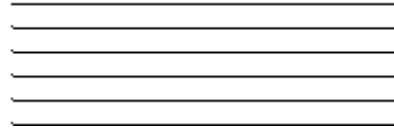


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: As another hunting season draws to a close I hope all had a safe and productive season. Please remember to be a responsible and ethical hunter this season. There hve been a few changes around the club this year I hope you stop in a take a look. The Club still has many things to do for work hours so please contact an officer or just go by the club and see what needs to be done.

There will be a game dinner so any, and all, meat can be donated to the club by contacting me.

Have a great Holiday season and until next year, Good luck to all.
David Siter

EDITOR'S NOTE: Items of interest in this issue of the Newsletter are the **Trap News; Trapping Notice for the Pond; 2010 Sportsmen's Challenge Notice, and Member Complaint Resolution.** Our "For Sale by Member" column is out this edition because no one had anything to post.

As always the Officers and Board hope all members had a safe and successful season and wish everyone the very best of the Holiday season and a safe and successful 2010.

In the interim if you have anything you would like to see published in this Newsletter please contact me via email at majsmay@aol.com.

MEMBER COMPLAINT RESOLUTION: The Board discussed how member complaints about Club rules and procedures should be handled. It was decided by the Board ... 'All member complaints should be brought up by the complainant at a general membership meeting or at a Board of Directors meeting or in writing to the Board of Directors.' The Board will respond to the complainant with the resolution of the complaint.

POND TRAPPING NOTICE: All members are to be aware that there will be an active trapping program going on for the near future to try and clear up the Muskrat problem in the Club pond. There should be signs present in the area of the pond so please be careful if you are using the pond for your personal use or with guests.

Once the problem has been resolved and the trapping has ceased the signs will be removed and a notification will appear in the newsletter.

2010 SPORTSMEN'S CHALLENGE: Doug Cropper - The **2010 Sportsmen's Challenge** will be held at 9:00am (bring your squirrels) Sunday February 21st.

Hunt on your own in the early morning, and we will have breakfast & lunch. There will be three trophies as in the past. Fee will be \$12. Be prepared to shoot trap, .22 rifle, archery, cast your spinning rod for accuracy, and ice fish.

For more information contact Brian Johnson at 672-6831, or email cropalt@verizon.net, or come to a Sunday trap shoot.

2010 FRIENDS OF NRA GRANT: At the November meeting, Rich Olivo gave an overview of the Friends of NRA program and the grant process. At the conclusion of his presentation Rich noted that Philmont Rod and Gun Club can anticipate a 2010 Friends of NRA Grant in the amount of approximately \$2103. These funds will be earmarked to further enhance our Youth Day program to benefit the children of members and the community.

TRAP NEWS: Doug Cropper - **Philmont Rod & Gun Club Continues Trap Tradition**

The Philmont Rod & Gun Club has a long history of participating in and promotion of the shooting sports. First established in 1925, the club flourished as a venue for trap shooting. The tradition continues to this day.

The club has a picture on display of the trap shooters taken in 1930, and the current trapshooters decided to re-create the photo of approximately 80 years ago at a recent gathering to celebrate the Philmont Rod & Gun Club's recent success in the Capital Region Trap League. One of the

shooters in the original picture was Dr. Charles Nichols, and his son, Charles, is pictured in the current photograph. See Pictures on page 5:

The Philmont Rod and Gun Club team placed second in the 2009 Capital Region Trap League competition. Among the 2009 class winners were Tom Messina, Class D, and Bob Mitchell and Dale Rowe in Class A.

The President's Cup is an annual award presented to the top scoring shooter in the league. To be eligible, an individual shooter must score a perfect 25 during league competition. Representing Philmont, Tom Messina, Brian Cantele, Ed Aldich, Charlie MacGowen, Bob Mitchell, Jay Myers, and Dave Siter shot perfect 25's and Dale Rowe shot a perfect 50. Overall, there were 38 eligible shooters in the Capital Region for the President's Cup. Dale Rowe shot 98 out of 100 to win the cup this year. In the 10 years of the League, the Philmont Club has won the cup four times - twice by Dale Rowe and twice by Don Sanders.

Other team members shooting for Philmont in league competition included Doug Cropper, Dave Carl, Fran Mitchell, Mike Gardina and Bill Morgan.

Anyone interested in learning about trap shooting is welcome to come to the Philmont Rod and Gun Club, Railroad Avenue, Philmont, on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due to space constraints only Committees having reports will be shown!

This space is for Committee Chairs to report ongoing, or planned, activities for their respective committees. It is hoped this will give members who are signed up for committees the information they need to become more involved in Committee and Club activities.

Archery: Chairman – Nikon Zasorin: There is work that needs to be done around the range; dead falls cut down, etc. The Archery Chairman is looking for help to get our 3D range back in an operational condition so we can once again have shoots in 2010. Contact Nick, Mitch, or Dave Siter for information or to help out.

Fishing Derby - : It's time to start working on the 2010 Fishing Derby. Who will take on the challenge this year?

Land Owners: Chairman - Jon Wilder, 851-9153: Tipple farm is up for sale. At this point it does not effect our ability to use the property but if a sale closes before, or during, the upcoming season we don't know what will be the impact. The current owners will do their best to help us out with any new owners but that is no assurance that we will continue to have privileges. We are rapidly losing property and need to work toward finding some new places to acquire. If you know of any property owners who might be willing to allow access, or leasing, of their property please pass the information to the Board of Directors so we can pursue the opportunity on behalf of all members.

Legislative: Chairman - Steve May, 378-8405: **Please call your lawmakers TODAY and urge them to oppose all bills that impact our rights as firearms owners.** State Assembly Members can be reached by phone at (518) 455-4100. Your State Senator can be contacted through the Senate switchboard at (518) 455-2800.

Editor Note: More detailed content and a list of sponsors and supporters of various bills can be found at:

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/> You can either type in the bill number if you know it, or just type in firearms if you want to see a full list of pending bills.

Lower House: Chairman – Dave Carl: Dave Carl continues to coordinate activities to improve the condition of the Clubhouse specifically at this time replacing chimneys for the stoves at both

the main clubhouse and the trap house. Materials are on hand and work is in process; if you need a work party contact Dave to see if he needs help.

Pheasant: Chairman –Brad Bielefeldt: Pheasant season continues and hunters are reminded to report their harvest to Brad in a timely manner. The annual pheasant committee raffle is about to get underway and all are encouraged to purchase and/or sell tickets to help out this cause.

Posting: Chairman – Jon Wilder: 851-9153:

Range: Chairman – Range rules have been reviewed, revised and posted. Please ensure that you know and follow the rules of the range. We have had at least 2 instances in the past few weeks where a member has put himself, and others, in danger by not following Club rules and basic firearms safety rules. Members are reminded that there is no shooting before 9am.

Sporting Clays: Chairman – Ted Kunuth: There are no more events scheduled for this year.

Trap: Co-Chairmen - Dale Rowe/Doug Cropper/Dave Siter/Charlie McGowan: Regular shoots are being held every Sunday morning starting at about 9am. The committee would like to see more members participating.

Just a reminder that anyone who has never shot trap before can receive lessons and shoot a couple of rounds for free on our NRA grant.

Youth Day: Chairman Dave Carl; John Ohlerich. Our first Youth day was held on 9/26 and is being considered a success. We will plan on doing another vent next year with more publicity and try to add some more activities.

Members are encouraged to bring their children and to reach out to their other family members and bring them as well.

CLUB RENTAL

The Lower Clubhouse is available for rental for personal events. It can be rented by Club members or by members of the community. There are different rates for members versus non-members.

The point of contact for information and bookings is Dave Carl and he can be reached at 672-4855.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events in **bold** type are opportunities for work parties. If you want to schedule an event please contact:

Dave Carl at 672-4855.

2010

Regular shooting events:

There are TRAP Shoots every Sunday morning starting at 9:00am. If you would like to shoot, just show up, Doug and the others will gladly get you into the swing of things.

<u>Contact</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>General Info Point of</u>
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Modern Picture: L-R Joe Kenneally, Nick Zasorin, Tom Messina, Brian Cantele, Chris Lastovicka, Dale Rowe, Charlie Nichols, Douglas Cropper, Mike Gardina, Denis Carpenter



1930 Picture: Top Row L-R Will Schultz, Earl Ridgeway, Hal Silvernail, Abe Palen, John Walker Jr, Ed Schultz, Milt Powell Sr, Claude Decker, "Doc" Nichols, John Walker Sr, Art Stacey, "Sock" Rossman, Arnold Teator - Bottom Row, L-R Chauncey Ostrander, Fred Gorsline, "Raider" (School Teacher), Ray Kane, Stan Lasher, Milt Powell Jr, (Unidentified), Bars Johnson.

