



VP's Message

Welcome everyone to the new WR&G Club newsletter. First I would like to thank Harry Hubbard for all his past newsletters keeping every member updated of all the activities and projects that have taken place over the last several years. I hope that he continues with his input to this publication.

My partner in this project, Tom Donlon and I look forward to carrying on this important piece of information. We will try to make sure that each newsletter is as informative as possible. There are several projects underway that will have great impact on WR&G Club. We are in the process of updating our very popular sporting clays course. The sporting clays shoots that all held through out the year are our major source of revenue each year.

The club hunting areas are being made more suitable as bird cover. Last but not least is the construction of our new storage shed.

Several activities are still scheduled for the remainder of 2007. There is a sporting clays shoot on Sunday December 9th. The December meeting night will be a lasagna, sausage, and meatball dinner cooked by Frank Sorrentino. Amy Wolcheski is planning another Christmas party for children. There is also a members' Christmas party scheduled for December. Don't forget our first big activity for 2008 is our famous game dinner set for January 12th. Tickets go fast, contact Ernie Trowbridge for tickets.

As we have taken in many new members for the 2007-2008 year, I take this opportunity to welcome you to WRG. It is your club, take advantage of what it has to offer you. If you have any questions regarding rules or any other information you need, see your member representatives or any officer, or any committee chairperson. There is an updated list posted on the wall by the telephone near the bar. Also I remind all new members that you are required to put in 15 work hours each year. There are many ways to accomplish this as there is always some kind of project or activity that requires help. Sign up sheets for these are always made available.

We hope you find this newsletter informative and interesting, and we are open to any ideas that the membership would like to see in the newsletter.

Bill Blotney, Vice President

Ammo Prices Continue to Shoot Upward

The ammunition business is feeling a major pinch because of the rising price of global commodities such as copper, brass, nickel, steel and lead. As a result, the price of nearly all ammo has been raised incrementally by most manufacturers during 2007.

Ammo makers say the price jumps are the result of the increased needs of the U.S. military and the growth of countries like China, which intensified demand for certain metals and raw materials. As a result, some rifle cartridges have more than doubled in price in the last year.

In a letter to dealers, Remington vice president John Dwyer wrote, "Based on our current assessment of metals pricing for the remainder of 2007, we anticipate an additional twelve percent across-the-board increases on all ammunition and components effective January 1, 2008."

Rapid-Fire Pump Gun

By Jon B. Snow

The sound of a single round being racked into the chamber of a pump gun is the universal signal that some movie bad guy is about to buy it. The sound of eight rounds being shot through a pump gun in less than two seconds-well, that would be "extreme shooter" Patrick Flanigan working his own brand of shot gun magic. While you might not be in the game to match Flanigan's record of busting eight clays, thrown into the air at once with a pump gun, his tips will give you much better odds at doubles on ducks or perhaps even a very-bag-worthy triple.

LEAVE A MARK Extreme shooter Patrick Flanigan pulls the butt of the gun so tightly into his shoulder that the butt pad leaves a mark. It is one of the keys to absorbing recoil and having a quick recovery.

TAKE A STANCE Get 80 percent of your weight on your back foot in order to drive the energy from the recoil into your shoulder and straight down into the ground. "It's the same as when you hit a baseball," Flanigan says.

GET A GRIP The best grip is a strong one, right in the middle of the forend, according to Flanigan. Likewise, the pumping

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action has to be strong, with the hand moving straight back towards the shoulder. Practice this motion by dry-firing.

SLICK 'ER UP Gun oil-and lots of it-is what a speedy pump gun requires. "Before a show, I hose my gun down with oil," Flanigan says. "During the show, the oil flies everywhere. Oil is the blood of the gun-it keeps it running."

START AT THE REAR Whether you're shooting at clays or ducks, with multiple targets in the sky, start with the one in the back and work your way to the closest or leading bird. This keeps the barrel of your gun moving with a single, smooth swing.

PRACTICE WITH A MISS Flanigan drills by building a miss into his routine. If your goal is two break two targets in the air at once, thro three. (This is a good place to start.) Once you master that, move to triples. Chances are you'll soon end up breaking up the first three and whiffing at the last one.

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Bird Report:



Rich Meydag

Again as of the November meeting there have been 984 pheasants delivered to the bird pen. We have had 4 birds die for whatever reason. There have been 616 birds stocked to date, with approximately 385 birds still in the pen.

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Fishing Report:

John Stevens



There were 400 14" trout stocked along with 20 18"- 20" trout in mid October. As of the November monthly meeting over 100 of these fish have been caught. Russ Anderson, Dom Massena, Harry Csech and a few other members have caught some of the 20" fish.

The bass are getting bigger and we would like you to release them in the same manner as is required for the releasing of trout. The bass have already eaten many of the shiners as their numbers are way down.

The spring fish pool for the tagged fish will be on sale soon. John Stevens will keep you updated as to when they will go on sale.

Shooting Rang



Hunting Season Schedule

○Wednesday and Friday, 12 Noon to 1/2 hour before sunset.

○Sunday 9:00 AM to 1/2 hour before sunset.

Shooting Range chairman Ray Erickson reports that there has been some damage done to the shooting range structure. Apparently someone has been shooting the beams that support the range roof. If you see anyone misusing this facility please report it as soon as possible. Please also clean up your brass after you shoot.

Christmas Trees

are on sale to club members for \$25 each. we will not sell to the public this year.



CLUB INFO LINE



Top Duck Loads

The speed with which a determined teal can gain altitude has befuddled many a duck hunter over the years. In a similar vane, skyrocketing ammunition prices have waterfowlers shaking their heads. Get used to it. As the cost of raw materials and petroleum goes up, so will the cost of ammo that is built out of them. Take heart in the knowledge that these three shells are highly effective on birds. Shoot well, and the ducks will fall.

Federal Blackcloud

This new shell features a mixture of two types of teal shot. Forty percent of the shot has a raised edge around

the circumference; the rest is regular steel. Federal says the blended shot patterns better and that the edge makes the charge more lethal. (\$22/box of 25; federal.com)

Remington Wingmaster HD

The mix of tungsten, bronze and iron in Remington's top-of-the-line nontoxic shot is 10 percent heavier than lead and softer than early versions of the company's Hevi-Shot products. It delivers lethal energy at impressive ranges. The 3-inch, 12 gauge No. 4s are ideal for ducks. (\$42/box of 10; remington.com)

Winchester Xtended Range

Winchester's Supreme Elite lineup of non toxic shotshells offers hunters the choice of ammo loaded with B-, No. 2-

, No.4- or No. 6-size shot. For a general duck load, it is hard to argue against the 2 3/4 -inch shells stuffed with 1 1/2 oz. of No. 4s, which was our choice. (\$44/box of 10; winchester.com)
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Humor

A guy goes hunting and gets lost in the woods. Remembering the universal distress signal of 3 shots, he fires 3 shots into the air and waits. After an hour he fires 3 more shots. Another hour goes by and still no one comes to help. Preparing for the next sequence he says to himself, "I hope somebody comes this time because these are my last three arrows."

2nd Annual Rod & Gun Club Christmas Party

(For children and
grandchildren of members)
Age 0-12 years

**Sunday, December 16th
12 p.m.-5 p.m.**

Activities Include:

*Cookie decorating *

Holiday Craft

Visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus
(arriving @ 2:30 p.m.)



Lunch will be served

Please bring a wrapped, labeled gift
for your child
(Up to \$15.00)

&

a canned good for a local shelter
*Gift can be dropped off @ base-
ment door*

R.S.V.P. to Amy/John @284-8282
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Cooks Corner

Venison Stroganoff

2 lb. venison, cubed (for stewing)
1 large can mushrooms
1 can beefy mushroom soup
flour
salt and pepper
butter
cooking oil

Roll venison cubes in flour, salt and pepper; brown cubes evenly. When cubes are half done, add can of drained mushrooms; continue browning. When meat is fully cooked, add can of soup. Add little oil and butter in frying pan or slow cooker; slow cook for 2 or 3 hours until meat is tender. After browning, this recipe can be done on stove, in oven, or a slow cooker. Serve with mashed potatoes, rice or egg noodles; in slow cooker makes nice dish to take to parties or buffets. Serves 6.

Leg Roast of Venison

3 lbs Leg roast Elk or Deer
5 Slices salt pork
Onion
Apple
1 tsp Salt
1/4 tsp Pepper
1/4 tsp Allspice
2 Sprigs of rosemary
2 Bay leaves

Procedures

Cut gashes in roast about 2 inches apart and half through the thickness of roast. Place in each gash a slice of salt pork, onion and apple. Top with a few more slices of onion. Sprinkle roast with spices and herbs. Place meat on a rack in a roasting pan.

Bake in 300 °F. Oven until done, 2 to 4 hours, depending on tenderness of meat. Remove herbs before serving.
Serves 6

*Got a favorite recipe you'd like to share? Send it to
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Upcoming Events

Sporting Clay	Dec 9
Monthly Meeting	Dec 13
Christmas Party	Dec 16
Game Dinner	Jan 12

*With Our Wishes
for a Happy and Safe
Holiday Season*