-	Dresel Coldwell Banker 216	
Chicken Chokers Class -AA- Champion			Dresel Coldwell Banker Class -E- Champion		
Arrowhead	Schulenberg Construction x	Schulenberg Construction 237	National	Roto Rooter 172	Young Guns 204*
-A-	won both half's x		-F-	Young Guns 210	
Indianhead	Coulson Precision Tooling 233	Coulson Precision Tooling 225	American	Phillips Plastics 199	Milwaukee Burger 204*
-A-	1st Call Mechanical 229		-F-	Milwaukee Burger 217	
Schulenberg Construction Class -A- Champion			Young Guns Class -F- Champion		
Classic	Marawood x	Marawood 225	National	Ultimate Ladies x	Ultimate Ladies 204
-B-	won both half's x		-G-	won both half's x	
Central	A-Team x	A-Team 228	American	EBJ Livestock x	EBJ Livestock 228
-B-	won both half's x		-G-	won both half's x	
A-Team Class -B- Champion			EBJ Livestock Class -G- Champion		
Classic	Resco x	Resco 220	Northern	E.C. Fire #3 168	Shot Thru The Heart 210
-C-	won both half's x		-H-	Shot Thru The Heart 194	
Central	Pet Food Plus 225	Greater Insurance 221	Southern	Bush's Idlewild x	Bush's Idlewild 216
-C-	Greater Insurance 227		-H-	won both half's x	
Greater Insurance Class -C- Champion			Bush's Idlewild Class -H- Champion		
Eastern	Charter Bank x	Charter Bank 222	Northern	Geeks With Guns x	Geeks With Guns 197
-D-	won both half's x		-I-	won both half's x	
Western	Viking Sink x	Viking Sink 216	Southern	Mason Companies 213	Mason Companies 214
-D-	won both half's x		-I-	Clay Busters 207	
Charter Bank Class -D- Champion			Mason Companies Class -I- Champion		