



The RUFFED GROUSE

June 2021

My sleeping children are still flying dreams in their goose-down heads. The lush of the river singing morning songs Fish watch their ceilings turn sun-white. The grey-green pike lances upstream Kale, like mermaid's hair points the water's drift. All is morning hush and bird beautiful. - Spike Milligan

Yes folks Summer is here and after last years COVID ravaged shutdown many folks are ready to hit the ground running this year. Most activities have returned to some vision of normal and almost weekly there are additional restrictions being lifted.

On 6/3 the Executive Committee met to discuss business prior to the following weeks membership meeting. One of the key items at this time of year is the preparation for the renewal process in September/October. As we have been transitioning into the new Apricot Membership Software package, the renewal process will be one of the last adventures for this transition. It is our hope that many members will be able to perform this function on-line without any mailings. Each member has their own membership account and will be able to log into their account, fill out or update pertinent information and either pay online with a credit card or mail in a check to the club. We will be sending out another email message with details on this process when we are ready. The EXEC Committee will meet on June17th with a list of new applicants looking to join us.

On 6/10 the Membership meeting was called to order by VP George Gebe with a salute to the flag, Pledge of Allegiance and recitation of the Conservation pledge. There were three guests who were new applicants making their mandatory meeting requirements. John gave the Treasurers report and a motion to accept was made and passed. The information on the Apricot renewal process that was discussed at the Exec Committee was discussed with members that were there. A few members met with Albany County Soil and Water to discuss a possible project to update/upgrade our pond and how they could help us. They discussed briefly expansion and deepening of the structure and fixing any leak in the structure. If approved by their board they would reimburse the club for up to 75% of the cost and help us select a qualified contractor to perform the work. It is also likely that we will need to do some prep work and remove some trees for the expansion to take place.

Forest Management—Ron met with our new Forester and performed a site survey of our lot and completed his field study. The next step of our required five year evaluation is to await his published report to see what if any actions we need to complete based upon his report.

A pistol Safety Class was held on May 14th with only five attendees. A number of items may have contributed to the small class size, Covid hesitance as well as a commercial on-line class could be reasons. The next class is slated for August.

Monday night Pistol League continues and will finally be moving outside so bring your bigger hardware now that they will be moving outside and enjoy the summer evenings.

Trap League continues but over the past couple of months they have lost some play time due to bad weather. Frank says they have been averaging about 9 rounds a week for those souls that show up and while no perfect scores have been hit yet there have been quite a few 23's and 24's on the score cards. A reminder of the **Charlie Fairman Trap Shoot next Wednesday 6/16**. If you only shoot one trap event each year make this the one, it is always filled with fun, monetary prizes and lots of heckling.

ACCA— As many of you may know, the Legislature in the Governor’s Bill allows for 12-13 year olds to hunt deer with a firearm provided it is approved by each county. While many counties have already given the thumbs up in their county, Albany is still working on it. It is currently in “Committee” and when more information is available I will let folks know. Also with Five Rivers opening back up, they will hold an Annual “Outdoors Day” on Saturday June 26th with adventures like “How to do it :Fishing” and “Let’s Go Camping”. You can go to their website for more info and registration details. We are still waiting to see all that may have been passed in the waning hours of this years legislative session as the normal Gun Control bills once again surfaced. It appears the microstamping bill was again held up in committee, but Ghost Gun and others made it through.

Jerry is once again keeping up a fine tradition of manicuring the grounds. He has had some help in mowing and weed whacking but can always use more help if you have time. Some of the materials have been purchase to replace the roof of the trap house and a workday will be scheduled soon.

We hope to soon have a bulletin board posted in the club for members to post items for sale/trade or other items that may be of interest to other members.

It won’t be long when we will need to have club elections and as most organizations go, we will be looking for “a few good people”. Most on the board have seen multiple tours of service and welcome “new blood” into the club organizational ranks. Please consider “stepping up” and helping the clubs future by taking an office.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed @7:35 to get down to the business of the AUCTION.

Respectfully Submitted—Eric Bratt—Secretary

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June 16

Charlie Fairman Memorial Trap Shoot

July 2021

July Monday Nights – Outdoor Pistol Shooting @ 6:00 pm

July Wednesday Nights - Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm

July 8 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm

July 10 **Club grounds closed for private event**

August 2021

August 2021-22 Renewal Forms Available (10/1/21 Due Date)

August Monday Nights – Outdoor Pistol Shooting @ 6:00 pm

August Wednesday Nights - Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm

TBA Albany County Pistol Safety Class – 7:00 pm

August 5 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm (Proposed Annual Calendar)

August 12 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm (Election Committee, Picnic Committee)

August 31 **Last Day to Meet 5 Hour Work Credit Requirements for Work Assessments**



Conservation Pledge

I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of America. I promise to educate future generations so they may become caretakers of our water, air, land and wildlife.

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." – Robert Louis Stevenson

2021 - 10th Annual Charlie Fairman Memorial Trap Shoot

A two -round shoot.....

Held the third Wednesday of June 16th, rain date 23rd

Prizes -

1. Blind Score Chosen (4-24), closest score to number wins - \$30

2. Perfect score of 25 wins - \$40

3. High score each round - \$30

4. Next high score each round - \$15

5. Low score each round- \$10

Prizes will total up to \$220

Note: In case of scoring ties, a 5 shot shoot-off will be held

Prize money will be donated in honor of Lyle Newcomb

BLIND SCORE WINNER WILL HAVE HIS NAME ENGRAVED ON THE

MEMORIAL PLAQUE, TO BE KEPT AT THE CLUB