



Hudson Rod, Gun & Archery Club, Inc.

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Shooting –A Skill That Lasts a Lifetime

2010 May Newsletter

Membership meetings are over for the summer and will resume in September.

Board meeting : Tuesday June 1 at 6 PM

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Club Calendar:

June 5 CLUB CLOSED!

June 6 5 Stand League starts

June 12 Bowling Pin shoot

June 13 Indianhead Trap League – Balsam Lk.

June 19 Turkey Shoot HERE

June 24, 26, 29. Women on Target – trap

June 27 Indianhead Trap League – Osceola

June 30 Conceal Carry Class

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May Board meeting Actions taken at the May Board of Directors meeting included: Decision was made to do a calendar raffle again this year. Incentives to encourage ticket sales by members was discussed. The pistol range floor has been graded and will be poured in the near future. The

high house structure on skeet field 2 will be repaired/replaced this summer. There was a discussion of the need for Range Safety Officers to be on site when ranges are open. A new stove has been ordered for the kitchen. The Board is working with an electrical contractor to analyze the need for an upgraded electrical service or an additional service to serve the ranges.

Work hours As you can see from the Board activity, there will be many opportunities for work hours in the coming months. If you have construction skills, there will be several chances to get your hours this summer. We will need volunteers on June 19th to work at our Turkey Shoot, and as many shooter as we can recruit!

Turkey Shoot The Club will be hosting a Turkey Shoot here on June 19th starting at 11 AM. Events will include trap & skeet turkey shoots, as well as an occasional Annie Oakley shoot. If you have never been to one of these shoots, come on up and give it a try. It is an inexpensive competition that pays off with a turkey just waiting for the Weber grill and a chance to have a fun competition with your buddies. Food and beverages will be available at the clubhouse, so mark your calendars for this event, a good time will be had by all! Spread the word to your fellow shooters and make an appearance with a couple boxes of shells, you won't regret it.

Trap & Skeet Leagues Trap and skeet leagues are underway with a good turnout of shooters for both. Lots of windy evenings so far this spring has made for some sporty shooting and creative excuses for lower than anticipated scores! Please note that the 5 Stand League is starting up on June 6th.

Introductory Trap Shooting Class for Women

The Hudson Rod, Gun, and Archery Club will sponsor a National Rifle Association's Women On Target Trap shooting clinic on June 24th, June 26th, and June 29th. The classroom session on Thursday, June 24th will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. The range-day-session on Saturday, June 26th will be from 10am-1pm. Class will be limited to 20 women. This clinic will feature training in the safe handling of shotguns to help participants learn the fundamentals of shooting Clay Pigeons 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 \$35.00 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. Be sure to reference Women On Target in the subject line of your email to avoid the trash bin!

.22 Action pistol shooting The .22 pistol action shooting is underway on Monday nights @ 6PM. First night of shooting was Monday April 26th but it is **not too late** to enjoy some great shooting fun. Come on up on a Monday and give it a try, it's great sport!

Indianhead trap league The Indianhead Trap League has released its 2010 schedule of shoots:

13 June-Balsam Lake

27 June- Osceola

11 July-Amery

25 July- River Falls

8 August-Cushing

This is a Sunday club league, where you shoot for your club against the others in the league. The more shooters our club has participate, the better our chances for having a good score. If you have not tried one of these shoots, you should! It is a great way to see and shoot at other clubs in the region, and to meet new friends with common interests. Maps to the clubs will be available at the bar, so give it a try!

Term limits? The State of Illinois is considering legislation that would require all elected officials to serve two terms. One in office and one in jail.

DNR revises walleye limits on ceded territory lakes

Wisconsin DNR released their annual fishing report and has revised daily bag limits to two for walleye on lakes north of I94, effective May 1, 2010 to March 6, 2011.

For the full report go to

<http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/regulations/2010/documents/2010initbaglimitsweb.pdf>.

Free Fishing Weekend June 5th and 6th Every year, the first consecutive Saturday and Sunday in June is designated as Free Fishing Weekend throughout the state of Wisconsin. All the waters of the state are open, including state waters of the Great Lakes and rivers bordering Wisconsin. Residents and nonresidents of all ages can fish without a fishing license (or trout or salmon stamps) over these two days. However, all other fishing regulations (length limits, bag limits, etc.) apply.

Free Admission to all State Parks, Forests, and Trails

June 6th On State Park Open House Day, no admission stickers are required on vehicles entering state parks, forests and recreation areas, and trail passes are not required for bicyclists, in-line skaters, or horseback riders using state trails that normally require a trail pass. In addition, Saturday, June 5 is National Trails Day and fees are waived to use all DNR-managed [state trails](#) on that day as well. For more information, contact: Wisconsin State Parks – (608) 266-2181.

New DNR firewood rule to take effect June 1

Beginning June 1 only firewood gathered or purchased from a vendor who cut it from within 25 miles of a state managed property, or state-certified wood, may be brought onto the property. This change is being done to reduce the risk of bringing in destructive forest diseases and insects. A previous law had allowed firewood cut or gathered up to 50 miles from a state property to be brought in but a newer study by forest health experts led to the adoption of the more protective 25 mile distance. The 2010 Memorial Day weekend will be the last weekend before the newer firewood restrictions go into effect.

DNR will have maps illustrating a 25 mile radius from Wisconsin state campgrounds on state parks and forests available after June 1. Wood from vendors certified by the state Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is exempted from this law. Wood from state certified vendors may enter any state property regardless of where the wood was harvested. This is because to be certified, vendors must treat their wood to kill pests or diseases that might be within it.

New website to highlight deer research projects

A new "[White-tailed Deer Research Projects](#)" page on the Department of Natural Resources website posts developments and progress in Wisconsin's \$2 million expenditure to research the deer population.

To register for updates, people can go to the DNR homepage at [dnr.wi.gov] and click on the White-tailed Deer Research Projects button under the features

column, then click on the link for “subscribe to deer research projects,” enter their e-mail address and follow the sign up instructions. When the subscription list appears scroll to the bottom and check “Wisconsin Deer Research.” When the White-tailed Deer Research Projects page is updated, subscribers will receive an e-mail alerting them to new information posted on the page.

On the Range by Jeff Nass President, WI-FORCE
To help keep your range open, you first need to be an asset in your community. Having a safe, convenient place to site in their deer rifle is good, but it is more important that you get the families in our neighborhood to appreciate your presence. You may be running a safe, well run range, but you need to show your neighbors that you are. Running youth and women's sport camps is a great way to get the local families out and see how safe you are. When your neighbors hear gun shots, it should remind them of the great day they had at the range, not instill fear of the unknown.
Don't let your club be lead by the ignorant. Many clubs are lead into disaster by those that think they know what they are doing. They take bits and pieces of correct information and twist it into the wrong direction. They may have 20 foot or higher backstops but then place small berm that can serve as launching pad, sending rounds over the berm. Proper maintenance is critical to continue to have a safe berm. Does your club have a maintenance plan? Is your work documented? Your range has to be constructed properly and SOP's written correctly. WI-FORCE can help you do things the right way. There is no simple one size fits all answer. Each range has its own specific needs. For more information contact Range Tech Jeff Nass 920-687-0505 nass@athenet.net

The 2nd Amendment in the political arena:
By Ole Olson. First a little background on the politics of politics. In Wisconsin there is a publication called the “Wisconsin Blue Book”. It is published biennially in odd-numbered years. The Blue Book is a primer of the governmental structure of this state. It lists legislative boundaries; legislators; history of the State Constitution, and much more. One thing that can be found in it is, the platforms of the various political parties registered in the state
The general purpose of any political party establishing a party platform is to distinguish themselves from the other parties. They typically adopt specific verbiage to set the policies of the

party. This is a resource you can explore to see where you are philosophically aligned.
These policies seem to blow with the political winds. If you look back thru the last 5 or 6 editions you will see quite a variation of positions on all the planks of all of the parties' platforms
As recently as the last edition; 2009-2010, the Republican Party Platform on the 2nd Amendment didn't even acknowledge the 2nd Amendment. It is listed under the heading of: American Civilization, with a single sentence, *Individuals have basic Constitutional rights to defend themselves, their families and property.*
This last weekend; May 21 - 23, 2010 a group of likeminded patriots were successful in reestablishing the platform and resurrecting it to read as follows under the heading of:

Constitutional Right to Keep and Bear Arms:
The Republican Party of Wisconsin is a vigilant supporter of the right of individuals to keep and bear arms embodied in both the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Article I, Section 25, of the Wisconsin Constitution. We therefore oppose all efforts to restrict the ownership, manufacture, transfer, carry, or sale of firearms by law-abiding citizens. We further oppose all efforts to require registration of firearms in the possession of law-abiding citizens, as well as efforts to bankrupt firearms manufacturers through frivolous, unethical lawsuits. Instead, we call for proper enforcement of the many existing laws against those who commit crimes. For safety's sake, we encourage voluntary training in the use of firearms. We cannot ignore the clear lessons of history regarding the tyranny and suffering which can fall upon a disarmed and vulnerable people.

The above may not seem like much of an accomplishment to some, but what this does is establishes a benchmark that we can hold candidates to. By a candidate running for office under a particular party means: they are to promote; endorse; and embody these principals.
Going forward in this political cycle, everyone needs to challenge the candidates on their position on the 2nd Amendment and what it means. If the candidates position isn't aligned with the above platform position; everyone must work diligently through forums; blogs, letters to the editor, etc. to spread the word that those candidates do not support freedom.

Another major accomplishment at the GOP Convention was amending resolution 2010 -02 2nd Amendment. The following resolution, in part, was proposed as it is written here. The words that are ~~struck through~~ are the words we were able to get removed.

...NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Wisconsin, in caucus assembled, urges the Wisconsin Legislature to adopt legislation to permitting law abiding citizens without a felony record or a record of serious mental problems to ~~obtain permits to~~ carry concealed weapons;...

When this amendment came up for a vote; a friendly amendment was proposed to strike those 3 words. After receiving a second, the chair asked for a voice vote. The majority voice vote wasn't discernable, the chair then asked for all in favor to rise; then all opposed to rise. This is where we almost lost it. It was clear that the ayes had it but the chair declared that the nays were the majority. A roll call vote was immediately called for from the floor to challenge the speakers call. We won in the

roll call vote. The delegates in attendance represent the total number of delegates allowed for their county.

The intent of striking "obtain permits to" from the resolution is to have a Vermont style concealed carry. Vermont and Alaska have been doing this for decades, without the expense of a government agency, and they have not had any problems. So why would we place permit burdens on the good people of Wisconsin.

A special thank you to Tom Irwin and Hudson Mayor Dean Knudson for spear heading this effort, it wouldn't have happened without them.

Stop by the "Education Board" at the Club to read the complete 3-page article that includes how the other counties voted.

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