



Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club **NEWSLETTER**



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“Wisconsin’s Oldest and Finest Gun Club”

CLUB ACTIVITIES POSTPONED

On Tuesday, March 17th, 2020, all Club activities were postponed until further notice. This includes: All open trapshooting, Hunter Education Class, All SCTP Practices and conference shooting, “Geezers” Club Tuesday morning gatherings, All Rifle Range open dates and any scheduled Club House rentals and parties.

Governor Tony Evers Safer at Home Order has classified gun ranges as essential businesses. Therefore, we will be opening the Trap Range beginning on **Tuesday 4/28 for Open Shooting only** (practice, shoot-a-heads, bank scores).

Handicap Leagues have been delayed at a minimum two weeks with the season planning to start on May 12th and May 13th. The 16 Yard League and Thursday night youth program have no change to start dates at this time. **HOWEVER**, there seems to be too many variables and possible misunderstandings of how the current order reads and when the season can start.

The Board of Directors will be making a decision on when the season(s) will start by April 27th and will be discussing what the plan will be for league shooting for the remainder of the year (extending into September, shortening the season, etc.).

The current situation will require us to manage the facility differently and operating procedures during this time are being finalized. At a minimum we will expect any shooters to keep up social distancing and implement safety protocols, such as limiting contact, safe distancing, washing hands and **AVOIDING THE CLUB GROUNDS IF YOU ARE SICK**. Many of our members may fall into the COVID-19 high-risk category, so please take personal responsibility for your actions to help protect yourself and your fellow members.

We appreciate everyone’s continued Safer at Home efforts and hope that, with everyone working together, this will pass quickly. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at the Club. Take care of yourselves and your families, both physically and mentally and remember to wash your hands.

Please watch our Facebook page and website (www.ecrodandgun.com) for the most current and timely information. If you have any questions or comments you can send an e-mail to bod@ecrodandgun.com.

CLUB REPAIRS/UPDATES

We have made some updates to the Clubhouse this spring which include:

- **Updated Flooring** – we updated the floor in the pro shop, back storage room, and entry way to the bar.
- **Display Boards** – last year we tested a few Handicap leagues scoring displays using TVs. We now have 10 TV Displays up on the scoring wall for our Handicap League Scores. Thank you Paul Jastrow for all your hard work on this project along with designing and maintain the programing of the software used.

In discussing the TV display project the last year we had several members reach out and say they wanted to donate to help cover the costs of the project. A total of \$2,500 was received which covered the bulk of the cost of the project. These donors have been recognized with a plaque above each TV.

- **Car Siding Project** – the TV display wall was updated with new car siding. Additionally, the bathroom doors were updated as well. Earlier this year (when we were open) we had several members complement the wall. In discussion with the Board it was decided to update the entire bar with the car siding. So far, we have the west wall (scoring wall) and south wall of the bar area completed. The remainder of the bar area will be finished prior to year-end.

Thank you Bill Moss for all your volunteer time and hard work on the updates!

- **Trap Machines** – Dan Creviston has gone through all the trap machines and they are ready to go for the season. Last year we sold an older trap and purchased a new one. We do have a couple of traps getting close to the end of their useful lives, however, we don't anticipate any need to purchase any new traps this year.

- **Bulletin Board** – the bulletin board was extended out by about 4' (next to the ATM). This wall is used for not only the 16-yard scores but is a space used for various club notifications, events in the community and surrounding area, as well as a place for members to share information for club members.
- **Trap Shooting Tables** – we are in process of replacing the tables we put our shooting bags on at each trap field. The tables are being increased in size as they currently fill up quick when teams are shooting.

PHEASANT PROGRAM

Per an e-mail received from the Wisconsin State Game Farm we will not be getting any pheasant chicks this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our volunteers will continue to work on repairs to the pens, but they can take their time now. We had several volunteers already out working on the pens.

Thank you Don Draeger, and others on the pheasant committee, who help out down at the Pheasant Pens.

Note: there is some great information on the history of the State Game Farm at:

- <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/gamefarm.html>

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