



Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2019

“Wisconsin’s Oldest and Finest Gun Club”

RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE

The range has been open for shooting multiple days per week the last few weeks. Thank you to the RSOs who have volunteered their time to open the range for our members. These include Dave Sanders, Bob Haller, and Marc Hagel.

Traffic has been picking up as open days are being posted on our website. 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 December RSO availability is being discussed with calendar to be updated shortly thereafter. 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 Rifle Range Calendar on our Website.

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:

David Sanders

david@wildrivergundog.com

715-579-1451 (cell)

NRA Range Safety Officer Training Class

There will be an RSO training class on Saturday, December 14 from 8:00am – 4:00pm at the Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club. Cost of the class is \$50. If you’re interested, please contact Dave Sanders (contact information above).

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual membership meeting is every year on the second Monday in December – this year it is **12/09/2019 and starts at 7:00PM**. 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 (see below).

Don’t forget about our annual game contest. 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.

MAINTENANCE JUG

Funds from the Maintenance Jug were deposited on October 15 which totaled \$336. This is comparable to the \$317 average over the previous five-years. All monies were cash and coin with no checks being deposited. Since the Maintenance Jug was first put out in 2000, a total of \$10,451 has been received over the past 20-years.

2020 HANDICAP TRAP LEAGUES

The 2020 leagues will start on Tuesday April 28th and Wednesday April 29th. The annual shooting calendar should be ready to go by the end of December.

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. A total of 3,000 birds are received in mid-May and then released in October. The DNR gets about 500 birds with the remainder going to club volunteers. Raising these pheasants is a lot of work and we have about 20 volunteers who make this possible. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who help in raising these birds annually.

This year we spent about \$9,000 to raise the Pheasants – feed (\$7k), electricity (\$1k), repairs (\$1k). Historically we had a club member, Romie Spannel, who raised money to support the pheasant program which paid for most of the costs. However, this is no longer happening and these costs are being support by our general membership.

Do we have any members who are willing to raise funds/support these costs as done so in the past? Or, would these funds be better spent on a different conservation program?

We will be asking for input from our members if this is a program we should continue to support. Please feel free to send us an e-mail or let one of the Board of Directors know your thoughts.

CLUBHOUSE OPEN WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

The following is part of the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club's original foundation and purpose, taken right from our original Articles of Incorporation:

- *“...to hold and conduct entertainments and other social meetings of its members and to promote friendship and sociability among them...”*

Starting on December 18 will be open on Wednesday nights starting at 6:30PM until “close.” There will be **no shooting**; just the clubhouse/bar will be open. For those you not partaking in a New Year's Eve event, we will be open on 1/1/2020. Please come on out and say hello!

BYLAW CHANGE

As noted in previous newsletters, we are going to be making a change this year to the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club Bylaws. This is the final notification in member newsletter. We will be voting on the change at the Annual Meeting in December.

- 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.

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.

Going into 2020 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 | - Intro. to Trapshooting |

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 with details on where you would like to help out.

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