



2011-2012 CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

2012 Dues:

Welcome to the 2012 shooting year. With the coming of the New Year comes the renewal of dues. Enclosed you will find a membership renewal form. Please complete this form correcting any information that is not accurate and then mail it to Clinton Fish & Game Club, PO Box 122, Clinton, NY 13323. You will receive your 2012 Membership Card a few weeks later in the mail. Deadline for renewal is Jan. 31st so please don't wait. Dues will be the same as last year -- \$85.00. Our November meeting is scheduled for Nov. 22nd starting at 7:00pm. We hope to see you there.

Clay Target Shooting:

2011 has been another successful year for shotgun shooting. The club is now capable of having 12 fully automated stations for sporting clays. We have had a lot of new members involved with skeet and trap shooting this year. In addition to the sporting clays, the club has started a trap and skeet shooting league. In December we will start a 5 stand league. There will also be a summer shotgun league that will be held on Thursday evenings. Please contact Ray Majka (RNMAJKA@aol.com) or 315-404-5024 if you are interested in participating in any of these events.

Don't forget some of our upcoming shoots for 2012

- ❖ June – Shoot For A Cure
- ❖ July – Boy Scouts of America
- ❖ September – Hunt Of A Lifetime

A special thanks to Ray Majka and Russ McKittrick for all of their hard work during the 2011 year to improve and upgrade our shooting facilities.

Rifle Range:

The rifle range is a great asset to our facility. Let's make sure we continue to follow all range rules. These rules are displayed on the new sign-in board located near the flag podium. They can also be found on the club website (www.clintonfishandgameclub.com). If you have any questions about the rifle range, please feel free to contact our range officer: Sal Aversa at 315-351-6111 or email him at ags35@stny.rr.com. Below are a few rules to always remember

1. Hours are from 9:00 am until dusk. Range closed when other shooting events are going on.
 2. Post your membership card on the new clip board. If your card is not posted be prepared to be approached.
 3. All safety rules apply (Eye protection and hearing protection must be worn at all times).
 4. Use only appropriate targets (See range rules for proper targets).
 5. Clean up after yourself (Empty casings, targets, empty boxes).
 6. You must sign in every time you shoot. Sign in sheet is in the mail box by the shooting bench.
 7. Shoot only at the backstop from the designated shooting benches.
- ❖ **Range use is for members only. No Guests Allowed.**

Archery:

Anyone interested in starting an Archery programs? If so please contact anyone on the board. Please feel free to come to a monthly board meeting to discuss ideas or even be involved with promoting the sport.

2011 Membership:

2011 brought us 175 members. With the increase in membership, the board would like to see more members participating, helping, and volunteering around the club. We are always looking for members who have certain interests around the club to help improve those venues. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Board of Directors or drop in at a monthly meeting.

Access to Club Property:

Use of the property off-hours is reserved for members only. You will receive the 2012 gate combination on your new 2012 membership card.

Rental Property:

The rental property is still being occupied by the nice young family who lived there last year. They have contributed to various grounds maintenance, such as mowing and cleaning up fallen trees. The club has installed all new windows in the apartment to help the family control heating costs this winter.

Hunting on Club Property:

Members only can hunt big game, deer (Bucks Only). No small game hunting is permitted. Hunting only during times that clay target shooting is not going on.

Hunter Safety classes are offered twice a year at the club. Limited class size to 20 students; so these classes fill quickly. Dates for these classes will be posted on the website and at the club

Building and Grounds Up-Date:

April's "Clean-up Day" was successful with ten volunteers who raked the skeet fields, picked up trash, and generally "spruced up" the club. Their efforts were greatly appreciated. Crushed stone was added to the driveway and raked out to give a smoother surface. Lunch was served for all those who participated.

The club is looking into removing the hedgerow along the parking lot to increase the parking capacity. We are also talking about constructing a road from the 5 stand to the rifle range berm. This road will permit heavy trucks to bring fill in to build up the berm. Presently, the ground is too soft to support a loaded truck.

The club has purchased a few new traps for the sporting clays course. We have built several new trailers to mount these traps onto. The new traps are now mounted on the trailers and have a protective shell that sits over them for protection from the weather.

- ❖ Special thanks is owed to Russ McKittrick the Building and Grounds chairperson for all of his effort and time that he has put into the club this past year.
- ❖ Please watch for our spring of 2012 clean-up dates. Your help is needed and appreciated.

Financial Up-Date:

The club has had another positive year with finances. Membership dues will not have to be increased. We purchased a few new traps for sporting clays and are discussing purchasing new traps for skeet. We have also been talking about replacing the utility vehicles once they are no longer operational.

Annual Membership Meeting:

The annual membership meeting will be held on December 20th at 7:00pm. Please make it a point to attend this meeting. You can vote for your club officers and directors or just come and thank everyone for all the hard work and time they put into this club to make it the great place it is. Other than the December meeting, all monthly membership and board meetings will be held on the **last Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.** Please attend some of these meetings to see and to help with what is involved in keeping your club one of the best in central and up-state NY.

Nominating Committee Presents for the 2012 Year:

Officers:

President – Raymond Majka
Vice President – Victor Broccoli
Treasurer – Matthew Wolf
Secretary – Looking for a Volunteer

Directors:

Russ McKittrick
Sal Aversa

Existing Directors:

Paul Fostini
Scott Ciufu
John Laporte