

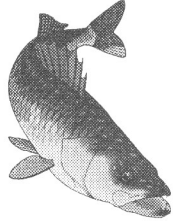


# BALDWINSVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.

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## 2024 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Summertime in Central New York is the time to get out and enjoy our great outdoors. We truly are blessed with the opportunities to enjoy a multitude of outdoor activities. I hope you include the gun club in those activities. Summer is a great time to come out and tune up that bow/crossbow, practice pistol, sight in that new or old rifle, shoot some trap or skeet, or really challenge yourself with sporting clays. We offer a many opportunities for organized shooting, Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, NRL-22, and Trap League. Check the club website calendar for days and times. Come on out, breathe the fresh air, enjoy the club and it's beautiful grounds, and even do a little shooting!

Joe Bill, President

### **OFFICERS FOR 2024**

President: Joe Bill, Vice President: Dave Simpson, Treasurer: James Healy, Secretary: Giovanni Colberg, Membership Chairman: David Law, Directors: Dave Urban, Dan Spier, Peter Roberts, John Lavalette, Corey Johnson and John Kleaka.

### **MONTHLY MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP**

Club meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse on Kingdom Road. All members are welcome! Memberships are available at the club at our monthly meetings or monthly on the first and third Saturday mornings from 10:00am to Noon. Yearly dues are still just \$80. New members please follow the instructions on the web page under "Membership Information". If you are a current member and wish to renew by mail, please download the renewal application form off the website and mail it in with your payment. A new membership card and the gate combination will be mailed to you.

### **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Weekly maintenance is usually on Monday morning (Tuesday rain date) with lawn mowing, trimming, etc. Please be respectful of these volunteers and refrain from shooting until they are finished downrange. Please say thank you to those volunteers. They provide and essential service to the club. It looks nice because of them!

If you are bored at home, tired of shooting, or have no ammo, you are welcome to join those volunteers! This is a volunteer club; we need your help to keep it running. If you have time or a special skill to offer, contact us via e-mail. Thank you!

### **CLUB WORKDAY**

We held our annual Spring workday in April. We had a good turnout, projects were done and general spring cleanup was done. Thank you to all who participated. All who helped are entitled to a \$10 voucher toward next year's membership. If you did not receive one, please contact us via e-mail.

### **HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION**

Historically we have offered Hunter Safety classes at the club. Many factors including Covid-19 have halted these classes. We are searching for an instructor to start offering these classes again. If you are a NY certified Hunter Safety instructor or you know of one, please contact us at <mailto:bvillerodandgun@gmail.com>

### **SHOOTING SPORTS**

The rifle/pistol/archery range is open 7 days a week unless a special event is scheduled. Shooting hours are Monday to Saturday 8am until 15 minutes before sunset. Sundays 10am until 15 minutes before sunset.

On Saturdays Trap, Skeet, and 5-Stand Sporting Clays start at 9:00am and are done around 1:00pm. On Wednesdays the Trap and Skeet fields are open at 10:00am. Trap and skeet are \$4 per round, and Sporting Clays is \$5

Weekly trap practice on Monday at 4:30pm and Sporting Clays on Thursday at 4:30pm. These will continue through September weather permitting.

The Archery range is open, no broad-heads please. A harness is REQUIRED if shooting from upstairs. Field tips only, NO Broadheads please. Our 3D deer will reappear soon!

The NRL-22 matches are usually on the last Saturday of the month at 8 AM. *Check the club calendar for exact dates.*

### **RANGE CLOSURES**

We strive to keep our ranges open to members as much as possible. Range closures occur when we have work days and general grounds maintenance. Some shooting events require us to close ranges to ensure safety. Whenever possible range closures will be posted on the A-Frame sign at the gate entrance and on our club website calendar. We also notify the membership via e-mail for scheduled closures, such as trap league, and shooting classes. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### **EVENTS, ETC**

The Summer Tri-County trap league will soon complete the season with the shoot off at Otisco gun club on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Baldwinsville team had a small turnout this season. Next year we would like to field a larger team. Anyone interested in shooting trap is welcome. Come out on Monday nights, or Saturday mornings for practice. Our team needs YOU!

The Club Shotgun Championship was held on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>. This years champ is Brian Sychtysz with a combined score of 64 out of 75. Congratulations Brian! We had a very low turnout, this is a yearly fun event, not a high stakes competition (no prize money!), please mark your calendar for next year, June 7, 2025.

We will host 2 Sporting Clays Events this year:

- The Central New York Wildfowlers will be here on Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am
- The Ruffed Grouse Society will be here on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am

Sportsmen's Days at Carpenter's Brook will be held on September 28th-29th 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Once again we will sponsor the shotgun shooting event. Volunteers are needed. Volunteers get free parking and lunch. It is a great way to introduce new people to our sport. Any amount of time you can help is appreciated. Contact us at <mailto:bvillerodandgun@gmail.com> Please come out to join us.

### **RANGE IMPROVEMENTS, ETC.**

We recently upgraded our range light system. In our ongoing effort to upgrade our facilities, we have installed a new electric service from the clubhouse to the garage and rifle/pistol range. In addition, we have removed our old and failing range lights and replaced them with new strobe lights. The new system consists of 5 strobe lights, 2 warning horns, and 4 switches with GFCI outlets on the range support posts. All wiring is in waterproof conduit and should last a long time. Turning on the lights is required whenever you step off the firing line toward the targets. When the lights are switched on a short blast of the horns will announce to everyone that line is cold. No handling of any firearm is allowed when the lights are on. Safety is priority one! Many thanks to our Electrician and Vice President Dave Simpson for doing the installation. Thanks to the volunteers who helped, Corey, Tyler, Lloyd, John, and others.

Along with the installation of our Video Camera system last year, we have recently upgraded our Wi-Fi at the club. Wi-Fi is available on our grounds from the gate, all the way to Sporting Clays. You may have noticed that the cell signal at the club is marginal for some carriers. For convenience and in the interest of safety we now have Wi-Fi available to all members if they want to use Wi-Fi calling.

- Network ID (ssid) is: Bville Guest
- Password is: bviller&g

### **LAST BUT NOT LEAST..... SAFETY!**

Please do your part to keep our ranges clean. Take your targets down and clean up your empty cartridges after shooting. Please do not leave this task for others to do. Please put your brass (no steel or aluminum) in the empty brass containers, as the club receives money for recycling the brass. Shotgun shooters please pick up your empty shells.

It is permissible to sight in your shotgun on the rifle range with a deer slug, however, shooting birdshot/buckshot at targets on the orange netting is prohibited. If you need to pattern your shotgun with birdshot/buckshot please provide your own target (cardboard). Birdshot/buckshot leaves huge holes in the netting. Prop up the cardboard away from the rifle targets. A patterning board for birdshot

#9, #8 or #7 ½ ONLY is located on the East side of the Sporting Clays field. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Steel targets on our pistol/rifle range have been very popular, and fun to shoot. Please be safe and help preserve our targets by following some simple rules:

- Pistols only and No magnums on pistol targets.
- .22LR only on the 22 targets, they will NOT withstand center-fire!
- No Steel core or steel tipped ammo.
- No targets may be placed on wooden structures.
- Shoot all targets straight on to avoid ricochets.

**Other select range rules:**

- Use the rifle/pistol range safety light system.
- Be aware of others downrange at all times.
- Do NOT touch or handle firearms while others are downrange.
- Place targets so that shots will impact the berm, no targets on the ground to prevent ricochets
- Eye and ear protection are mandatory.
- No rapid fire.

The aforementioned rules are important, but please follow all the safety rules. Thank you.

**Please remember that the ranges close and ALL shooting is to cease at 15 minutes before sundown!**

Do not forget to check out our website for current events and updates between newsletters. The website is: [www.bvillerodandgun.com](http://www.bvillerodandgun.com).

Enjoy your Summer, stay safe, and shoot straight!