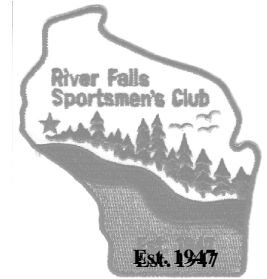


THE FIRING LINE

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

Warm Greetings to All,

The end of the year is upon us. As I reflect, I want to thank the many volunteers who helped with the various Beginning Shooter, 4-H marksmanship, school trap programs, and public sight-in days that were held throughout the year for both adults and kids. I know that many of you have seen the smile that comes with broken targets, double-taps, and personal bests. I have seen long-time members approach new shooters offering great advice and encouragement. I have also seen families enjoy an afternoon at the club, with multiple generations shooting together.

I also would like to thank everyone who attended the clean-up days, and those who helped organize and attend our fundraising events – the River Falls Days Food Booth and our Club Banquet.

Finally, I want to thank those members who go unnoticed, anonymously going about supporting the club. It's the little things done by many, many people... a volunteer army that keeps us going.

This is very important to our club. We live in an environment where there are many who don't see this, who don't know us, and don't think that what we stand for is a worthy cause, therefore, we must remain a *strong* organization. Our future is bright and the state of our club is strong... because of those who take pride in the job well done regardless of recognition.

With that being said, the Annual Meeting is right around the corner. You can read the notice inside the Newsletter. **Please make plans to attend and renew your membership, see old friends and meet new ones, and partake in the many raffles we offer.**

A major part of the Annual Meeting is the election of a new board of directors. Anyone who has been a member for at least 2 years is eligible to become a member of the board. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Belinda

REMINDER: 2020 Gate Keys will be available starting on January 4th at the Annual Meeting. Make sure that if you want to access the club, you will need to renew your membership and purchase a new key. If you can't make the Annual Membership Meeting, the clubhouse will be open on Sundays 11am-3pm starting January 19th during Winter Trap, or during the monthly board meetings.
RENEWALS MUST BE MADE IN PERSON, WE CANNOT RENEW MEMBERSHIPS BY MAIL OR PHONE.

"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 500,00 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. *High cost and limited availability of non-lead ammunition has an effect on the number of hunters out in the field.*

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:
www.nrahuntersrights.org/leadissues.aspx and www.nssf.org

2020 Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, January 4th at the RF Moose Lodge

Door opens at 11:00 for food, beverages, membership renewals & raffles

Special Membership Gun Raffle
Members Door Prize & other raffles too!

voting members attending will get one free Membership Gun Raffle ticket which can be used in ANY raffle - additional tickets can be purchased for any raffle EXCEPT Membership Gun Raffle

Call to Order at 1:00 – Board of Directors elections follow

Anyone who has been a member for 2 years can be nominated
Raffle winners to be drawn following the election of the 2020 Board

THANK YOU

to all who all who helped make the

CLUB BANQUET

a fun and memorable night!

Your fundraising efforts have reduced our debt to under \$39,000!

ATTENTION

CLASS OF 2020

Scholarship applications now available on our website.

riverfallssportsmensclub.com

WHO SAID IT?

(See Calendar for answer)

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

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

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Winter Trap League

The 2020 Winter Trap season begins on Sunday, January 19th. This is a 10 week season, with shooting every Sunday from 11am to 3pm.

Winter Trap is a great way to "shake off the dust and get rid of the rust" before the Summer Trap season gets underway.

No teams, just you and your scores!

It's a great way to fight off cabin fever!

... and catch up with friends at the club!

Summer Trap

Class A: 1st – J&S Lawn Care; 2nd – C&R Guns I; 3rd – ABL Services

Class B: 1st – Meyer Electric; 2nd – Emma's Cresbard Crusaders; 3rd – Bubba Sticks

Class C: 1st – Parker Creek Dairy; 2nd – Swede's Service; 3rd – Main Streeters

HIGH GUN / First Half / Second Half / Overall

1st Chloe Struss 243/ John Pietenpol 245 / Chloe Struss 483

2nd – Dan Struss 236/ Chloe Struss 240/ Dan Struss 477

Junior: 1st – Chloe Struss 243/ Chloe Struss 240/ total 483

2nd – Andrew Adermann 234/ Ethan Boetcher 233/ A. Adermann 462

Women: 1st – Chloe Struss 243/ Chloe Struss 240/ total 483

2nd – Belinda Hopp 225/ Annika Nord 221/ Belinda Hopp 444

Congratulations to Chloe Struss, the first Summer Trap League competitor to become the top shooter in all categories!

FALL TRAP

Doubles

John Pietenpol (209)

Bob Bennett (198)

Dave Wagner (182)

Yardage

John Pietenpol (100)

Adrik Einum (98)

Eric Swenson (90)

DID YOU KNOW?

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

JANUARY

- 4th Annual Membership Meeting at the RF Moose Lodge
- 13th Board Meeting 7pm
- 19th Winter Trap starts (week 1)
- 26th Winter Trap (week 2)



FEBRUARY

- 2nd Winter Trap (week 3)
- 9th Winter Trap (week 4)
- 10th Board Meeting 7pm
- 16th Winter Trap (week 5)
- 23rd Winter Trap (week 6)

WHO SAID IT?

Martin Luther King, Jr.

2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

We would like to invite eligible seniors who are continuing their education at a 2 or 4 year institution to apply for a scholarship. Eligible graduating seniors are members or children, grandchildren, siblings, or legal custody of RFSC members from any area school district. Interested eligible students are required to fill out an **application** and **write an essay** on the importance of the rights granted by the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America. Applications MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE **MARCH 31, 2020.**

(Please contact Belinda Hopp at 715-426-0549 for any additional information.)

MARCH

- 1st Winter Trap (week 7)
- 8th Winter Trap (week 8)
- 9th Board Meeting 7pm
- 15th Winter Trap (week 9)
- 22nd Winter Trap Final (week 10)
- 31st Scholarship Applications Due

The RFSC Board of Directors meets the second Monday of every month at 7pm.

*Go to RiverFallsSportsmensClub.com

for updated calendar and event/league info

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year!

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SHOOTING HOURS

Sunday – Saturday
9:00 am – 8:00 pm



**ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
1/4/2020
RIVER FALLS
MOOSE LODGE**

(details inside)