



Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club 2018 Spring Newsletter



It's finally here!...



The gun club is open now with "summer" hours. The Trap and Skeet fields are all in operation and Spring league shooting has started. Now is the time to start thinking about some practice shooting before the busy summer months arrive. Summer Leagues start June 24th. Get your team together and enjoy some shooting this summer. The 2018 Member's Banquet is October 6, 2018. Mark your calendar. The Cash Raffle books are available to sell. Grab a book or two the next time you come in. If you need some mailed, just call the club and Jackie will get some sent out to you.



Crosby-Ironton High School Trap team at their April 15 Trap shoot.



... The following week things looked a little more normal, but cold.

The pictures above are of the Crosby-Ironton High School Trap Shooting Team. **Yes!** They had to shoot in the blizzard on April 15 or take a "dummy score." The blinding snow and incoming 30 miles per hour wind gusts made for some shooting challenges. Now the snow has melted, the scores are improving, and enthusiasm for shooting is increasing. The HS State Tournament starts in June. Let's all wish them well in the competition.

When the "Mud" dries up at the rifle range, shooters can come in to find out why they missed that deer last year - or try out a new gun purchase. There are lots of reasons why shooters need to take advantage of the nice weather. I hope to see you soon at the range. **Remember the "Mothers Day" Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, May 13, 2018.** -- Bill Feyo - President

Pistol Range Update: We are at the point to get the concrete base and cover installed. Funds are short and not near enough to complete both these projects. Many would like to see them done at the same time. People can shoot at the pistol range now, but it is a dirt ground with no cover at this time yet. About \$4000 is needed to get these 2 parts of the project complete.

--Pistol Range Donation Challenge: We have a member who is offering to **match donations** up to \$1000 (*and he noted he may even go higher*). Send us a tax-deductible donation earmarked for the Pistol Range. **This is good until July 31st.** All donations to be counted toward the match must be processed by that date.

Volunteer Thank You:

The Board wishes to thank all the volunteers that have given their time this past winter to keep the club operating so smoothly. Those that helped with problems that popped up here and there, and to those who





worked through the snow, shoveling, plowing, and whatever else was needed to keep access to our shooting sports. Thank you to those who helped to make our Thanksgiving and Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfasts go so smooth and successful. We even had about 4-5 member's families from Illinois come back again to help out with serving at the tables at our Thanksgiving breakfast. This was really appreciated as the Thanksgiving Breakfast is a fundraiser that is all for WRGC and we do not have another group come in to serve like the other 2 breakfasts. We need all our own members to help with that one. A special **Thank you** to all the Kitchen Staff, Ron Fox, and Ippy Drahosh for their dedicated help at **EVERY** Pancake Breakfast throughout the year. It can get pretty hectic, but they keep coming back. Say thank you to them when you see them. Be sure to encourage family, friends, and neighbors to come on out for our Breakfast. I still believe it is one of the best in the area for an awesome price.

Shooting Practice: We have had a really late Spring this year. Last year was also a long cool Spring. The late start is having an adverse effect on the club's income. With the really nice weather right now and *lack of those pesky bugs*, it is a great time to come out and get some shooting practice in.

Volunteers are badly needed at the club. As many of you know, Greg Varland retired in March. We just recently hired Steve Rentz to take over many of Greg's duties. Several Spring items did fall behind. Steve will need some time to learn some of the many duties that need to be done daily, weekly, and on a schedule at the club. If you have some skills, past experience to help train Steve, and just some time to help out at the club with odd jobs, please come out and help "whittle down" the "To Do" list. This is a great way to donate for members who have more time than money; donate "in kind" rather than with money. Contact Bill Feyo or Jackie Willprecht to see what you may be able to do and sign up to help.

Educational Programs this Summer: The Firearm Safety Range Days and Classroom Sessions are all posted on the website. Firearm Safety Range Days for the DNR On-line Classes program are set for June 16, July 21, August 18, and September 15. June 16th is already full. The others are all at least ½ full or more. We will probably teach/test about 110+ youth this summer. If you would like to become a Firearm Safety Instructor, please call Carol at 218-678-2386 or email her at safety@wealthwoodgunclub.org. It is not difficult to get your Instructor certificate. As we continue with this program, we could use more Instructors so that we have enough people available if one or two of our current instructors is unable to help out. We lost a few instructors over the last couple years due to death, moving far away, employment commitments, etc.

Carol added a **DNR Adult Firearm Safety Range day** for July 26th this summer. This is open to all adults and couples. It is designed to complement the DNR On-line Firearm Safety Adult Course as an option; it is not required by the DNR, but is highly recommended, especially for adults with little firearm experience.

Carol is also planning a couple of **Trap Shooting classes** to encourage families, women, and anyone wanting to learn the game. Afterwards, attendees will get a certificate for a free round of trap to practice what they learned. All are encouraged to join a Summer Trap Team right away so they can sharpen their skills. ***Lots of fun with family and friends.*** (4-5 people is a perfect team size – ***A great Family Summer League activity.***)

Permit to Carry: Classes are scheduled at random when enough people sign-up to hold a class. Call Ron Fox at 218-251-8167 for more information.

Other Reminders and Calendar items coming up this Summer: Always check the website for changes; additional classes and events, cancelations, changes, and any closings. We try hard to keep the website updated as soon as possible. Our website is at: www.wealthwoodgunclub.org. The webmaster is overhauling the site this summer so it will be much easier to navigate and have more information right on-line. We may even add a PayPal option so that Firearm Safety fees, memberships, and purchases can be completed right on line. Watch for more info on this later this summer.





Current Summer/Fall Calendar:

May	2	Sporting Clays League Begins
	12	8:45 Board Meeting 10:15 General Meeting - 2018 Fishing Opener
	13	Mother's Day & Fishing Opener Pancake Breakfast with Riceland Whitetails as co-benefactors for youth programs. Cash Raffle Ticket Sales Begin.
June	9	8:45 Board Meeting 10:15 General Meeting
	10	"Learning the Sport of Trap" Includes Intro to Shotgun Safety. 10 am-2pm. More information will be posted by May 20. Call the Club to register. \$15 Fee includes round of trap & box of shells. Bring shotgun.
	10-24	Spring League Shoot-offs
	11-15	Classroom Firearm Safety Program (weekday evenings 6:30 - 9:30 pm).
	16	Firearm Safety Range Day
	24	Summer Trap/Skeet Leagues Begin
July	14	8:45 Board Meeting 10:15 General Meeting
	21	Firearm Safety Range Day
	26	Adult DNR Firearm Safety Range Day (open to all adults 18 to 80)
	27	Mid-Summer Family Fun Shoot/picnic - 5 pm to Dusk (weather permitting) Details to follow.
August	11	8:45 Board Meeting 10:15 General Meeting
	13-17	Firearm Safety Classroom Program (weekday evenings 6:30 - 9:30 pm)
	18	Firearm Safety Range Day
	19-9/1	Summer League Shoot-offs (Trap & Skeet)
	31	Sporting Clays League Ends and score must be submitted no later than Sept 2.
September	4	All league scores must be submitted for year end.
	8	8:45 Board Meeting 10:15 General Meeting
	15	Firearm Safety Range Day
October	6	WRGC Annual Members Banquet - Shooter's & League Awards, Annual Cash Raffle Drawing, Members Annual meeting with Elections for 2019 Taking donations for silent auction and door prizes all year. A Rifle will be raffled off this year also.

Donate to the Gun Club as you Shop:

Amazon has a giving program where a small portion of items purchased from Amazon are donated to a Charity of your choice. Wealthwood Gun Club is one of the charities listed. If you spend money on Amazon, why not shop and donate at the same time. You do need to access Amazon through: <https://smile.amazon.com/> to get the donations. Set up your charity by picking or entering the name of the non-profit you want your sales applied to. If you do not want to donate to WRGC, then pick another. The site is exactly like the regular Amazon and the prices are all the same. The difference is the donation. Set your bookmark to access **Amazon Smile** so you enter to the correct site each time. With the few people I know doing this right now, Amazon has sent the Gun Club close to \$100 since the program started (1.5 years). **Now, we just need to pass the word. WRGC is a 501(c)3 non-profit.**

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