



Portage Rod and Gun Club Fall 2015 Newsletter



I am hoping everyone had a great Summer and Fall

The club rules have been posted inside the vestibule to the clubhouse and are on line, everyone that comes out to use the club should read these rules. Even though the club has increased the size of the shooting berms we still have some members, that are not keeping and ensuring that all of their projectiles/bullets are impacting the berm. This is one of the reasons you could have your membership revoked. We also have people walking down range to install a target without checking to make sure the range is not hot. This should be common sense and is posted! Safety should be the number one thing on your mind anytime you are participating in any type of activity at the club.

We have went as far as we could with the projects we were doing this year so I would like to re-cap what was done throughout the year.

(Bow Range)

An area was cleared and a new berm was installed to stop arrows that miss their mark. We have put all target holders back up and there are now 4 targets in the holders that you can shoot Regular bow or Crossbow at. Still no **Broadheads!** We are also working on a bench to set on to shoot crossbow.

(Rifle Range)

At this time all benches are in the shooting house along with a prone table, we have just the doors left to purchase and put on. All the old shooting benches have been removed.

(Pistol Range)

The Pistol range has been more than doubled in length and the height raised for better function and safety. Top soil just needs to be placed to finish that portion of the project. We will need volunteers to assist in building the division walls in the pistol berm. If you are interested you can contact Shane Marquardt and he will start a call list. This project will resume in the spring.

Membership applications can be found on-line, purchased at the Club or at DW Sports Center in Portage.

New cards for membership renewal will be made up and be on hand for the 2016 membership season. We really would like anyone who wants information on the club and its activities to be e-mailed to them to put an e-mail address on the card. These are not shared with anyone else. If you want us to mail you your card you must include a self-addressed envelope. If you have certain talents that would be beneficial to the club please let us know on the back of your membership card. (Carpenter, Electrician, Plumber, Have access to equipment or materials, etc.)

Call Ahead for shooting

We have several events and different groups that have use of the club throughout the year, so if you want to come out to shoot and have internet service you should check the club website calendar to see what if anything is scheduled that day. We will try to get all dates for 2016 on a calendar early enough in 2016 to have one printed for everyone.

This club is a non-profit organization run with volunteers and is one of the reasons we are able to keep the dues so low. **All** of the income the club receives is reinvested back into the club. Every paying member has an equal share of rights for voting, use of the facilities, and responsibilities. All members are welcome to come to all board meetings and we would welcome your input toward the future of the club. The club holds a few events each year and we ask that if you are able to help out with any events to please contact a board member. The dues for next year will not be increasing, they will remain at \$50.00, but will now include that each member along with dues work 4 hours on various projects throughout the year.

Here is a list of projects the board has completed in the last year:

New furnace in West end of Clubhouse	Shooting House for Rifle Range
New shooting benches in shooting house	Removed old benches
Removed building behind skeet range	Built berm for bow range
New sign for club down by entrance	Lengthened and increased height of berm at the Pistol Range
Split timbers for walls on pistol range	Signs for hours of shooting posted
We had various trees trimmed and removed	Signs for events made

Members to contact for the following committee's:

Pistol Range: Shane Marquardt

Rifle Range: Troy Bartz

Trap Range: Tony Schumacher

Skeet range: Bill Voigt

Bow Range: Phil Canales

Bar Manager: The Club is looking for someone who would like to take on the responsibility.

They would be in charge of the ordering of items needed for the bar and making
Sure it is stocked.

Jeff Nass from WI FORCE <https://wisconsinforce.org> will be offering a Range upgrade and Club assistance Seminar on Saturday January 30, 2016 at the Portage Rod and Gun Club. It is available to all members and we encourage everyone interested to come. He will specifically be addressing our club's operation as well as the range improvements we are working on. Please RSVP Shane Marquardt shane@sandenwood.com or (608) 697-3564 to let us know so we have enough chairs set up.

We would like to thank everyone that has been able to come out and assist with the projects we have gotten done. We would also like to thank the many businesses that without their donations of time, labor, equipment, and materials, many of these projects we were able to accomplish would have been beyond the means of the club.

We will work on getting newsletters out about every 4 months to keep everyone informed.

Have a great Holiday season!

Clayton Simonson
Club President

