



The RUFFED GROUSE

October 2021

A special thanks to Gianluca for taking notes at the 10/14 Membership meeting. Thursday October 14th the regular membership meeting was called to order by VP George Gebe followed by the Pledge to the flag and Conservation pledge.

An issue was raised concerning live ammo being dropped in the "BRASS ONLY" container. If you have "duds" there is a container for them and not the fired brass container.

Trap League will continue until through the end of October. So far this year the League has taken in \$1062 and shooting continues to be about 11 rounds/week. The Trap Committee purchased the used PAT Trap machine and on Saturday 10/2 it was installed in the house. The story goes that the Trap Machine was set up using "Kentucky Windage" because we don't have a radar gun. They were able

Sportsman and now have speed but not before Bill perfect 25 round. As a

to sell the old machine
Pistol Safety Class
October 8th. Pistol
evenings at 6PM for those

Forest Management
basic contract from our
the lot and soliciting bids
and oversee the process.
satisfied with the

contract. This program saves the club about \$1,500/yr in taxes. Notices will go out notifying members of when the outdoor range will be closed so the Forester can mark the trees in the designated lot to be harvested.

Archery— The three foam 3-D targets will be brought in soon but the hanging bags will be left out for awhile and if there is interest they may be mounted inside for winter use.

The website continues to be a source of information and schedules about club activities as well as the Facebook Page. As renewals are just wrapping up it appears that most members were able to renew without any problems. A few wrinkles were identified and will be better next year. Thanks to all for making this first go-round a huge success. With some members not renewing the Exec Committee will begin reviewing new applicants for the open positions.

Buildings and Grounds—The normal mower winterization that has been done for years by a 3rd party will be done in-house by members that have taken ownership of the equipment and the process. Thanks to them for stepping up and helping out! The roofer was here this week working on the leaking area above the bathrooms and surveying the roof to replace loose nails. Indoor range project is waiting on steel prices with a spring time goal to start installation. They will be looking for a welder to help out on the project.

DEC Camp still has our money sitting in our account and waiting to see what plays out for next year.

Still looking for a volunteer to take over the Secretary Position—Contact the President if interested.



Our New PAT Trap Machine

to borrow one from Woodlawn it set at the perfect angle and Film managed to score a bonus the Committee was able and old lights to Valatie R&G. had about 15 participants on League continues on Monday interested.

—Ron Bernhard has received a Forester which entails marking from loggers to harvest the lot The BOD will review and once language will enter into the

October 2021

-- Please Note: Outdoor Firearm Ranges Closed Until 12:00 Noon Starting October 1st --

Outdoor Archery Range Remains Open

October 1 Due Date for Membership Renewal Forms & Dues

- October 1 Small Game Hunting Seasons Open – Rabbit, Grouse
- October 1 Archery Season Opens – Deer & Bear (SZ) (10/1-11/19)
- October Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:00 pm
- October Wednesday Nights – Trap Shooting @ 6:00 pm
- October 7 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm
- October 8 Albany County Pistol Safety Class - 7:00 pm
- October 14 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
(Directors' Audit Report, Budget Approval Vote,
Renewal Forms & Dues Collected, & 2021/22 Cards & Pins Available)
- October 16 Muzzleloader Season – (NZ) (10/16-10/22)
- October 9-11 Youth Deer Hunt Weekend (ages 14-15)(12-13 where counties approved)
- October 16 SZ Turkey Season Opens (October 16 – October 29)
- October 23 NZ Firearms Big Game season (10/23-12/5)



Vote November 2nd

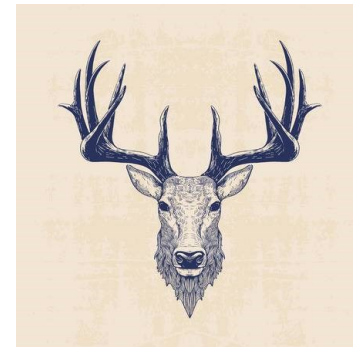
November 2021

-- Please Note:

Outdoor Firearm Ranges Closed Until 12:00 Noon November 1st thru November 20th

Outdoor Firearm & Archery Ranges Closed All Day November 20th thru December 21nd

- November Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:00 pm
- November 2 Election Day (Remember Your Second Amendment Rights!)
- November 6 Crossbow – Deer/Bear (11/6-11/19)
- November 7 Southern Zone Big Game Hunting Crossbow Seasons Open – Deer & Bear
- November 11 Veterans Day – Honor Our Veterans
- November 11 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
- November 20 Southern Zone Big Game Hunting Firearms Seasons Open – Deer & Bear



December 2021

- December 1 Last Day for Receipt of Membership Renewals / No Renewals After This Date
- December Monday Nights - Pistol League @ 6:00 pm
- December 2 Executive Meeting – 7:00 pm
- December 9 Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
- December 12 Last Day Southern Zone Big Game Regular Firearms Season
- December 13 Southern Zone Big Game Late Muzzleloader Seasons Open – Deer & Bear
- December 21 Last Day Southern Zone Big Game Late Muzzleloader Seasons
- December 22 Outdoor Ranges Reopen for All-Day Shooting
- December 26 SZ Muzzleloader/Archery Big Game (12/26-1/1) (**Outdoor Ranges will be closed**)

For those lucky enough to harvest a deer or two this season, please consider a Venison Donation to help feed the hungry.

Go to "venisondonation.com" for more information and participating processors.

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.

-Benjamin Franklin

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.