

CHASEBURG ROD AND GUN CLUB

www.chaseburgrodandgun.com or on Facebook (608) 483-2107

April/May/June

Upcoming Events:

2025 Monthly Meetings

Second Thursday of each month at 7:30

Rifle and pistol range are closed these dates:

March 29 & 30: all ranges closed all day

April 4: pistol range closed 1-2 pm

May 4: all ranges closed all day

May 10: all ranges closed all day

Every Tuesday afternoon starting at 2 o'clock from April 15 through August 26 for trap league

Every Monday and Wednesday after 4 pm from March 25 through May 29 for high school trap league

Two Person Trap League – April 15

Four Person Trap League – June 24

More info on any of our events can be found on our website or our Facebook page.

NO CLUB MEMBER HAS LOST THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY SUBJECT OR RESOLUTION BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP AT A MONTHLY MEETING

There is a great deal of confusion and rightful concern brought about by the proposal in January to change the articles or bylaws of the club. This is the club's fault, we should have been clearer about what the proposed changes meant. We sincerely apologize for the confusion caused. First a little history:

The articles or bylaws had not been changed since the incorporation of the club in the 1970's. The club has grown immensely since then. Some items are no longer pertinent, and the club does many more things now than when the club was formed. In order to update this, in January proposed changes were sent out to the current membership, who after the first of January would only be life members, as annual memberships hadn't been accepted yet for the year 2025. One vote more than half the membership was required to make the changes (over 200 yes votes were needed). Contacting members became a much more arduous task than anticipated. Many people's addresses had changed and had not been updated. Most people's phone numbers they had when they joined were no longer current (most had land lines when they joined and now have cell phones). People's email addresses had changed. As the task of contacting people became extremely onerous, it was decided to extend the deadline in order to contact as many people as possible so they could have a voice and a vote. At the end of the day, the proposed changes were accepted by more than half of those who were members as of January 1, 2025.

The confusion stems from the wording in the articles concerning the term "active member". An active member is defined as attending 4 or more meetings a year or volunteering for 15 or more hours at the club during the year. Since no one knows what the club will look like or be involved with in the next 50 or more years, future updates will likely be required. To avoid the difficulties the board just went through, for any future updates to the articles or bylaws, it was decided that the votes cast to approve any future additions or changes must total just over half of the number of "active members". **THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT ONLY ACTIVE MEMBERS GET TO VOTE!! EVERY MEMBER GETS TO VOTE!!**

For example, assume we have 1000 members. There are only 100 members that meet the definition of an "active member". In order to pass any changes to the articles or bylaws, now only 51 (one over half the active membership) votes would be needed to make the changes, rather than the 501 needed without this definition. **But every member, whether defined as an "active" or "not active member", can vote, and all the votes are counted for any resolution or possible changes.**

Hopefully this clarifies the situation. Again we apologize for the confusion and concern caused by the wording. This is only for changes to the bylaws or articles. **Normal club issues voted on at regular monthly meetings will proceed as usual.**

Two Person Trap League – April 15

Another great season on the trap range is fast approaching; the league starts on April 15. Last year, 100 men, women and teenagers participated in the league. The family aspect of the league is obvious, with a number of teams that include parents and sons/daughters, grandparents, brothers, sisters, cousins, and in-laws. Last year 50 teams were spread over 10 divisions, according to their shooting ability. Your team will be placed into a division of shooters with like ability. The prize money is the same for each division also, paying out 3 places. You must be a club member to participate. The cost of the league is \$140 for the whole season, which includes the entry fee, cost of birds, scorer's fee, prize money and the 9 weeks of shooting. There is a steak fry and fun shoot the 10th night of league. Shooting is each Tuesday day starting at 3 o'clock, and you must be signed up to shoot by 8 pm. You do not need to shoot at the same time each week or even shoot at the same time as your partner. There will be frozen pizzas for purchase for lunch this year, instead of the usual fare. It's always a fun time to get together and throw a little lead into the air! **The 4 person league starts June 24.**

Please Help Us Update Our Membership List

If you are a lifetime member and your contact information has changed since you joined, please email the club with your current address, email address and phone number. If you are unsure, please contact us anyway. Annual members should not need to do this as they are able to update their information when they renew their membership each year. Memberships can now be purchased online on our website using a credit card!! It's important we have your current information!

3-D Archery Shoot

The next shoot will be March 29 & 30. We had a good turnout for the first shoot, with more than 70 men, women and kids coming out and flinging arrows. As usual, there will be 30 3-D animal targets scattered throughout the woods in realistic hunting scenarios. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 – 17, and under 12 years of age shoot for free. Lunch and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, go to our website, chaseburgrodandgun.com, and click on the archery page

Concealed Carry Class to be held on April 5 – call (608) 386-0246

Aaron Hass Memorial Trap Shoot – May 10

This is a 50 bird shoot from the 16 yard line to benefit the high school trap teams, and is open to shooters of all ages. There will be raffles and auctions, and plenty of refreshments. Many area high schools typically participate in this event. Come out and watch these great high school athletes! Aaron Hass passed away unexpectedly in September 2021. Aaron was active in the Chaseburg Rod and Gun was a coach for the Central/Logan and Aquinas Trap Teams. He also belonged to the Rod and Gun as a respected lifetime member. This scholarship fund has been established to continue to support the Central/Logan and Aquinas High School Trap Shooting Teams by providing financial assistance to the teams and its participants in his memory.

Spring Clean Up Day – May 4

Just like at home there is a fair amount of clean up and maintenance needed of the club grounds each spring. This is a great time to log some volunteer hours for your club, and a good way to get your kids involved in a community service project. We start at 8 am, we have some tools but feel free to bring rakes, shovels, saws, gloves, inside cleaning supplies, etc. A free lunch will be served at noon, and even kitchen help is needed.

Committees

Rifle Range

Dan Dretske 452-2120
Dan Watson 483-3204
Ike Wilkins 483-2665

Archery

Joe Roesler 788-5305
John Roesler 483-2643
Mike Kammel 792-9094
Joe Brye 792-9129
Joe Lucey 498-7225

Wildlife/Habitat

Garold Becker 406-0093
Jim Roesler 788-2716
Mark Andre 792-0241

Trap

Cory Sedlmayr 317-9376
Cole Woods 386-6791
Tom Roesler 452-3927
Mike Kammel 792-9094

Buildings/Grounds

Lenny Phillips 386-2499
Dan Dretske 452-2120

Youth

Garold Becker 406-0093
Deb Kirven 498-2564
Hailey Woods 498-2319

Web Sites

Wisconsin DNR web site
www.dnr.wi.gov

North American Squirrel Ass'n
www.nasasquirrel.org

Concealed Carry Classes at Club
www.myobatf@yahoo.com

Civilian Marksmanship Program
www.thecmp.org
www.odcmp.org

The Appleseed rifle shoots
www.appleseedinfo.org

Websites for all 50 states +
Canada for hunting information
www.walleyehunter.com

Bowhunting
www.bowsite.com

National Rifle Association
www.nra.org

Concealed Carry - State
Reciprocity
usconcealedcarry.com

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Bar Manager

Hailey Woods 608 498-2319

Certified ServSafe Food

Protection/Kitchen Manager

Terry Erickson/John Clark

Wild Game Feed – March 29

Our annual game feed is Saturday March 29. Bring your favorite game or fish recipe, pickled items, desserts, sausages, homemade wine, or anything else you would like to share. Pre-meal snacks start around 5 and the main courses are served about 6 or so. This fun event is only for members and their families, but of course you can always join the club at the feed!! We have many great cooks who are members, come check them out!!

Open Trap Shooting

Again this year there will be open trap shooting from 1 pm until 4 pm every Monday afternoon starting on April 7. The cost is \$6 per 25 birds, shoot as many rounds as you like, from whatever yard line you like. Shells can be purchased at the club for \$10 per box of 25, although we prefer you bring your own. Open also to non-members if they pay the \$10 day pass fee.

Credit cards are now accepted at the bar, however there is a 4% fee.

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