



Eau Claire Rod & Gun Club **NEWSLETTER**



JUNE 2020

"Wisconsin's Oldest and Finest Gun Club"

LIMITED CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Club is now open, however, we continue to abide by Eau Claire County's public health order. As you all know these orders have changed or been extended various times over the past few months. The Club will continue to monitor these requirements and make changes to operations as necessary. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. Please visit our website and our Facebook page for more timely updates.

Masks are still suggested while on Club grounds.

A special shout-out is necessary for our Board of Directors. Over the past few months, the Board has had meetings almost bi-weekly to discuss how we should operate during this time. Many of the decisions made were not easy as not all areas of the Club were impacted the same (i.e. rifle/pistol range vs. trap range). However, the Board was able to come together and make decisions based on the safety of our members. Please extend a thank you the next time you see any of them as the volunteer their time to make the Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club such a wonderful place.

2020 LEAGUE SHOOTING

Handicap leagues were reduced to a 12-week season starting the first week of June – updated schedules are on the website. We will allow make up scores this season. All shooting will need to be completed by the final week (August 18 & 19) in order to determine teams for the Handicap League Championship Shoot-Offs on August 22nd.

16-yard league begins on June 15th.

Shoot-ahead requirements for the 8:00, 8:30 and 9:00 time slots will not be enforced this season. Shoot-aheads will continue to be scheduled in advance. Please continue to call 715-318-5081 to schedule any shoot-ahead rounds – up until 4:00PM the day of shooting.

Digital Scoreboards

Check out the new digital scoreboards on the website. Click on the league division your team is in and you will be directed to a page with the same digital scoreboards which are on display in the club house.

YOUTH TRAPSHOOTING PROGRAM

The 2020 Youth Trapshooting Program has been canceled. The program relies on one-on-one contact with the volunteer instructors and the youth shooters – both to ensure the youth is getting the proper instruction, but also to maintain safe gun handling. With restrictions regarding social distancing and close contact, this type of instruction will not be feasible at this time.

We know this is a disappointment for a number of families and it is for the Club as well. The Youth Program teaches many area youths each summer about trapshooting, safe gun handling and what the Club is about. We have seen youth from this program continue on into the SCTP teams in the area. Some have taken another step and continued shooting into their college careers. For example, Riley Ericson, member of the Clearwater Explosion Trap Team, will continue his trap shooting with Simpson College in Iowa. Others have returned as adults and are club members to this day. While we will miss seeing everyone this year, we hope to see everyone again next summer.

RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE

The Rifle/Pistol Range is open to all club members! All shooters still need to remember to practice social distancing, even while outside on the range, and masks continue to be suggested while on club grounds. While the public health order specifically states shooting ranges are deemed essential, we all need to be diligent in making sure we do not give anyone who would like to see the range shut down permanently any opening to do so.

The range will continue to only be open while under the supervision of volunteer Club Range Safety Officers (RSO's). The RSO group will work to update the shooting dates/times on the Rifle Range Calendar on the website a few weeks in advance. Shooting times will also be shared on our Facebook page. Remember, these openings are based on having an RSO on duty at the range. If for any reason the RSO cannot open the range as scheduled, we will try to update the calendar as fast as we can.

If you have not yet purchased your 2020 Membership, the RSO's will have some available to purchase when you arrive. You can also visit Scheels or Marc-On Shooting and purchase your membership there. There will still be a daily fee for using the range. This is to help offset the costs incurred in from updating and improving the range. Costs are \$5 per day with a 5-Day Punch Card available to purchase for \$20. **Please be prepared to pay with either check or exact cash** as the RSO's may not have change available.

PHIL KINER TRAPSHOOTING CLINIC

The Club will be hosting Phil Kiner for a trapshooting clinic on July 11th and 12th. Mr. Kiner is a 33-time All American with various trap shooting accolades (www.philkiner.com).

This clinic is designed to give all groups of shooters additional tools to help progress to higher levels of shooting expertise. He makes extensive use of the video camera by taping the participants and

then replaying the tape in the clinic so you can see your technique and then improve it. The cost for the clinic is \$375 plus the price of the rounds shot and is limited to ten people. For more information or to sign up please contact:

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SHOOTING BAG TABLES

The next time you shoot trap please notice the upgraded shooting bag tables. A lot of work went into these, they should last a long time, and they look great! Thank you to the following volunteers who helped with the concrete work and installation of the tables: Bob Webber, Dan Creviston, Rick Cournoyer, Derek Prock, Ron Bowers, and Nick Bowers.

A special thank you is necessary for Jim Hager and his staff at Northwest Enterprises for the fabrication of these beautiful tables. Mr. Hager has notified the Club we will not be receiving a bill for these tables as they are being donated by him and Northwest Enterprises.

The Eau Claire Rod and Gun Club is truly grateful for the donation and if you see Mr. Hager, thank him.

TREASURER ROLE

At the June 8th board meeting, our Treasurer Andy Cohen notified the board of his intent to resign from the role. He mentioned he will remain treasurer on an interim-basis until a new treasurer is found. He also will help train the new treasurer until they are comfortable so the transition is as smooth as possible. He will continue to shoot trap and be part of the ECRG family, but needs to focus more of his time on his career and growing family needs.

We thank Andy for his work as treasurer over the past four-plus years, his business focused contributions to Board, his work on publishing our newsletter and monitoring our e-mails, and his overall dedication to the Club. (Note: President Tony Owen OK'd this write-up before the newsletter was sent to publish!!!)

If you have any interest in becoming our NEW TREASURER, please send an e-mail to bod@ecrodandgun.com.

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