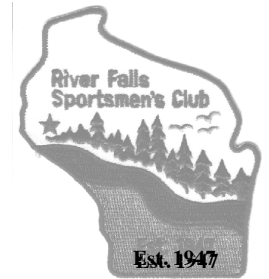


THE FIRING LINE

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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SECRETARY'S REPORT

As summer winds down, we begin another school year, prepare for the coming hunting season, cooler temps and the 2nd Annual RFSC Banquet!

Last year the River Falls Sportsmen's Club held our very first club banquet in October. As it is with many "firsts," no one could predict what would happen. Our **goal** was to raise funds to reduce the balance of our loan on the adjacent property purchased in 2017. Our **hope** was to continue this event going forward, bringing members together in support of our club. This inaugural event was a success. A lot of hard work by many dedicated people made this happen... most importantly the support and generosity of our members. Our **goal** remains, but our **hope** has been realized. On September 28th, we will once again be inviting our members out for a night of raffles, games and fun at the River Falls Golf Course.

We are not just a rifle range with a clubhouse and a couple of trap houses. We are a home to multiple youth shooting teams, 4-H programs and Hunter Safety classes. It is a place where we can come to hone our skills, prepare for the hunt, compete and have fun. A place where we gather to catch up with friends. It is where we bring our families and teach our future generations about the rights and responsibilities of gun ownership, while spending quality time together.

Our task before us is to take care of our club today, and our duty is to secure its future. This is why we acquired the property next door. Our club today is strong because of ONE thing – its members. Another season is upon us. It is a season of preparation and harvest. We hope to see you on September 28th to celebrate the River Falls Sportsmen's Club and help propel us into the future with a stronger, safer and better club than ever.

Shoot straight - Belinda Hopp, Secretary/Editor

WHAT WE DO

The RFSC plays an important role within the community. Not only do we provide a safe place to come shoot and have fun for our members, but we also host a variety of beginning and youth shooting programs. Last year, over 2200 hours were logged instructing youth 4-H shooters alone! This time was spent at our club teaching our youth about safety while learning the disciplines of shotgun, small bore .22 pistol, muzzle-loader, .22 rifle, air rifle and archery (including Wildlife Ecology and Hunting Skills.) Additional hours are spent teaching Hunter Safety classes, River Falls and St Croix Central school trap programs, RWVA Project Appleseed rifle marksmanship and our Beginning Shooter courses. We also offer Public Sight-in Days leading up to the WI deer gun opener. It's important for us to realize the role we have in the education of today's adults and tomorrows leaders. *It's what we do.*

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

-Thomas Jefferson

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Hunters have been eating venison taken with lead bullets for hundreds of years without a single documented case of lead poisoning from eating deer meat.

Doctors are required to report all cases of lead poisoning to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), yet according to CDC public health advisor Kimble Credle, **no cases have ever been traced to wild game.** The Iowa State Dept. of Health has tested blood-lead levels since 1992, in 500,000 youths and 25,000 adults. **They have not found one single case of lead poisoning from wild game.** More than 86 % of the people in the CDC test reported eating more than one type of wild game.

2. In light of this overwhelming evidence to the contrary, many Federal, State, and Environmental Officials are pushing for a total ban on lead ammunition. **Why?**

3. Restrictions or bans on the use of lead ammunition may ultimately drive people out of hunting and gun ownership. High cost and limited availability of non-lead ammunition has an effect on the number of hunters out in the field, and those who enjoy recreational shooting.

4. When processing your meat have no fear, just use COMMON SENSE! *Cut away all shot-damaged meat and a portion around the wound channel. Don't attempt to wash away lead fragments, it may just spread them more.*

Source: <https://idph.iowa.gov> and

RFSC Banquet

at the

River Falls Golf Course

Saturday, September 28th

Door opens at 5:00

RSVP TODAY

Pre-Event Raffle Tickets are available!

Prizes include: Remington Versa Max Camo 12ga, Browning X-Bolt 7mm-08, Smith & Wesson .38 SS Revolver, Ruger LC-95 9mm nickel plated, Ruger American Camo .308, Remington Model 7 .223 in full camo and more!

You can purchase or turn in raffle tickets at the clubhouse during Summer Trap League (Sundays 11-3, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 5-9) or by contacting Ben Gaus at 715-781-4384.

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

Youth Shooting Programs

RF Wildcat Trap Team finished the season undefeated and 1st in their Conference, breaking Wildcat scoring records with Varsity squads shooting 124 out of 125 twice during the season against Osceola and Amery. JV shooter Logan Kieren placed 2nd at the State Sporting Clays Shoot.

St Croix Central FFA Trap Team placed 3rd in their conference and 2nd at the state tournament this year. John Miles III and Ethan Boettcher both shot 99 out of 100 at state and tied for 2nd place. The team also finished 14th out of 207 teams at Nationals.

Pierce County 4-H Shooting Sports had their County Fair Shoot competition at RFSC and over 323 competitive rounds of various shooting disciplines were completed over 2 days of competition, including .22 rifle/pistol, shotgun (trap), air rifle/pistol, and archery.

Congratulations to the winner of our 2019 Scholarship

ROBERT TULGREN

You can read Bobby's winning essay posted in the clubhouse

FALL TRAP

Starts on 9/24. Come out and shoot **Yardage and Doubles** on Tuesdays and Sundays. *Individual competition, no teams!*

Project Appleseed Rifle Marksmanship

On **October 12-13** RFSC will once again be hosting this highly respected marksmanship and Revolutionary War history program at our range. Reserve your spot on the firing line at <https://appleseedinfo.org/> and become part of the history and uniquely American Tradition of Rifle Marksmanship.

Public Sight-in Days

Public sight-in is offered from 9am-1pm on the following dates: **Saturday November 2, 9 & 16th, Friday November 22nd**
To work any of these days, call Allen Gallistel at 715-426-4895.

THE TRUTH MATTERS

There are numerous examples where concealed carry permit holders stopped public shootings recently, but they go unreported. To read about this and learn about real research on guns and crime go to crimeresearch.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CLUB CLEAN-UP DAY

9/14/19

8AM-NOON

RFSC

Banquet

9/28/2019

at the

River Falls Golf Course

*Project Appleseed
Rifle Marksmanship*

October 12 & 13

[Appleseedinfo.org](http://appleseedinfo.org)

SEPTEMBER

- 9th Board Mtg 7pm
- 14th Club Clean-Up Day 8am - Noon
- 9,16,23,30th Monday Night Rifle
- 24th Fall Trap League 5pm
- 21st Hunter Safety 8-3 (15-50 yd closed)
- 28th RFSC BANQUET RF Golf Course**
- 29th Fall Trap League 11-3

OCTOBER

- 1,8,15,22nd Fall Trap 5pm
- 12,13th Appleseed Rifle 15-50 yd **closed**
- 14th Board Mtg 7pm
- 6,13,20,27th Fall Trap 11-3

NOVEMBER

- 2,9,16th Public Sight-in 9am-1pm
- 11th Board Mtg 7pm
- 22nd Public Sight-in 9am-1pm

DECEMBER

- 9th Board Mtg 7pm *Pot Luck to follow*

JANUARY

- 4th Annual Membership Meeting at the RF Moose Lodge

WHO SAID IT?

Ronald Reagan, July 31, 1968

IF YOU ARE A
VETERAN,
THANK YOU-
IF NOT, THANK ONE.



**NOVEMBER 11TH –
VETERANS DAY**

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

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SHOOTING HOURS

Sunday – Saturday
9:00 am – 8:00 pm



**RFSC
BANQUET
9/28/19
RIVER FALLS
GOLF COURSE**

(details inside)