



RIVER FALLS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

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THIS ISSUE:

New members listed
Photos from a productive fall Clean-up day
Club sponsors deer disposal roll-off again

2022

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Plan to attend annual club meeting, Jan.7

This year's annual membership meeting will be held at 1 pm, Saturday, Jan. 7 at the River Falls Moose Lodge #594, 620 N. Clark St.

Doors open at 11 am for "social hour" so members can renew memberships, socialize at the Moose bar and enjoy hors d'oeuvres prior to the meeting.

Members are reminded to bring along their old gate key, an honest summary of hours volunteered this past year, and proof of NRA membership (Can't find

your card? Bring along the cover from your most recent *American Hunter*, *American Rifleman*, or *Shooting Illustrated*. Mailing label contains your expiration date.)

Membership costs remain the same: Individual adult, \$150 (or \$75 with four completed volunteer hours); Family, \$210 (or \$105 with volunteer hours); and Junior, \$25 (must present a certified Hunter Safety card. No NRA membership required.)

Renewing members also receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win

one of three guns (models still TBD), or a \$500 gift card for purchases from Shoot'em Up Sports. Drawing happens at the end of the meeting. You must be present to win. Tickets will also be sold that day for a general raffle.

Appetizers are expected to include barbeque meatballs, chicken wings, vegetables & dip, nacho chips and other snacks.

Annual meeting will begin at 1 pm. Per by-laws, the agenda will include elections for positions of club president, treasurer, club

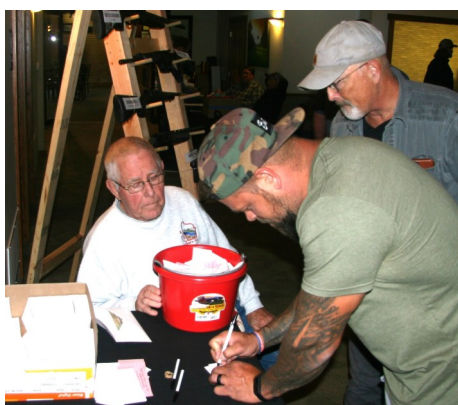
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Sam Olsen, left, circulates with tickets as helpers Sawyer Cudd and Cole Rogaczewski assist.

Fund-raising excitement

The club's 2022 fundraiser drew 85 members and guests, and yielded more than \$17,000 to solidify the balance sheet. See more details and gun-affle winners, on Page 2.



Mel Warren coaxes dollars from guests wanting a chance in the gun raffle.



Riley Cran offers a card choice to Luke Fesser, right, as Ed Gibb takes care of the finances.

Please welcome the newest RFSC members

Adam Johnson, James Navarro, Kristina Geister, and Jerry Cooper **(September)**

Bryn Anderson, Ethan Fedie, Errol & Hilda Gooding, Joe Kerr, Bella Saxton Jensen, Kathryn Miller, Makayla Potter, Chase Steele, Sarah Brooke, and Adam Skov. **(October)**

Kendrick Otto, Austin Theil, John Gooding, Jeff Alioto, and Mike O'Malley **(November)**

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manager and one director. Members can nominate themselves or any member in good standing.

Anyone with questions about board responsibilities may call any of the sitting board members listed on page one for details.

A postcard "reminder" will also be sent out prior to the meeting.

Those unable to attend the Jan. 7 meeting can renew a membership and obtain a new gate key by stopping by the club between 11 am and 3 pm, Sundays, during Winter trap league, or stop by ahead of a board meeting, which are held at 7 pm, the second Monday of each month in the clubhouse.

Questions? Call the club at 715-425-1380, leave a message, and someone will return your call. Or send a message through the club's ["Contact Us"](#) form on the club website.



Find your NRA membership expiration date on the magazine mailing label.

Event yields \$17K+ for club's financial security



Club partners with WDNR, city, on carcass disposal project

For a second year, the River Falls Sportsman's Club has contributed \$500 and made arrangements to provide a safe disposal option for area deer hunters.

After a Sept. 21 hailstorm caused extensive damage in and around River Falls, it appeared unlikely anyone could provide a container for carcass collection. High diesel fuel prices also make it unattractive for providers who need to haul the filled roll-off to the Barron County incinerator near Almena.

Murtha Sanitation, Baldwin, eventually agreed to take on the job and dropped a roll-off near the RF Wastewater Treatment plant in mid-October.

The club acts as sponsor — arranging the site, providing a liner, signage and publicity, but the WDNR pays all costs beyond \$500.



Member-volunteer Mel Warren staffs the gun raffle table, left, while member Jim Williamson announces another opportunity to win prizes.



Club members enjoyed an evening of food, fun, and fellowship Sept. 22nd at the River Falls Golf Club -- and some took home prizes.

Club treasurer Ben Gaus reported the event "went well, considering" some delays in mailing invites and raffle tickets. Eighty-five members and guests attended. Catering of the steak and chicken buffet meal was provided by Pairfection Catering, River Falls.

Winners in the gun raffle included:

-- Craig Rogaczewski, Beretta A300 12GA

-- Joe Schara, S & W M & P 15

-- Garth Mueller, Sig-Sauer 9mm

-- Ben Gaus, Browning ABolt 3

-- Ben Sanford, Weatherby Element

-- Scott McLeod, Howa Game Pro

-- Jodi Bakken-Young, S & W Shield 9mm

-- Roger Petriyk, Savage Axis .270



Member-volunteer Tim Fischer mans one of the games while Allan Gallistel and a guest decide whether to take a chance and play.