

#### 2015 FALL NEWSLETTER

#### **Annual Banquet**

All members and their families are invited to our annual banquet on Thursday, December 3rd at the Camillus Elk's Club located at 6717 Newport Road, Camillus, NY, 13031. There will be a social hour with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres from 5:30 to 6:30 pm with dinner to follow. Ticket prices are \$19.00 each, \$35.00 per couple, and \$13 for children. Call Dave Urban at 635-7736 or email him at daveurban@att.net by Saturday, November 28th for reservations. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Sheriff Eugene J. Conway, newly elected Sheriff of Onondaga County, who will speak on the NY Safe Act and address other concerns you may have. This is our club's main social event of the year, so bring your spouse or friend to enjoy the evening and celebrate another successful year for our club.

#### Officers for 2016

The following members have agreed to serve or have accepted their nomination to serve as officers for 2016: President –Dave Urban; Vice President –John Lavalatte; Secretary – John Knickberbocker; Treasurer – Ron Simmons; Membership Chairman – Gary Russell; Directors: Chris Pollichemi, Jack Harrington, and Joe Bill who are starting their second year of their 2 year term. The board of director's nominees for the two year term are: Ed Froats, Earl Crow, and Tony Vertucci. The vote for 2016 officers and directors will take place at the Annual Banquet.

## **Shooting Sports**

The sporting clays season is over except for the special events. Skeet and trap shooting will continue on Saturdays starting at 10:00 am. Most Saturdays we will try to have some form of lunch available thanks to Vern Putney. Memberships are also available on Saturday mornings.

## **Range News**

Please do your part to keep our ranges clean. Some members have been leaving their targets up and are not cleaning up their empty cartridges after they finish shooting. Please do not leave this task for others to do. Please put you brass in the empty brass containers as the club receives money for recycling the brass.

Don't forget to fill out the range shooting logs in the house on the Archery range. Please remember that the ranges close and ALL shooting is to cease at 15 minutes before sundown!

#### **Club Website**

One of the goals for 2015 was to update the website and to have current information available. So don't forget to check out our website for current events and updates between newsletters. The website is: <a href="https://www.bvillerodandgun.com">www.bvillerodandgun.com</a>.

#### 2015 Fundraiser Raffle

Captain Dave Wilson again donated a 6 hour Fishing Charter for 2 on Oneida Lake (\$430 value). The drawing was held at our September meeting and the winner was Lily Reighter, granddaughter of Kal Arquette. Thank you Captain Dave for your support. If you are interested in booking a charter with Captain Dave, please contact him at <a href="mailto:captaindavewilson@yahoo.com">captaindavewilson@yahoo.com</a>.

### **Meetings and Memberships**

Club meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the clubhouse on Kingdom Road. Meetings are a good way to meet other club members and become involved in your club. Memberships are also available at club meetings. Memberships for 2016 will remain at \$50. Please contact Gary Russell with any questions - <a href="mailto:ciscoguy2@gmail.com">ciscoguy2@gmail.com</a>.

### **Conservation Camp**

The club is looking to sponsor one or more youth to attend a NYSDEC Conservation Camp for the 2016 summer. The camp teaches conservation methods and has many outdoor activities. Past participants have really enjoyed the camp. Any member that knows of a youth between the ages of 12 and 17 years old can contact any club officer.

### **Proposed By-Law Change**

At an Officer/Directors meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>, a change to Article V, Section 1 of the by-laws was proposed. This section currently states: "There shall be the following officers of the corporation: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer."

The proposal is to change this section to state: "There shall be the following officers of the corporation: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chairman."

This proposal will be voted on at the annual banquet.

# **Membership Committee**

The Board recognizes the importance of the Membership Chairman by the above proposed By-Law change. The Board also recognizes that there must be more than one person to help with memberships on Saturdays and meetings. We are looking for a group of people who can help with memberships on Saturdays on a rotating basis. Gary has purchased new software that is easy to use. Please let Gary know if you would be willing to help.

# NRA Memberships

Are you a member of the National Rifle Association? The NRA is out there every day fighting for your right to keep and bear arms. Club member Dave Simmons can sell and renew NRA memberships. Dave has generously offered to donate his commission for all memberships he sells or renews for club members back to our club. One (1) year memberships are \$25.00. Life memberships are \$750.00 (payment plans are available). You can contact Dave at 315-247-5141 or at <a href="mailto:davidrsimmons@msn.com">davidrsimmons@msn.com</a>. Join or renew today.

# **Archery Range**

The archery range is open. If you practice from the raised platform please wear you harness and hook into one of the rings. Targets are available in the storage house below. Please return them to the house after use.

See you at the Banquet and have a safe and successful hunting season!