

The NORTH OTTAWA ROD AND GUN CLUB

March 2008

Club phone: 842-9711 NORGC website: www.norgc.com

Club hours:

Skeet and Trap: Wednesday 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Outdoor Range: Saturday and Sundays...10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Indoor Range: Tuesday evenings.....open shooting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to start by saying with great sadness one of our life members, who was a previous manager, past president and board member passed away on 3/6/08 - Forrie Palmer. For those of you who did not know Forrie, he was an icon at the club for many years. Although I do not know the exact dates of his tenure, I can tell you this much - he was the manager of the club in 1977 when I was a puller for the club and held the many different positions up until his retirement in the late 1990's.

Forrie was instrumental in encouraging many new faces into the shooting sports - especially skeet some of whom went on to gain state and national titles. I am currently in contact with his son Dale and working on establishing some type of memorial or scholarship program at the club in his name. I will give more details when I have them. God Bless - Forrie, you will be missed!

We held our second annual Safari night @ the club on March 1,2008. If you did not attend you missed out on a great pig roast and evening of fun and fund raising for the club. With the auctions of the donated hunt, a fishing charter, taxidermy gift certificate and rifles we raised \$3,400.00 for the club Thanks to all who attended and helped with the evening to make it another success.

We have several projects that we could use help with coming up at the club;

#1 Re-wiring the skeet and trap fields. We are in need of a licensed electrician and general labor to complete this project.

#2 The roof on the indoor pistol range has developed several leaks this winter and will need some patching @ the very least Any financial help or experience with repairing a rubber roof would be greatly appreciated.

#3 The outdoor range will be organizing a spring clean up and many hands make light work. If you would like to help contact Tim Bakker.

#4 The club house in general could use some sprucing up and repairs to the exterior of the building i.e.; Painting, trim replacement, any help with cash, supplies or labor would be greatly appreciated. If you can help - see Greg.

Remember any and all donations can now become tax deductible through the club's foundation and with donations of time and goods the cost of running the club will remain lower.

We have received several donations of firearms in the last month. Thank you to Whitetails Unlimited for the donation of a BSA 20 ga over and under shotgun and continued support of our youth and hunter safety programs.

Thank you to club member Larry Kieft for the donation of the youth model REMINGTON 870 20ga shotgun. Both guns are currently being put to use in the club's loaner/learner program.

The youth archery and BB gun program is winding down after another successful season and a big thank you is in order to Jim Mershon, Jim Samlow and Patrick Vanotteren for their dedication of their time to make this program successful for the 3rd year in a row.

Thank you to Clover Bar for the donation of pizzas for the kids' banquet and the many parents and businesses that donated time, monies and prizes.

The bottom line to this entire message is: If more club members would take ownership in the club and support it either with labor or donations - just imagine where we could go!! This is not my personal

club nor is it the board's personal club. It is "**OUR**" club. If we take care of it the club will be here for many generations to come.

That being said, until next month, no matter what your game "SHOOT STRAIGHT" Karl

SPRING MUZZLE LOADER SHOOT

Saturday, May 10, 2008

Set up starts at 9 a.m.; practice begins at 10:30a.m.

The match begins at noon.

Traditional or modern muzzle loaders are welcome. Peep or open sights only, no scopes. Patched round ball only.

There is an optional muzzle loading pistol or revolver match.

10 shot match – from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participants can shoot any time during that time frame.

The fee for the shoot is \$10.00

Raffle donations are welcome.

Hot dogs, pop and water will be available.

For further information or to volunteer, contact:

Don Koopman (842-1606) Pete Phipps (844-1040)

SAFARI NIGHT - a follow-up

Karl French, Club President - extends a big THANK YOU to the following individuals for the help with the club's successful Safari Night: Andrew Harvey for the donation of the hunt for the second year and intentions to return next year. Clover Bar (beverage), Racks Taxidermy (gift certificate and display) Mike Jansen (fishing charter). Thom Poel and Roger Doctor for the pig roasting. Greg and Tim the managers.

And - a thank you to all who attended and participated. You all helped the NORGC stage another successful fund raiser.

MUCC MEMBERSHIP

A reminder from the membership secretary Ken Prelesnik that the time is now to renew your membership in MUCC. I have attached the form for you to complete. Just mail it to Ken with you check for \$18.00 (which is a deal because individual memberships, not done through a club, cost \$25.00) or drop the form and your membership fee off at the club. For \$18.00 you receive the Michigan Out of Doors Magazine and you are supporting the organization that is in the forefront of hunting, fishing and environmental issues in the state of Michigan. If, by chance, you are unable to open the file with the MUCC membership form - check at the club house for a copy or notify Ken Prelesnik.

WINTER LEAGUE, WINTER BANQUET

A reminder from Dave Scott that the winter banquet is open to all NORGC members.

When: April 19th

Time: starts @ 5:30 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Cost: Non-winter league member's fee: \$15 per person or two for \$25

Menu: Pig roast and chicken, salad, potato salad, appetizers, desserts, and more...

Drinks: Cash full bar

Fund Raising: guns, gear, raffles, auctions, games.

Call the clubhouse during open hours to RSVP - **842-9711**

HUNTER SAFETY

April 23, 24, 26 and 27th

April 23 and 24 (Wednesday and Thursday) times are 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

April 26 and 27th - class time is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with lunch provided

This is a 4 day hunter safety class session with the 4th day covering archery hunter safety

Call the club during open hours to register - **842-9711**

CLUB CALENDAR

As always, check the club's website www.norgc.com and the calendar for future events.

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