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July / August 2015

July 7	**Membership Meeting 7pm**
July 5	**Archery 3D Shoot - Northeast Bow-Hunter Association (NEBA)**
August 4	**Membership Meeting 7pm**
August 15	**Hunter Education class**
August 22	**Bow Hunter Education class**
August 29	**Trapper Education**
September 13	**Archery 3D Shoot - Northeast Bow-Hunter Association (NEBA)**
September 20	**Trap Fun Shoot. Contact Phil Hembdt for more info @ 283-5183**

You may sign up for these courses starting 40 days prior to the course date at **(www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor)**

From the President's desk:

What a beautiful summer and it's great to see so many people enjoying club activities. As I write this I am wondering where this club will be in 20 years. I have always tried to look into the future for our children and others who will benefit from the things we do today. One of my key concerns is, who will be keeping the club going and I don't mean just the Board or future Presidents. In reality, there are only a few dozen members (worker bees) that show-up to work, provide ideas, run for office, run events and stay involved with what is happening. There are about 50 members participating in trap, pistol, and archery events at any given time. Most members use the facilities more randomly and provide support by paying dues and buying/selling tickets, which is of course appreciated. My concern is that the worker bees may eventually become disillusioned. We just can't take these folks for granted so step up! Elk's clubs, Moose clubs or other fraternal organizations are struggling these days but we can do better. There is no national organization of Rod and Gun Clubs, if there was I'd join. Why, because we need to band together or else we will be a footnote in history - where people used to have guns and hunt. Ask yourself where are you going to be in 20 years and consider what you can do to help preserve our right to keep and bear arms.

I was told several years ago, that "if it's not broke don't mess with it", they were talking about our current building. That was in 2000, my first term as president, when I proposed we put up a new facility. It is now 16 years later and our main building is further dilapidated. Like everything else, the cost of what was proposed back then has now quadrupled but I still believe we can do something. Up to this point I have tried not to throw our hard earned money away, however we will be sitting outside looking at a pile of rubble if we don't take a big step and come up with a plan for the future. I am proposing that we come up with a five year plan to build - in stages. The first stage would be to build a consensus, then design and construct the biggest steel building we can afford with a basic layout. I am also proposing that we locate a first class sporting facility in the field near our upper parking lot. In closing, This is not a case of "build it and they will come", rather I'm thinking "build it and they will stay for the future and generations to come".

See you at the club! Gary Hebert

Sports Raffle

October 2015

Match the three digit numbers that are picked for the daily 8:00 Evening Drawing from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31, 2015 and win the prize listed for that day. Ticket number is good each day in October. MULTIPLE PRIZES POSSIBLE! All Prizes must be picked up at Steve's Gun Shop, Stephentown, NY - within 90 days. Winner responsible for all NICS check on guns. NO SUBSTITUTES. All transfers to be in accordance with Federal and State Law. *We are again including an Artic Cat ATV from All Seasons Equipment in Scotia as the grand prize on October 31st.*

Further information for the prizes can be found at http://www.northtroystag.org

Donation $30.00

10/1/2015	Marlin X7 270 Caliber w/scope Black syn stock
10/2/2015	Mossberg Maverick Arms SP 12 gauge Pump
10/3/2015	Mossberg 4x4 22-250 Caliber Black syn stock
10/4/2015	Remington 770 30-06 Caliber w/scope Black syn
10/5/2015	Ruger American 7mm-08 Caliber Black syn stock
10/6/2015	Savage Axis XP 223 Caliber w/scope Black syn stock
10/7/2015	Marlin X7 25-06 Caliber Syn stock pro fire trigger
10/8/2015	Weatherby Vanguard 300 WBY Caliber Griptonite stock
10/9/2015	Savage Model 320 Security 12 Ga Ghost Sights
10/10/2015	Ruger American 22 mag Caliber Black comp Adj Comb
10/11/2015	Mossberg Patriot 30-06 Caliber Black syn stock
10/12/2015	Marlin X7 308 Caliber Black syn stock
10/13/2015	Ruger American 270 Caliber Black Composite stock
10/14/2015	Remington 770 270 Caliber w/scope Black syn stock
10/15/2015	Mossberg 464 30-30 Caliber lever action Wood
10/16/2015	USSG /SAR 12 Gauge Pump Pistol Grip Ghost sight
10/17/2015	Mossberg 4x4 7mm-08 Caliber Black syn stock
10/18/2015	Marlin X7 30-06 Caliber Black syn stock
10/19/2015	Remington 783 243 Caliber w/scope Blk syn stock
10/20/2015	Stevens 350 Security 12 Ga Pump Ghost Ring Sights
10/21/2015	Remington 770 270 Caliber Stainless w/scope Camo
10/22/10/15	Savage Axis XP 7mm-08 Caliber w/scope Black syn
10/23/2015	Remington 770 308 Caliber w/scope Black syn
10/24/2015	Marlin X7 7MM-08 Caliber Black syn stock
10/25/2015	Rock Island M5 12 Gauge Pump Parkerized Heat Shield
10/26/2015	Remington 770 30-06 Caliber Stainless w/scope Camo
10/27/2015	Ruger American 308 Caliber w/scope Black Composite
10/28/2015	Howa Game King 270 Caliber w/scope Blk syn stock
10/29/2015	Remington 783 30-06 Caliber w/scope Blk syn stock
10/30/2015	Mossberg MVP Predator 223 Caliber w/scope
10/31/2015	Artic Cat 450 Core w/EFI Green

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It has come to our attention that our club celebrity Terry Lockrow did not like 3D target number 6 at the recent shoot. He states his arrows go under the 3D target, over the cliff and into the woods making them just too hard to find. He says his bow's guidance system is all screwed up so his arrows fly like unguided missiles, trust us they do! Like Terry always says though "it's not like you have to turn in your scorecard".

The winner of the chain saw raffle was Joshua Pratt. The ticket was purchased at Goyer's Power Equipment, the owner Russ King sells a lot of tickets for us at his shop. Please support Russ and all our advertisers!!!!!

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Archery Report

To all the members that helped in setting up, being a part of the work party, cooked or participated in the 3D shoot held at the club on June 7th, thank you for your effort and consideration. Our next shoot is July 5th, we are hoping for a good turnout for this event, it is the 2nd of 3, and the last one is on Sept 13th which puts it very close to the opening of the bow hunting season. If you think you might want to hunt the club property this coming season please consider participating in one or both of these shoots. Our courses are challenging and will help you assess your archery skills. Shooter registration is from 7am to noon and remember the kitchen is open for breakfast and lunch. Thanks Again, Bill Gibbons

Ask Ron Column

Can I bring guests to the range?

You may bring one guest per visit to the outdoor archery, pistol and rifle ranges. They must sign in the range book with their name and as your guest and follow all safety rules. You are responsible for the actions and behavior of your guest. Guests are never permitted on the indoor range, except for open events such as Thursday pistol league when that is in session, and women's pistol on Tuesdays. Guests are always welcome to all open events: NEBA shoots, and trap shooting on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings etc. First year members may not bring guests, with the exception of the open events without contacting an officer or board member to make arrangements.

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Trap Notes

Trap season is in full swing with the range open on both Sunday mornings at 10am and Wednesday nights at 5pm. Some of the regular shooters are hitting their stride with Ray Jacques, Ed Schultz, Joe Janak and Frank DiNuzzo all shooting at least one perfect score of 25. One of our newer shooters, Greg Tworek, also shot a 25, his first, but he might be hearing footsteps from his daughter Nicole who has greatly improved her game with a shotgun she "borrowed" from Dad. Good luck, Greg, in getting that one back in your gun case!

Significant progress is being made on the construction of the new range. The necessary earth-moving has been completed, grass has been planted and is greening up in spots, electrical conduit was installed, a pad for the new stations is in place and the excavation for the new trap house done. Next steps include making forms and pouring concrete, but a little dry weather would help. Thanks to all who are helping on this project. Chairs: Phil Hembdt and Joe Janak.

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