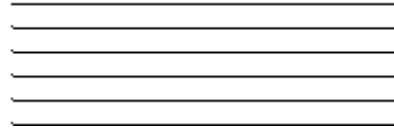


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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE: Another year is upon us. With a little help from all members let’s make this, a year for all to remember. There are many small projects around the club that need to be accomplished, and with many hands make light work. It’s easy to sit back and say that things are not getting done, so step up and lend a hand where it may be needed.

There has been a calendar of events that has been posted and if you can help on any please contact the chair of the event, or give me a call or e-mail and I will let them know you are interested in lending a hand. As many of you have seen the club has been sided and gutters put in place. This has been done with all those \$40.00 fees that have been assessed.

Please take the time and check out the club's website as it is being up dated as we go along.

If anyone has anything they would like to donate for the game dinner please contact me, e-mail

is the best way dsiter67@hotmail.com .

I hope to see most of you throughout the summer at gatherings and monthly meetings. Also if anyone would like to have their name placed on a committee please e-mail me with which committee or more than one. Even if you think your name is on such a committee think of them as all blank, for we are trying to update our file.

Enjoy the rest of your winter and see you soon.

ANTI-GUNNERS HAVE THE .50 CALIBER FIREARMS IN THEIR CROSSHAIRS! From NRA ILA Alert

On Tuesday, February 9, [Assembly Bill 9904](#), a bill that would ban the sale, use or possession of .50 caliber or larger firearms, has been referred to the Assembly Codes Committee in Albany. This is a blatant attempt by anti-gunners to manufacture an issue to rejuvenate their gun-banning agenda.

With the demise of the Clinton Gun Ban, and several independent studies for the federal government showing that the "assault weapons" ban was ill-conceived, gun prohibitionists have found new firearms to demonize -- those chambered to fire the vintage .50 BMG cartridge.

While anti-gunners try to put pressure on this issue, here are some facts they should consider:

- .50 caliber rifles are not used in crimes--.50 caliber rifles are too large and heavy to be employed in normal criminal behavior.
- .50 caliber rifles are also among the most expensive made, confining their purchase to dedicated marksmen and collectors.
- Most people who own .50 caliber rifles are long-range target shooting experts. For more than a century, long-range target shooting competitions have attracted marksmen, and modern .50 caliber rifles are among the most accurate for long-range shooting.
- .50 caliber rifle ammunition is not new. Contrary to anti-gunners' wild claims, the ammunition used in these rifles was invented shortly after World War I.
- Despite outlandish claims from anti-gunners, Mk211 military ammunition is strictly controlled by the U.S. Armed Forces and not available to the general public.

Please contact your lawmakers TODAY and respectfully urge them to oppose A9904.

2010 SPORTSMEN'S CHALLENGE A Fun Day For All – Dale Rowe

The Philmont Rod and Gun Club hosted the 5th Annual Sportsmen's Challenge Feb. 21, 2010. This event can best be described as the "iron man" competition involving aspects of the hunting, shooting and fishing sports.

The event begins at 7:00 AM with participants squirrel hunting for 2 hours on their own. All squirrels harvested are cooked and served at the club's annual wild game dinner. Next each contestant shoots a round of trap followed by target shooting on the club range with .22 rifles from 50 yards. An archery contest then takes place with participants shooting 10 arrows at targets at various distances. Next participants ice fish for 1 hour at the club pond. The events conclude with a casting for accuracy contest by using a spinning outfit to cast a lead weight inside a hula hoop at a distance of 20 yards. If anyone believes that the casting contest is easy just give it a try! Trap co-chairman and club member Doug Cropper and junior participant Jake Simmons were the only ones who had success in this phase of the competition.

Will Montague from Albany and club member Brian Johnson from Philmont (aka the squirrel brothers) showed up with their usual limit of 4 squirrels apiece. In the trap competition

club president David Siter and Dale Rowe both shot perfect 25's. David Siter won the .22 competition with a score of 13 followed by Dale Rowe with a score of 12. Chris Lastovicka who is a proficient trap shooter but who never fired a rifle in her life, with a little tutoring from David Siter tied with Brian Johnson for 3rd with a score of 11. All did very well in the archery contest especially Jake Simmons who was deadly accurate with a standard recurve bow. Even Claverack Supervisor Robin Andrews tried her hand at archery and did very well for a first timer. Dale Rowe won the ice fishing contest by catching a huge 4" sunfish and a 5" Bass! As mentioned, Doug Cropper and Jake Simmons tied in the casting competition. Bill Morgan from Castleton also participated and did very well as did junior participants Ben Simmons and Micah Weaver.

At the conclusion of the event Dale Rowe won 1st place with a total score of 53. Will Montague and Brian Johnson were tied with a score of 48 each. To determine the 2nd place winner they shot a round of trap and Will was victorious. Brian took the 3rd place trophy. (See photo page 4)

Chefs Joe Kenneally and Julie Veronezi served a delicious breakfast and lunch. This event is usually held during the month of February and plans are already underway for the 2011 competition. All are invited to attend and the date of the next event will be publicized this fall. Come join us for a day to remember.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED For 2010 NRA Annual Meetings In Charlotte – From NRA-ILA Alert

The 2010 NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits will be an exciting weekend, as thousands of NRA members will come together May 14-16, 2010, in Charlotte, NC. You can contribute to the success of our meeting by participating as an Annual Meeting Volunteer.

If you can spare a half-day or more while attending the Charlotte Annual Meetings, you can assist the NRA staff in making this year's Annual Meetings our best yet! You will find that participating in the Annual Meetings as a volunteer is one of the most satisfying and enjoyable activities you will ever experience as an NRA member.

Volunteers are needed in a wide variety of activities including the NRA Store, Membership Services, the Airgun Range, Firearm Inspectors, and Exhibitor Registration. The store, in particular, requires lots of manpower; especially needed are volunteers who have cashier experience. Membership Services is a busy place as many members renew or upgrade their memberships. And we will need many NRA-certified instructors to assist young people at the air gun range. There are other opportunities as well.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Dennis Eggers, Volunteer Coordinator, at (270) 522-0909, or via e-mail at DEggers@nrahq.org. Additional information and a registration form are available at the Annual Meeting site: www.nraam.org.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please complete the Volunteer Registration Form and forward it to Dennis Eggers, 203 Choctaw Drive, Cadiz, KY 42211 or to deggers@nrahq.org. Thank you. We hope to see you in Charlotte!

SECOND AMENDMENT MARCH On Washington Scheduled For April – from NRA-ILA Alert

There will be a Second Amendment March in Washington, D.C., on April 19, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Attendees will gather on the northeast corner of the Washington Monument grounds at 10:00 a.m., and the entire event will take place there (due to logistics, the

event will be more of a “rally” than an actual march).

The event is sponsored and coordinated by the organization [“Second Amendment March,”](#) whose stated mission is, “to galvanize the courage and resolve of Americans; to petition our elected officials against establishing anti-gun legislation; and to remind America that the Second Amendment is necessary to maintain our right to self defense.”

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 has been work done around the range; dead falls cut down, etc. The Archery Chairman is looking for help to finish getting our 3D range back in an operational condition so we can once again have shoots. Contact Nick, Mitch, or Dave Siter for information or to help out.

Fishing Derby - : It’s time to start working on the Fishing Derby. This year’s date is May 22nd. Good work party opportunity. Who will take on the challenge?

Land Owners: Chairman - Jon Wilder, Good news: The Tipple farm has been sold, but the new owner, Jim Haley, has agreed to honor our previous agreements. Jon Wilder is preparing the paperwork and will advise the Board when all is finalized. We have lost significant parcels of 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, 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:

Pheasant: Chairman –Brad Bielefeldt:

Posting: Chairman – Jon Wilder:

Range: Chairman – Range rules have been posted. Please ensure that you know and follow the rules of the range. Members are reminded that there is no shooting before 9am.

Sporting Clays: Chairman – Ted Kunuth: There are events being 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.

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.

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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>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>General Info Point of Contact</u>
Sunday March 14 th	(tentative) Capital Trap League	Dale Rowe
Saturday May 8 th	Chappaqua Boy Scouts	Dave Siter – Work party
Saturday May 22 nd	Fishing Derby	John Ohlerich – Work party
Saturday June 12 th	Game Dinner	Dave Siter
Sunday August 15 th	Club Picnic	Dave Carl
August 24, 26, 28 th	Hunter Safety Course	Dave Siter
September 14, 16 th	Bow Safety Course	Dave Siter
Saturday September 18 th	(tentative) Youth Day	Dave Carl – Work party
To Be Announced	Philmont Community Day	Doug Cropper – Work party
To Be Announced	Open House	
To Be Announced	Public Range Day	

