



THE MONTHLY CLEANING RAG

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Special points of interest:

- *Breakfast Jan. 4th*
- *Youth Shooting Jan. 3rd*
- *Action Pistol—Wednesday*
- *Target Pistol—Tuesday*

Election Over—NO New Officers (suckers)

Election 2008 went down without a flare unlike the November presidential election. If you were disappointed with the outcome of the Nation's 2008 election results, you should have been present during the Club's December election of officers'. The majority of those present were pleased with the outcome, however there were at least 5 votes against the incumbent Board. I believe they were all from the current Board that voted against themselves.

One Board member was quoted " I guess I waited to long again to find another candidate (sucker) to replace me. "

Other News from the December meeting:

Without a big hooray the 2009 budget was passed. Based on the estimated income for 2009 there is a shortfall in the Budget by about \$1500. The Board and a few of the members are working on ways to increase our income, but the two biggest and easiest ways are to increase membership and increase participation.



8th Ave closed for flooding.

Area roads closed do to flooding from December thaw.

Many members had to take the long way around to the Club as Phoenix Road was the only open road.

See more photos inside.

2008 Banquet—Big Success

The 2008 Banquet was attended by 43 Members and 47 Guests. This was down by 7 attends from last year.

This years committee/workers had a few new faces, Doug Perry joined the Banquet Committee this year, Jason Assink

and Sally Berry helped out at the last minute along with the normal Hosier clan.

A big thanks goes out to the setup (tear down) crew. Several members showed up about 2 hours early to re-arrange the furniture and make the

room ready For the festivities.

This year the table raffles had a few BIG ticket items including a Garmin GPS, Bushnell Laser Range Finder and a Chrony chronograph with printer.

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Driveway down to outdoor range looks more like a boat launch.



**8th Ave Rapids
A few on-lookers view the results of the flood.**

2nd Major Flood of 2008

A late December thaw and rain storm brought flooding to the local area. Several major roads that cross the Black River were closed, making some residents change their plans and drive a different route to their destination. This was evident by the number of turn-a-rounds at the Club's driveway over the 2 days following the flood.

The high waters closed 8th Ave by the Club along with CR-384 (12th Ave). Phoenix Road was close to being closed as it had water about half way acrossed it.

The Club's President commented this was the worst flood he had seen at the Club's property. The normal 40 acres of land was turned into 37+ acres of a larger lake in the river bottoms.

Is this type face to hard to read?

If so than you need to do one of two things:

1: Get your eyes checked for reading glasses.

Or

2: Complain and I can make it bigger.

Email: editor@shrgc.org

Outdoor Range is better suited for Rod then Gun



"The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'"

- Ronald Reagan

2008 Banquet—Big Success - continued

There were a total of 10 firearms given away. Most everyone that won one was happy with the item.

6 of the firearms given away was in a new game that Dan came up with, it was similar to the old "Let's Make a Deal"

game. Winners were chosen in normal raffle fashion and then given a choice of Boxed Items as their prize. After a few items were opened, some of the winners were given the chance to trade there un-opened item for a different one. Very few trades were made, and

some of the winners grimaced at the TOY guns they had one but all had fun with the new game. Dan has promised a new twist to this game for next years Banquet.

Do to scheduling issues next years Banquet will be Oct 3rd, 2009.

Winter Activities Start

It's finally winter and now the activities can start.

Walt's Breakfast is back (starts Jan.4th 9am-11am) with a few Guest Chef's this year. We will also have the Breakfast Give-Away so come out and take a chance.

January 3rd marks the start of our youth Shooting Activities. Youth Archery is 10am—12pm and Youth .22 rifle is 1pm—

4pm. These activities are held every other Saturday through March. See the Club's website calendar for exact dates.

Action Pistol is on Wednesday's at 6:30pm—9pm.

There is even talk of starting a Winter Archery League this year. In the past this activate had a big turn out.

With the start of our Win-

ter Schedule some of us are looking to Spring. A few items that are in the planning stages are the Wild Game / Fish Fry Dinner, a Sportsman's' Rummage Sale and a few things that we dare not mention at this time.

So we look forward to seeing you this winter.

Remember, no one has died from Walt's cooking.....yet!

Reminder 2009 Dues are due.

Deadline for Renewal is the February Meeting.

If your dues are not paid by the deadline you will be dropped from the rolls.

If you did not receive a Membership Card with this Newsletter then WE do not have your dues (or WE lost them).

All dues should included a membership application so WE can make sure your information is correct.

Applications can be downloaded from the website or picked up at the club.

NOTE:

Do to broken window mechanisms some of the windows on the range have been screwed shut. The ONLY working windows on the range are on the south side of the building (over looking trap field).

Funds Needed for Projects

With the 2009 Budget approved, the Club now needs to look at projects that are not covered by the Operating Budget.

Some of these projects included a new roof, new windows, a Range roof, new Furnace, and etc...

If you have a good idea

or two to generate the funds come to a meeting and share them.

One of the ideas being worked on is a Dinner party this summer with a 30 gun give-a-way. Think about dinner, drinks and a chance to win a firearm. The details are being

worked out, so stay tuned for more details.

The problem with approving the budget now we have to stick to it..

Amusing Fact:

Alcohol beverages have all 13 minerals necessary for human life.

Detroit, Michigan has more registered bowlers than any other city in the USA.

Since the United Nations was founded in 1945, there have been 140 wars.

*"You know the one thing that's wrong with this country? Everyone gets a chance to have their fair say."
- Bill Clinton, former U.S. President*

*"Give Bill a second term, and Al Gore and I will be turned loose to do what we really want to do."
- Hillary Clinton, former first lady, at a Democratic fundraiser*

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Wanted:

Editor for monthly news letter. Some experience preferred but almost any warm body that can meet a monthly deadline is needed. If needed you can remain anonymous and write under a pen name.

Pay is none existent, Benefits are few, but you can report the news in your fashion with limited supervision. And if any one complains then you can have them as part of your staff or just give them the whole dang thing to do one their own.

You need not do this alone, there is help, you can even corner some officers or members to write an article or two.

Classified Ads

Have a few extra items that you would like to get rid of, maybe you looking for a lost treasure or even possible just a message to someone. Place your ad here for a small donation your ad can run for a month or a year, you make the choice.

SWM- 30y Avg. Build- Seeks UDR for good times in the north woods. Prefer .27-.30cal but would entertain thoughts of a BBR.

Email: imissedadeeragain@upnorth.net

GOM- Seeks SPFP for two weeks in November. DNR bans baiting so we need a FP to hunt over. After all a FP is not baiting.

Call: 269.555.1234

Needed several small boats 10-12ft in length for use on Outdoor Gun Range.

Contact: Dock Master @ 269.637.8001

Thanks to the Club Night gang. My family enjoyed the trip to Florida with your \$\$\$.

Your friend Mr. Haney.

For Sale:

Used Shotgun, hardly used, never broke a clay with it. Will trade for a good used hunting dog or a boat that does not leak to bad.

Email: ican'thitanything@shrgc.org

Look for the Sportsman's Rummage Sale this Spring at the South Haven Rod & Gun Club.

Abbreviations used in Classifieds include but not limited to:

SWM = Single White Male

UDR = Used Deer Rifle

BBR = Big Bore Rifle

GOM = Group of OLD Men

SPFP = Small Portable Food Plot

FP = Food Plot

DNR = Don't kNow Rip

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