



Hudson Rod, Gun & Archery Club, Inc.

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Shooting –A Skill That Lasts a Lifetime

2008 April Newsletter

Board meeting: Tuesday April 1st at 7:00pm.

Annual Membership Meeting will be on Tues. Apr. 8th. Dale Ellert will put dinner on at 6:30pm. The membership meeting will begin at 7:30pm.

Election of New Board Members: The board positions held by Wayne Kaiser, Terri McNamara and Dave Deal are up for election. Dave Deal has indicated that he will not run.

Alert! APRIL 1st. VOTE for Judge Michael Gableman for Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Michael Gableman lives in the northern Wisconsin town of Webster in Burnett County. He is pro-gun, pro-sportsman and endorsed by the NRA. He is running against Milwaukee Judge Louis Butler. Louis Butler is not a friend of gun-owners. Milwaukee is a big town with a lot of votes. We need to get everyone to the polls to **VOTE FOR MICHAEL GABLEMAN.**

ALERT: Youth Day has been changed from Saturday April 19th. to Saturday April 26th. John Lohman, 715-386-3340, will be coordinating Youth Day this year.

Wanted, Range Safety Officer Volunteers: This will count towards your annual work hours by working as a RSO during hours of operation. Contact Dick Prescott at 715-549-6767 or 651-303-1668.

April Calendar:

April 1st-Board meeting

April 2nd-Club Benefit

April 5th-3-D Archery Shoot

April 8th-Annual Club meeting and elections.

April 12th-Range Day for Hunter Safety class

April 13th Summer League starts

April 14th-Spring DNR rule change hearings at 7 p.m. in New Richmond.

April 21st, 22nd, 23rd. Three session class for ATV certification.

April 23rd, 26th-Women On Target.

April 26th-Both Youth Day **and** Women On Target are combined on April 26th.

3-D Archery Shoot: April 5th. This is open to the public. It costs \$12 per adult, \$8 for 16years and under, \$5 for 8years and under, with a \$20 max for a family. Each person walks the trail that leads you to the 30 targets placed in the rolling hills on the Club property. All the targets have circles on the vital area, which designates if an arrow is in the bulls eye, for scoring points. All 30 targets are 3 dimensional animals of various sizes. We have Elk, mule deer, caribou, bear, whitetail deer, turkey, coyote, and various other species of animal targets. Each target will have shooting stakes to shoot from for each age group. The idea would be to work on judging yardages for upcoming hunting trips. The modern day hunter may be equipped with binoculars and range finders, and at our shoot you are welcome to use either of them to help you hit your target. Hope to see you there. Contact coordinator Dan Nagel at 715-381-3081 for more details. Volunteer help is needed to set up targets, take them down, and to run the event. Contact Dan to volunteer.

ATV SAFETY CLASS TO BE OFFERED: Town of Hudson, Jeff Jordheim, a Wisconsin DNR Certified ATV Safety Instructor, invites all individuals interested in recreational ATV riding to enroll in a Wisconsin ATV Safety Course. The course will be offered Monday, April 21st, through Wednesday, April 23rd, starting at 6:15 p.m. at the Hudson Rod and Gun Club, 285 Krattley Lane. The course is sponsored by the St. Croix County Trial Riders ATV Club (www.sccatv.org). Anyone is welcome to attend, there is no maximum age, and parents and adults are also encouraged to enroll and participate. ATV safety education certification is required for all riders (residents and nonresidents) who

are at least 12 years old and born on or after January 1, 1988.

The course fee is \$10.00 per person, which covers all necessary materials. The course will be covered over 3 days, 2 hour sessions, for a total of 6 hours. Any questions please contact Gerald Martell at 715-386-5582.

The course will cover ATV safety features, pre-ride inspections, basic riding skills, safety features, protective gear, rules and regulations, ethics, responsibility, and handling outdoor emergencies. Persons successfully completing the course will receive an ATV safety certificate.

Summer League starts: April 13th. Summer league starts. This is where you can do a lot to boost membership. Think about who you could get to come forward and form a new team. If you are short try to recruit a non-member to join and be a part of your newly formed team. The number one reason people get involved is because someone asks them.

-Make it a fun night out. Try to shoot together as a team at the same time and day of the week. Don't overlook the women and teenagers when filling your roster.

Youth Day is Saturday April 26th. This 58th annual event is sponsored by the Hudson Rod, Gun & Archery Club. It's Free and all area youth between the ages of 9-14 are invited to attend. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the Program will run from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm approximately. Activities include friendly competition in Archery, 22 Rifle, and Shotgun. Everything needed is provided by the Club. Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners in each of the age groups of 9-10, 11-12, 13 -14. In addition, informational talks will be provided by the WI DNR, Law Enforcement Officers & Hunter Safety Instructors.

A formal flag rising will be demonstrated by the local Boy Scout Troop 168. Come join the fun, refreshments and lunch. Contact Jon Lohman at 715-222-8385 or 715-386-3340 with questions or directions to the Club.

High School Graduation Parties: The clubhouse is available for \$150. That is less money than most pay for tent rental. Dates are limited so contact Wayne Keiser at 715-386-6257 for complete details and to book your party.

Women's Introductory Shooting Class:

The Hudson Rod, Gun, and Archery Club will sponsor a National Rifle Association's Women On Target[®] instructional shooting clinic on April 23rd, and 26th. The session on April 23rd will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. The session on April 26th will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. This clinic will feature training in the safe handling of pistols and rifles to help participants learn the fundamentals of shooting in a relaxing and fun-filled environment. According to the National Shooting Sports Association, women are the fastest growing segment of the shooting sports.

The cost of attendance is \$26.00 per person. All necessary equipment will be provided by the club. Registration is completed by mailing a check (payable to the Hudson Rod & Gun Club) to Tom Irwin at 1321 Boulder Pt. Dr. Hudson, WI 54016. Call Tom at (715) 386-1020 or email him at irwin1321@sbcglobal.net with additional questions.

Curing campus dissent by *Jacob Sullum, reported in Reason, Feb. 08.*

The spirit of Soviet psychiatry, which treated dissent as a sign of mental illness, seems to be alive and well at Hamline University, a private school in St. Paul, Minnesota, that is officially devoted to "freedom of expression and inquiry." Last spring the university responded to email messages in which a graduate student questioned Hamline's gun ban by suspending him and requiring him to undergo a "mental health evaluation."

The student, Troy Scheffler, was replying to mass emails about the Virginia Tech massacre from Linda Hanson, Hamlin's president, and David Stern, the school's vice president of student affairs. Scheffler strongly criticized Hamline's diversity policies and its academic standards as well as its refusal to lit people with concealed carry permits bring their guns onto campus. He expressed dismay at "leftists" who "don't understand that criminals don't care about laws," resentment of minorities who are "held to a different standard than the white students," and irritation at the presence of "atheist professors, Jewish, and other non-Christian staff" at a Methodist affiliated university.

There was plenty in Scheffler's messages to offend the average university administrator but nothing that could reasonably be considered a threat. Yet Dean

of Students Alan Sickbert informed Scheffler that because “the content of these emails is deemed to be threatening,” he would be suspended and required to undergo a psychological evaluation, after which he might have to “commit to a treatment plan as a condition for continued enrollment.”

In May the foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) complained to President Hanson on Scheffler’s behalf, arguing that the university’s treatment of him violated its commitment to freedom of expression and its promise of due process. “Because Scheffler has shown no proclivity toward violence and has made no threatening comments,” FIRE said, the psychological evaluation demanded by Hamline “seeks to assess his political opinions, implying that an outspoken advocate for Second Amendment rights or a critic of ‘white privilege’ doctrine is somehow mentally unstable.”

Hanson responded by claiming the administration had received independent complaints about Scheffler. The university has declined to identify the complainants or otherwise elaborate.

Slavery: Slavery was institutionalized in the Constitution until the 13th Amendment.

Public School logic:, *reported in Reason, Feb. 08.* Amber Dauge ran out of the house to meet her school bus while still making a sandwich. Realizing she was holding a butter knife, she put it in her bag and later in her locker at South Carolina’s Goose Creek High School. Weeks later, the butter knife fell out of her locker, prompting laughter from other students. But a teacher who saw the knife wasn’t laughing. Dauge was expelled under the school’s zero tolerance for weapons policy.

Turkey Tags: According to Scott Hull, DNR upland game ecologist, there are over 56,000 leftover 2008 spring turkey tags available on a first-come, first-serve basis starting at 10 a. m. on March 28th. Permits are \$10 for residents and \$15 for nonresidents. *I have reported on this wasteful program now for several years. It is time to abolish the costly and time wasteful DNR lottery program. Those funds are being wasted.*

Cougar sightings: The DNR would like any information on possible cougar sightings or sign be reported to DNR biologist Doug Fendry at (608)

275-3230. *Would you also copy the editor in on your report as well?*

Fur Prices are low: According to the “American Fur Auctions” prices paid to trappers. Raccoons-\$12-17. Muskrats-less that \$3. Mink-\$15. Otter-\$40. Grey Fox-\$35. Red Fox-\$25. Coyotes-\$20-\$35. Beaver-\$30.

Reported in Reason, Mar. 08 Denise Berndsen lives in West Allis, Wisconsin, but it was a SWAT team from Milwaukee that knocked in the door to her apartment. After handcuffing everyone, including her 74-year-old-father, pointing guns at them, and breaking furniture, the cops figured out the man they were looking for had been evicted about six weeks earlier. “They said, ‘We’re sorry. I guess you’re just one more of his victims,’ ” Berndsen told the press, “I said, no, we’re your victims.”

Reported in Reason, Mar. 08 Deputies from the Crow Wing County, Minnesota, Sheriff’s Department showed up at Jennifer Stiernagel’s home one morning. Someone driving a silver Camry had robbed a bank earlier that day in nearby Garrison, and the cops noticed a silver Camry parked in Stiernagel’s driveway. As she talked to one deputy in her front yard and her 2-year-old son watched from the deck, she saw another deputy walking up to her dogs, a basset hound and a terrier-Labrador mix. The hound began to bark. The Labrador began to growl. So the deputy shot and killed the Lab.

Unclaimed drawings: We have closed the account that was used to write checks for the 2007 Calendar Raffle.

The following 3 checks have not been cashed:

#12050 10/14/07 Bob Schultz \$25.00

#12066 10/30/07 Mark Bedard \$25.00

#12113 12/16/07 Nathan Gervaus \$25.00

If you bring the checks to the clubhouse we will exchange them for cash. Contact **Don Simpson** at 715-381-1343.

Founding Father Sam Adams wrote that average citizens should never become too enamored with those of higher stature, citing that “this has led millions into such a degree of dependence and submission,” urging readers to believe in a constitution, and not in those who dictate it.

Hats, Off to the Sheriff: “I’m a Life member of the National Rifle Association and I personally love homeowners being able to defend themselves and their families,” said Pulaski County, Mo., Sheriff J.B. King.

A crime spree was in progress. Two people were already in the hospital with serious head injuries. Police say the suspects in that crime, a 30-year-old man and a 16-year-old-boy, chose a disabled man and his wife as their next victims. The suspects broke into the home with a pellet gun and baseball bat. Despite the homeowner’s spinal affliction, he proved no easy victim. He drew a handgun, causing the older intruder to flee. The younger intruder waited for authorities. *Armed Citizen: (Waynesville Daily Guide, Waynesville, MO., 11/17/07.*

The Gun Control Act of 1968 as amended by the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997, **The Lautenberg Amendment (P.L. 104-208, Section 658)** makes it unlawful for any person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence to ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms or ammunition.

A misdemeanor crime of domestic violence is defined as one that includes the use or attempted use of physical force, or the threatened use of a deadly weapon, committed by a current or former spouse, parent or guardian of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian, or by a person similarly situated to a spouse, parent or guardian of the victim. The prohibition applies to persons convicted of such misdemeanors at any time.

What this means to the average gun owner is that activist judges who are anti-gun will use this to take your gun rights away permanently for an act as simple as physically shoving another person. Always remember that we can vote our local judges out of office if we don’t like their personal interpretation of the law.

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