

Sayre Sportsmen's Club  
May 3, 2009 Newsletter

May is an important month at the Club. It starts another fiscal year, which also means another membership year. We have our annual banquet and elections in May, May 16<sup>th</sup> to be exact. It's a time to do some spring housecleaning. I'm a little late with this article, but we had a work bee yesterday and again today. Chores done or to be done include cleaning the inside of the Clubhouse, washing windows, rearrange furniture, rake, mow, weed whack, paint, and, in general make things look and feel good.

The April membership meeting was held on the 29<sup>th</sup>. I'll not do the unofficial minutes this month, but instead hit the points of interest.

- Work bee to be held May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>; voted at the March meeting to have hotdogs and hamburgers for the workers. Ed and Carla Dawejko volunteered to get the food.
- Annual Banquet will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Social hour 5-6, dinner 6-7, and meeting at 7. The Litchfield Volunteer Fire Department will cater the event. Cost is \$12 per person and must be pre registered and prepaid at the clubhouse by noon, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Also The Honorable Maureen Beirne, Bradford County Judge, will be there and Fred Tiffany, local taxidermist, will show some of his mounts.
- Pond: Mike Kelly reported that herbicide was ordered at a cost of \$1,096 to eliminate some of the weed problems. This will treat approximately two acres.
- Archery League: Ed Dawejko reported the indoor archery shoots generated a profit of \$674.03 and presented a check to the Treasurer.
- Ed Dawejko proposed soliciting local merchants to sponsor Archery Targets. The goal is to acquire approximately thirty 3D targets. He has tested interest by the local businesses and it seems feasible. This effort was approved.
- Nominating Committee report: Jack Petraskie reported the election on May 16<sup>th</sup> will be for four directors; three for three years and one for a one year term. The candidates are: Paul Brutscher, Ed Dawejko, Dick Decatur, Greg Ferro, Bill Jordan, Paul Keysaw, Al Rosenberger, and Anton Vatnitsky. The nominations are now closed.
- Clay birds (Targets) were ordered from Geiser Gun, Sunbury, PA, at a cost of \$7.90 per case. With shipping and tax, the final cost will be \$8.69 per case. Delivery will be on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 around 10:30 am.

- Paul Keysaw reported that with all the potential Gas drilling going on, it is recommended that property owners have their water tested prior to said activity. He presented three cost options and asked that they be reviewed for consideration at the next meeting.

One of the members was on the rifle range and heard shooting down by the pond. He confronted the people driving from the pond, asked if they had a membership. They did not but did have a key. When told they should not be shooting down by the pond, they acted surprised and said they had seen other people shooting objects thrown onto the pond. Needless to say, common sense should apply here, but apparently some people have none. There are no signs, but shooting should only happen at the designated ranges (pistol, rifle, skeet, and trap). There should be no shooting at the pond area. Now we have to consider more signage.

It was also reported that ATVs are observed operating on club grounds. Again, there are no signs but ATVs are not permitted on club property, other than the main road. This is due mainly to insurance issues, but also concern over property damage. Signs will be posted, but it is realized that it's almost impossible to prevent someone ridding through. People should not feel they could transport their ATV to the Club and go joy riding.

The May IDPA pistol shoot is coming on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The next Owl League shoot is on May 16 & 17 at Trumansburg. The Owl League shoot at our club will be on June 6 & 7. Please plan on coming to observe and/or help.

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