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**February 2010 Newsletter**

**Board meeting :** Tuesday March 2nd  
**Membership meeting:** Tuesday March 9th

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**Club Calendar:**

March 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting  
March 6<sup>th</sup> Crow Hunt? No chairman  
March 9 Membership meeting  
March 13 3D archery Shoot  
Conceal Carry Class  
March 23 Hunter Safety Registration  
March 21 Winter shotgun leagues end  
March 25 1st Hunter Safety Class

**CLUB FUNDRAISER BANQUET APRIL 9**

Our annual Fund Raiser Banquet is coming up on April 9<sup>th</sup>. This is **THE** big fund raising event of the year for our club, and we need to sell ALL available tickets. Regular tickets are \$100, and include dinner provided by the Afton House, gun and raffle tix. The sponsor tickets are \$250, and include gun and raffle tix, special gift valued @ \$50, and a one in four chance at winning a Weatherby Vanguard rifle! Social hour starts at 5PM, dinner at 5:30, and program/auction from 7 to 10 PM. Contact Cal Wood @ 715-377-0091 for tickets. Don't wait, tickets are limited and going fast!

**Committee Contact numbers:**

Safety-John Helgeson 715-386-2002  
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Indianhead Secretary-Pete Malvey-715-684-2271  
Trap/Skeet-Dave Orf 715-386-5657 and Bob Snegosky 715 386-2648  
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**Membership meeting and dinner**

March is corned beef and cabbage month for our membership meeting. This always draws a good crowd, so get there early and bring your appetite!

**Correction ahead!**Last month we incorrectly reported that the fish boil dinner was originated by Harvey Hoss. This meal was in fact originated by Jim Sherley and his mother, and was later carried on by Harvey and friends. Sorry for the misinformation. This years fish boil headed up by Jupe Houman was terrific!

**New member Orientation:**The new member orientation was a big success this year, with well over 20 attendees. Thanks to Dave Orf and his assistants for their time and efforts. Photos of the new members are on the bulletin board, so when you see them at the club, say hi and welcome to the club.

**JR BB Gun League**

Jane George reports that there are over 80 shooters in the Jr BB Gun League this year, with 6 divisions.

**HELP!:** We need volunteers to help run the following annual events at the Club: Crow hunt, Turkey beard contest, Fishing contest, Big buck contest, and Pheasant tail contest. None of these require a great deal of effort, so if you are interested, please contact a board member.  
Indianhead trap league

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**Indianhead trap league** Dates for the 2010 shoots are as follows: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of June and July, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of August. Locations of the shoots will be posted when available.

### **Membership meetings**

We need to have better attendance of the membership meetings by our club members! We currently have about 390 members, but only have 25 to 30 members attending our monthly meetings. Few people will tell you that meetings in general are great fun, however, this is YOUR club, and decisions are made every month that impact how this place is run, so get involved for an hour or two once a month, and have a say in what we are and where we are headed!

**Upcoming archery shoots:** We will be hosting 2 3D archery shoots, the first is on March 13<sup>th</sup> and the second on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. PLEASE NOTE that the rifle, pistol, and trap and skeet ranges will be closed on these dates. Conceal carry classes will not be affected and the clubhouse will remain open.

**Board positions:** There will be 3 board members elected at the April membership meeting. Current members whose terms are up are Bill Zmuda, Tom Irwin, and Bob Snegosky. Anyone interested in getting involved, please contact any board member.

**Club website:** Anyone with web related skills or good photos of the Club or its related activities such as Scouts, Hunter Safety, etc, please contact a board member. We are hoping to spiff up the website with some new content, so think about.

**Club building maintenance:** The condition of the exterior masonry walls of the clubhouse building, as well as the trap and skeet houses have been deteriorating for some time. Pres. Randy has made it a priority for 2010 to repair and repaint them. We will be doing an analysis of the scope of the work prior to seeking bids for the necessary repairs. It seems likely that tuck-pointing, and blasting, and painting will be included. More to come.

**Hunter Safety Classes:** Registration for the Spring, 2010 Hunter Education Class is scheduled for March 23rd at 6:30 PM. This is at the Gun Club. The class is limited to the first 50 students and since the spring class is very popular, early arriving time would be best. We will not begin

registration until 6:30. There is no pre-registration. Registration is done on March 23rd and that day only. The fee is \$10, non-refundable. The class is 8 weeks long, meeting every Thursday at 6:30PM until testing is done the week of May 11th.

Mandatory attendance Range Day is Saturday, April 10th. Every student must bring a firearm to each class (not registration night). No ammunition allowed. For more information only, call Jane George 715-386-8159.

### **MN & Utah Carry Classes 2/20/10 and 3/13/10**

Bob Amey will be conducting two separate Minnesota and Utah Carry Permit training classes at the club on 2/20/10 and 3/13/10 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. With these two permits, MN residents can carry in 34 states and WI residents in 32. The fee for this class is \$100.00 of which \$25.00 comes back to the club as rental income. New, if your spouse has an interest in seeing what this is all about, he/she can attend with you for information only without charge. If your spouse wants certification at the end of class, then there will be a fee.

Already have a Minnesota permit? Add all the states that the Utah permit covers for a \$60.00 class fee. To add Utah, you need to attend just the first four hours of any of Bob's classes. There is no written or shooting test for Utah.

If interested or if you have questions, email Bob at [bobamey@aol.com](mailto:bobamey@aol.com) or call him at 651-336-8380 evenings.

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**Conceal Carry Class:** Wisconsin Open Carry and Minnesota Concealed Carry Permit class will be offered at Hudson Rod, Gun, and Archery Club Wednesday and Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday at 6pm, Thursday at 2pm). The instructor is Steve Guggemos. Steve is an NRA / AACFI certified pistol instructor and Utah BCI certified carry permit instructor. He has also completed the on-site Texas and Arizona concealed carry courses.

A section on Wisconsin open carry laws has been added to this course for 2010. This section was recently developed by AACFI and Wisconsin attorneys, legislators, and trainers specifically for Wisconsin residents. Although there are currently no training requirements for open carry in Wisconsin, there are many unanswered questions that will be dealt with in this class. What is happening in Wisconsin for concealed carry is included as well.

Completing this course meets training requirements for a Minnesota permit which has multi-state coverage and can combine with other state permits for additional state coverage (through the mail). A certificate of completion for Wisconsin Open Carry is also awarded.

Utah permit training is offered as an addendum for those who desire additional state coverage. The range exercise and Utah curriculum will take place on Thursday, April 15 at 2pm (or by appointment). Utah permits and some other state permits can be applied for by mail including the widely accepted 7 year Florida permit.

Cost is \$100 for members (\$25 returned to the club) for Wisconsin Open Carry - **Minnesota permit training**. \$40 additional for the Utah supplement training and materials. Call Steve at 715.386.9703 to enroll.

### St. Croix County Alliance of Sportsmen's Clubs Inc. 2010 Conservation Banquet Fund Raiser:

The banquet will be held Tuesday March 23rd, 2010 at the American Legion Club in Baldwin. Social hour will be 6:30 p.m. and the buffet at 7:30 p.m. The price of the dinner will be \$35.00 or \$40.00 if you want to get in on a special drawing for a .30-06 rifle. A special rate for those 17 years and younger has been set for \$25.00. A husband/wife (couple) rate of \$60.00 is also available. The dinner ticket enters you in a drawing for several different guns. There will be an early

bird drawing on all tickets received by March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Mail one copy of the ticket back with payment. Please make checks payable to "St. Croix County Sportsman Alliance" and send to: Mike Reiter 461 Parkview Drive New Richmond, WI 54017.

Additional tickets and information can be received from the following: Hudson: Jim Sandfort 386-9625 Glenwood City: Dave Larson 772-4522 Baldwin: Jerry Thompson 684-2631 or Kyle Kulow 684-3928 New Richmond/Star Prairie: Mike Reiter 246-6643 or Ron Roettger 248-3883

### **New Rule on Guns in Parks Takes Effect February 22:**

On February 22, a new law on guns in national parks takes effect. The law repeals a National Park Service rule that has long prohibited Americans from lawfully possessing firearms in national parks for self-defense. The new law, passed last spring by an overwhelming bipartisan vote in the U.S. Senate, will allow people to possess, carry and transport firearms in national parks, in accordance with state law.

However, many details remain to be worked out. Reports indicate that National Park Service officials are debating issues such as the definition of "federal facilities," where firearms will remain prohibited under a different federal law.

NPS officials are expected to issue further information as February 22 approaches, and some parks have already published information on their new policies. Because state laws vary greatly, before you visit a national park, you should check the park's website or call the park headquarters for more information. NRA will also provide updates as they become available.

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**Hats' Off to Sheriff James Alderden:** *Adapted from "The Gazette, Colorado Springs."*

Passive Resistance, much like Martin Luther King, is what the late NRA President Charlton Heston encouraged all to do. This is an example of that and underscores the kind of person we need to seek out for our next Sheriff right here in St. Croix County, Wisconsin.

"The Colorado State University Board of Governors voted unanimously to ban firearms, tasers and to limit pepper spray to 1oz or less.

Sheriff Alderden had this to say: "I have told the CSU police chief (Wendy Rich-Goldsmith) I will not support this in any way," ... "If anyone with one of my permits gets arrested for concealed carry at CSU, I will refuse to book that person into my involved in academia would want to deal in data and experience, but this has been all about emotion."

Alderden said he realized the sentiment against self-defense is based in emotion after speaking with a public school teacher who asked him to stop issuing concealment permits. He showed her data that prove concealed carry reduces crime. He told her concealed carry would help reduce violent crime in Fort Collins and the rest of [Larimer County](#) — a sentiment shared by [El Paso County Sheriff Terry Maketa](#) and a growing number of ranking [law enforcement](#) officials regarding their own jurisdictions.

"I made the whole case, based in provable facts. The teacher said, and I quote, 'I don't care about the facts.' She only cared about her emotional response," Alderden said.

The student [Senate](#) of the Fort Collins campus opposed the ban by a 23-1 vote.

"God forbid we have something like the tragedy at [Virginia Tech](#) at one of these campuses," Alderden said, referring to a notorious shooting spree in which a lunatic wantonly killed for hours, while a gun ban ensured him no students or faculty would shoot back.

That's the advice of a [lawman](#) with a record of reducing crime. The ban is the work of academic ideologues, who theorize about safety and crime. Hope and pray the [academicians](#) don't find themselves begging forgiveness someday, in the wake of a horrible crime.

**Should Colorado State students ignore the new weapons ban, as their sheriff suggests? Go here to take the poll.**

jail. Furthermore, I will show up at court and testify on that person's behalf, and I will do whatever I can to discourage a conviction. I will not be a party to this very poor decision."... "ban advocates have been unable to cite a single study or statistic to show that students will be safer as a result of a weapons ban."

"This ban, which is broad and encompassing, basically denies students at the Fort Collins campus any defensive capacity at all," "It's a weapons-free zone for law-abiding people, and it won't do a single thing to keep armed criminals off of campus. It will only ensure them a lot of defenseless victims. The people who did this are lost in their own world of ideological liberalism. You would think people

<http://www.gazette.com/opinion/state-94668-gun-ban.html>

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