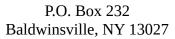


BALDWINSVILLE ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.

Member Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs



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Officers for 2023

President: Joe Bill, Vice President: Giovanni Colberg, Treasurer: Ron Simmons, Secretary: James Healy, Membership Chairman: Dave Law, Directors: Dave Urban, Eric Stephens, Bob Burt, John Kleaka, Dan Spier, and Tony Visciglio Jr.

President's Message

As I enter my fourth term as President of the Baldwinsville Rod & Gun Club, I would like to extend my thanks to all those individuals who contribute to club operation. It takes a team effort to run and maintain this club. It is an honor and pleasure to lead such a fine organization. As stated in our by-laws "The purpose of the club shall to be to promote the shooting sports,…" let me say *We are hitting that bullseye!* We are providing a safe and attractive environment for the shooting sports. We have Leagues, special events, regular practices and host programs for 2 local colleges. We should all be proud members.

The past year (2022) was a successful one for the Club. With Covid-19 mostly behind us things have returned to near normal. Shooting and special events were held, albeit at reduced levels due to ammunition shortages. We purchased lawn/snow equipment, bought targets, improved ranges/facilities and more. The Club is financially sound.

Looking forward I see opportunities for improvements in both facilities and ranges, and more events. With the dedication of our leadership and help from membership we can do it. If you have ideas and/or a desire to help us achieve our goals, feel free to contact me or any of our Officers.

Thank you, Joe Bill, President

Monthly Meetings, Memberships, Dues

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 meeting or every Saturday morning from 10:00am to Noon. The Board of Directors has voted to increase dues for 2023. **Dues will be \$80 yearly, students \$40.** New members please follow the instructions on the web page under "Membership Information". If you are a current member we strongly encourage you to renew by mail, the renewal application form is attached to this newsletter, mail it in with your payment. A new membership card and the gate combination will be mailed to you.

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 9am 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. We shoot all winter!

The Archery range is open, no broad-heads please. Use a harness if shooting from upstairs.

The NRL-22 matches will be resuming in March. They are usually on the last Saturday of the month at 11 AM. *Check the club calendar for exact dates.*

Spring Work Day

We will be having our annual spring work day in late March or Early April. Stay tuned for the date and time.

Women in Nature

Women In Nature (WIN) is a program of the <u>Onondaga County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.</u> The WIN Outdoor Skills Workshop is an annual all-day workshop that's designed to give women a taste of many outdoor activities. The classes and workshops provide introductory outdoor skills in a setting that is comfortable, enjoyable and welcoming to women.

Registration for the 15th Annual Outdoor Skills Workshop is now open. It will be held on April 29, 2023 at Fayetteville-Manlius Outdoors Club, Inc. (Previously Fayetteville-Manlius Rod and Gun Club) 4545 Whetstone Road Manlius, NY 13104 315-682-8962. The registration packet can be downloaded at: 2023 Registration Packet

Attention Reloaders

Our club has a range brass collection, reuse and recycling program. This message is from Member Corey Johnson:

After many years of dedicated work, Tony Visciglio Jr. has turned over the reins of brass collection and processing to me. In an effort to keep the transition to this role smooth, I have been diligently sorting, cleaning and packaging available collected range brass. This brass will be for sale to club members for a minimal fee. To help streamline the workload, I have made some minor changes to the quantity and prices, all of which favor the club members. <u>All</u> money collected from brass sales goes directly back to the club to be used for maintenance and club projects.

I will be collecting the range brass from the yellow bins on the rifle/pistol range every two weeks. The brass is then hand sorted, wet-tumbled and dried before being packaged for sale. No other processing is done. Several bags of common calibers will be available at the clubhouse during club meetings, on weekends and by directly reaching out to me for details. Feel free to contact me for sales or if you have any other questions.

2023 Range Brass Prices (Updated)
.380 auto \$15 / 600pc (qt-sized bag)
9mm luger \$15 / 500pc (qt-sized bag)
38 special \$15 / 300pc (qt-sized bag)
.357 mag \$15 / 250pc (qt-sized bag)
.40 SW \$15 / 350pc (qt-sized bag)
10mm auto \$15 / 300pc (qt-sized bag)
.45 auto \$15 / 300pc (qt-sized bag)

300blk (converted) \$20 / 300pc (qt-sized bag) .223 / 5.56 (mixed) \$30 / 600pc (gal-sized bag)

Short Action Rifle (common) \$20 / 100pc Long Action Rifle (common) \$20 / 60pc

If it's not on this list, ask for availability and pricing.

Corey Johnson (315) 289-2616 call or text frgm1363@gmail.com

Oneida Lake Update

Do you know that Oneida Lake is the largest lake entirely within New York State, and has a surface area of nearly 80 square miles? It is one of the premier Walleye lakes in the Northeast, and it is right in our backyard. The Oneida Lake Association's mission is "to protect the fisheries, wildlife, and natural resources of Oneida Lake by promoting science-based conservation and management through education and outreach, in partnership with our members and local communities". If you enjoy Oneida lake please consider joining the Association at this link: Membership. You can learn more about Oneida Lake at the Association's website http://www.oneidalakeassociation.org and in their latest E-bulletin at: E-Bulletin #73
The annual meeting of the OLA will be held at Central Square High School on April 26, 2023 at 7 PM.

Club Calendar and Events

The best way to know what is going on at the club is through the calendar on the website: <u>Events Calendar</u>. Listed there are times and dates for organized shotgun practice, NRL-22 matches, Tri-County Trap league schedule, SU Forensics class schedule, Meetings, range closures, special events and more. It is a great resource, check it out.

The club is pleased to continue our relationship with Syracuse University by hosting their Forensics course. The instructor is member Matt Kurimski. They will be using our clubhouse on most Monday evenings through the Spring semester. They will have a range day on April 2, 2023 from 9am until 1pm. The range will be closed during that time.

The club is looking forward to hosting the Cayuga Community College trap team. They will be shooting on our trap field during the Fall Semester.

The Ruffed Grouse Society of Central NY will join us for their annual Sporting Clays shoot on September 17, 2023.

Mark your calendars... the Syracuse Spring Gun Show is April 22-23 at the NYS Fairgrounds.

Guest Speaker – March Meeting

At the March meeting (March 2, at 7PM) we will have the following Guest Speaker:

- Club Member Mark Parah from Baldwinsville has been scoring whitetail racks for about the
 last 17 years. Mark is an "Official Measurer" for the Northeast Big Buck Club (NBBC), NY
 State Big Buck Club (NYSBBC), Pope & Young Club (P&Y) and Boone & Crockett Club
 (B&C) and several other scoring organizations.
- Mark's presentation will include the minimum scores required for entering trophies into the various organizations, the costs associated with entry and typical vs. non-typical entries.

- Based on the group desire and time permitting Mark will give a quick "How To" class on the basics of scoring whitetail antlers.
- All club members in attendance will receive a copy of an NBBC Magazine and be entered in a
 drawing to receive a previous record book from the NBBC & NYSBBC.
- Mark will also have copies of the latest, newly released, NBBC & NYSBBC Record Books available for purchase. You will also be able to join the NBBC.

Tri-County Trap League

This year we will once again join the Tri-County trap League. The first shoot of the season will be at our Club on Wednesday April 19th. League shooting is on Wednesdays for a 15 week season with the shoot off at Baldwinsville on week 16.

We are looking for members to shoot with us in the trap league. You don't have to be an expert trap shooter to join. Dust off that shotgun and come out to shoot. There are several opportunities to practice at our club. Starting in the Spring, we will have trap practice on Mondays starting at 5:30pm. On Saturday and Wednesday mornings the trap field is open for practice year round. If you want to learn about trap, come out on a Saturday or Wednesday morning, we will teach you. For additional information or questions contact our team captain, Dave Urban. Send an email to the club bvillerodandgun@gmail.com and he will contact you.

SAFETY.....

The shooting sports can be a safe and enjoyable activity, but it is all up to **YOU!**

The Fundamental NRA rules for safe gun handling are:

- ALWAYS Keep The Gun Pointed In A Safe Direction. This is the primary rule of gun safety.
- ALWAYS Keep Your Finger Off The Trigger Until Ready To Shoot.
- ALWAYS Keep The Gun Unloaded Until Ready To Use.

At Baldwinsville Rod & Gun Club we take the rules and safety very seriously. Our rules are designed to ensure the safety of members and to protect the club and it's property. Rules are posted on our website and at the rifle range. If you are unsure or have questions, please contact the club via email or ask any of our Officers/Directors at the club. The aforementioned rules are important, but please follow all the safety rules. Thank you.

You must lock the gate when entering or leaving the club parking lot.

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.

See You on the Range!