

Greetings fellow Negaunee Rod & Gun Club members:

The New Year is upon us and we're getting back into the swing of things at the Club. I wanted to provide you with an update on a number of important items so that you can make plans to join in the action as the year progresses. Here are a few developments that are worth noting:

OUTGOING/INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS

Ken (Goldy) Goldsworthy and Josh Cadotte both decided to not seek re-election at the Annual Membership meeting that took place last Fall. We owe them both a huge THANK YOU and debt of gratitude for their years of service to the Club. Both gentlemen have indicated they're not going anywhere and intend to lend a hand whenever possible. Adam Ladd and Randall Mutter were elected by the members to fill the vacant seats. They joined the Board at its January 2023 Board Meeting.

2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you haven't already done so, please take some time to **renew your Rod & Gun Club membership for 2023**. You can either renew your membership using the [Club's Website](#) by signing into the "MEMBERS" section or you can print off the attached form and return it to the Clubhouse with your payment. Of course, you can always stop in at the Clubhouse and Maurice will happily renew your membership and issue your new button and membership card.

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

The Board adopted a new Membership Policy as required under the Club's Bylaws. The new Membership Policy is attached to this email and it appears on the second page of the Membership Application form. It is also available on the website or you can pick up a printed copy at the Clubhouse if you'd like to have a copy for your records. Please take some time to review the Membership Policy so that you're familiar with the Club's requirements for membership.

RANGE ORIENTATION AND SAFETY BRIEFING

As you may note, the Board-approved Membership Policy requires the following:

(b) The Club shall offer, and each Member shall complete the Club's Range Orientation and Safety Briefing ("Briefing"). The Board shall, by majority vote, approve of the curriculum that is to be used for conducting the Briefing. Each Member will be issued a Range Access Card ("Card") for their use following successful completion of the Briefing.

Please check the Club's Calendar for upcoming dates and make arrangements to attend one of the Briefings if you have not completed this requirement.

BYLAWS

The Club's Bylaws were amended at the Annual Membership meeting that took place on September 26, 2022. A copy of the Club's Bylaws is attached for your review and information. You can also pick up a printed version at the Clubhouse if you're so inclined.

WILD GAME FEED

The Annual Wild Game Feed and Cook-off is scheduled for February 25, 2023 at the Club. Tickets are now available at the Clubhouse, Wilderness Sports (Ishpeming) and Stampede (Ishpeming). Promotional materials and an Entry Form are attached to this email for your information and use. Please return the Entry Form if you are intending to enter one or several dishes into the competition. **Be sure to buy your tickets soon, as the event is typically sold out!**

WINTER HOURS

Clubhouse hours for the winter season are as follows:

- Monday: 5:00 – 8:00 pm
- Tuesday: 5:00 – 8:00 pm
- Wednesday: 5:00 – 8:00 pm
- Saturday: Noon – 5:00 pm

NRA MEMBERSHIPS

Club members can use the Club's Membership Renewal form to become an Affiliate Member of the NRA. As you may note, the cost of the Affiliate Membership is \$10.00 for the year. The NRA donates \$5.00 of each Affiliate Membership to the Club to help fund and support our operations. This is a great way of supporting your Club and the work of the NRA, for those members who are so inclined.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A new and improved version of the Club's Calendar of Events is now available on the [Club's website](#). Our thanks go out to Randall Mudder for his hard work and dedication to the Club as webmaster (and Board Member). Please visit the website early and often to check the Calendar and to stay informed on upcoming events.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please update your contact information and email address if they've changed so that our membership database is up to date. We use this information to provide you with timely information and updates regarding your Club and the activities that are planned for the future. You can update your information online using the "MEMBERS" section of the website or you can simply include the new information on your Membership Renewal form when you return it to the Club.

CLUB OPEN HOUSE

The Club is preparing to hold an Open House on Sunday, April 23rd. The goal is to attract likeminded sportsmen and sportswomen to the Club so that they can be introduced to our facilities and events. We want to encourage others to join the Club and to utilize the facilities that we've developed over the years. We are particularly interested in attracting the younger generations, as they are the future of the shooting sports! Please contact Ashley Maki if you're interested in volunteering for the Open House.

RELOADING SEMINAR

Once again, the Club is holding a Reloading Seminar for anyone who might be interested. The Seminar will take place on Saturday, February 4th at 10:00 am at the Clubhouse. Come on out and join the group as the topic of reloading is discussed and debated!

.22 RIFLE SHOOTS

Board Member John Heikkila has been organizing the Club's .22 Rifle Shoots and they've taken off like one of Elon Musk's SpaceX rockets. Said another way, these fun shoots have been a big hit and have attracted all kinds of followers. Give John a call if you're interested in learning more about the next best thing since sliced bread; or, better yet, stop out and join in the fun. Dates and times for the .22 Rifle Shoots can be found on the Club's Calendar.

JUNIOR RIFLE

Board Member Robin Turner has resumed the Junior Rifle program at the Club. They meet at the Club on Wednesday evenings between the hours of 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Reach out to Robin if you're interested in becoming more involved with the Junior Rifle program or if you'd like to introduce a young person to the sport.

Here's to a fantastic New Year at the Negaunee Rod & Gun Club!

Best regards,

Brett French
Club President