

THE FIRING LINE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVER FALLS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



*"A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State,
the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."*

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting on January 9th at the Moose Lodge, we had a great turn out and some wonderful raffle prizes. The 2015 President's Award went to Joe Seibel and Kevin Larson for their work organizing and overseeing the Youth Shooting Programs at the River Falls Sportsmen's Club.

The Winter Trap League is in progress now as you receive this letter, and with the warmer temperatures brings a few more people out to participate on Sundays from 11 am – 3pm. As a reminder, the clubhouse is open those hours for anyone who wishes to stop by and renew their memberships.

As you gaze around the club grounds you will notice the new shooting shelter on the 200 yard range. A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to Barry and Pat Hammarback for underwriting the costs of constructing the shelter in memory of Barry's father, Marvin Hammarback. Other members helping to get this project completed were; Carl Heise, who donated his time to excavate the area; Allen Gallistel, who rounded up the crew to pour the slab; and Scott Green, for constructing the shelter. There are a few final touches to finish up this spring, but in all, we should be very pleased to have this addition to our club. Again, thank you to all involved!

Some notable dates to mark your on calendars – the Captain's Meeting for the Summer Trap League is March 29th at 7pm, with practice weeks starting April 12th and week 1 starting April 26th. As a reminder, weeks 2 and 3 of summer trap are very busy, so I encourage shooters to put up their scores early rather than wait for the week 3 deadline. If you choose, you may score rounds during the two practice weeks leading up to the season.

We also have a Project Appleseed Rifle Marksmanship Course scheduled for April 16th and 17th. Spaces are limited so sign up early to reserve your spot on the line. The High School and Middle School trap teams will be using the trap houses on Thursday and Friday evenings, and Saturday mornings from early March until June. As the days grow longer, Monday night rifle shooting, Tuesday night muzzleloader, and Wednesday night pistol shooters will be starting up in early May.

Finally, included in this newsletter is an application for our annual scholarship. RFSC offers two \$500 scholarships available to graduating high school seniors. Details are on the application.

Enjoy the Club Everyone!

Travis Schnick

NEW MEMBERS

December 2015- David Link, Robert Green

February – Mike Berns & Kennerae Shimon, Pamela Miles, Shane Becker, Keith Bonse, David & Amy Thorsen, John Reis, Thomas Messer, Daniel & Heidi Deuth, Robert LaValley

Please Welcome these New Members!

*"No free man
shall ever be debarred
the use of arms."
-Thomas Jefferson*

DID YOU KNOW?

While African Americans were being terrorized by the Ku Klux Klan, where the Klan were sometimes aided by local law enforcement, the NRA setup charters to help train local African American communities to be able protect themselves. The most prominent case being in 1960 in Monroe, N.C. where the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People head Robert Williams also chartered an NRA Rifle Club that successfully defended an assault on one of their leader's homes by the KKK without casualties.

The NRA supports wildlife conservation through efforts to open lands up to managed hunting. For example, under the Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937, proceeds obtained through a tax on hunting firearms and ammo were used specifically to research and rebuild a vast array of wildlife species and habitats. Today, the NRA continues to seek expansion on these measures. It's worth noting that the proceeds from taxes and licensing go to support the governmental agencies charged with environmental research and conservation management, as "little funding comes from taxes paid by the general public."

The NRA offers training programs for civilians as well as law enforcement. The training programs offered are even recognized by law enforcement as acceptable to fulfill the training requirement for concealed carry licenses (CCW). Today, the NRA has trained over 10,000 police and security firearm instructors and 55,000 certified instructors who in turn train roughly 750,000 people a year.

According to FactCheck.org, nearly half of the funding for the NRA comes from membership dues alone. Voluntary donations to the NRA, however, still account for a majority portion of the remaining funding. This includes voluntary donations made during gun purchases at the point of sale as well as programs like the "round-up" campaign, operated by the NRA-ILA and retailers, where consumers can round a purchase up to the nearest dollar for donation to support lobbying efforts. With that said, gun manufacturers do donate to the NRA as well. For example, Sturm, Ruger, and Co., ran the "Million Gun Challenge" in 2011, which directly ties gun sales to donations with the target being one million dollars.

ANNUAL MEETING

Review, Recap, Results

Thank you to all who attended our General Membership meeting in January. We had a great turnout and those who attended enjoyed a mid-winter warm up at the Moose Lodge. You will find the names of the newly elected Board Members on the front of this newsletter. Club members are encouraged to contact any of the Board Members with questions or concerns, or attend monthly Board Meetings.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you have not yet renewed your membership, you can now do so on Sundays during winter trap. In addition to Sundays, membership renewal will also be available on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings during Summer Trap League. Please remember that you will need your NRA card. We can also renew your NRA membership at the club.

Gun Safety Refresher

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the gun unloaded until it's your turn to shoot. Clear chambers and open actions required when not on the firing line and whenever handing the gun to another person.
4. Always make sure that those around you are following these safety rules.

RFSC is an "aim-only" range. Do not engage in shooting "from the hip", un-aimed directional rapid fire, or other destructive shots. This includes shooting at range structures instead of targets AND shooting short.

Ignorance and carelessness are the primary causes of gun accidents. A very real concern, especially among those who are around guns frequently, is complacency. Complacency leads to carelessness.

Spring Clean-up & Work Hours

Spring Clean-Up Day is a great way to get your volunteer time in for reduced membership dues. This year the Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for **May 14th** from **8am to Noon.**

If you would like to know how you can help with club projects/needs you can **contact: Mike Robey at 715.338.5576**

WHO SAID IT?

(See Calendar for answer)

We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions.

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Find your Wisconsin state legislators at
<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/w3asp/waml/waml.aspx>

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

CLASS OF 2016 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available to graduating seniors who are children, grandchildren or siblings of RFSC members who plan on continuing their education after graduation.

Applications are available at the club, or online at riverfallssportsmensclub.com

The purpose of these scholarships is to provide educational assistance to individuals of future generations who will be protecting our rights and resources.

APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 31

Spring Shooting Opportunities

The month of May brings our **Monday Night Rifle** and **Handgun Night / Open Pistol** shooting on Wednesday evenings. In June, **Muzzle-loader League** begins on Tuesday evenings. Please take advantage of these shooting opportunities; they are not intimidating competitions – just fellow members taking one night each week to get out and shoot. These are open for all members who may want to expand their skills or just have fun shooting with other members. *No reastration or “teams” required.*

Youth Shooting

RFSC is the home to 3 of the most successful school trap teams in the state. Our trap ranges will soon be busy with over 150 local Middle, High School and UWRF trap shooters. As the youth trap season ends in May, the Beginning Shooter and 4-H Shooting Sports programs begin in June. As we begin the 2016 season, I want to thank the many members who volunteer every week to coach these young shooters. Your efforts are helping secure the future of our club and country.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

7,14,21,28th Winter Trap 11am-3pm
8th Board Meeting 7pm

MARCH

6,13,20th Winter Trap 11am-3pm
14th Board Meeting 7pm
29th Summer Trap Captains Meeting
31st 2016 RFSC Scholarship Application Deadline

APRIL

2nd Roberts Hunter Safety
All Ranges Closed 8am-3pm
11th Board Meeting 7pm
12,13,17,19,20th Summer Trap practice
16,17th Appleseed Marksmanship
15-25-50 yard range closed
23rd Roberts Hunter Safety
All Ranges Closed 8am-3pm
30th River Falls Hunter Safety
All Ranges Closed 12-5pm
26,27th Summer Trap Week 1

WHO SAID IT?

President Ronald Reagan

4/19/1775

First Shots at Lexington Green
-the Fight for Liberty begins

4/16-17/2016

Revolutionary War Veterans
“Project Appleaseed”
at the RFSC, where rifle skills
will no longer be a lost art.
Go to www.appleaseedinfo.org
to reserve your spot on the firing
line, space is limited!

The 2014 Wisconsin Gun Deer Season was the safest on record, according to the DNR. The state sold 589,830 deer hunting licenses as of opening day. During the 9-day season there were 4 injured from shooting related accidents, none of which were fatal. Over half a million armed hunters took to the fields and forests of Wisconsin to shoot a deer or two, and 99.99933% of those hunters made it home without suffering from a gun injury. That’s safety in numbers!

MAY

1st Summer Trap Week 1
2,9,16,23rd Monday Night Rifle
3,4,8th Summer Trap Week 2
2,11,18,25th Handgun Night
7th St Croix Central Football Boosters
Trap Shoot Fundraiser
9th Board Meeting 7pm
10,11,15th Summer Trap Week 3
14th Spring Clean-up Day
All Ranges Closed 8am - Noon
17,18,22nd Summer Trap Week 4
24,25th Summer Trap Week 5
29th NO TRAP – Clubhouse CLOSED
31st Summer Trap Week 6

Memorial Day

30 May 2016

*We remember those who
gave all.*

*Go to RiverFallsSportsmensClub.com
for calendar and event/league info

SUMMER TRAP Travis Schnick

PISTOL Tim DeLong

RIFLE Allen Gallistel 715.426.4895

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Monday – Saturday
9:00 am – 8:00 pm
and
Sunday
9:00 am – 8:00 pm

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Casual Dining and Cocktails
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Scott McLeod – Owner
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596 Outpost Cir, Hudson, WI
The First & Last Step in Printing
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