



Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Newsletter

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Club Events and Activities Risk Becoming Extinct

Several of our long time club members, who have organized and run our most popular events and activities, are no longer going to be there in 2022 to make these things happen. We need your help to keep offering the below items if they are going to continue in 2022.

Here is what we need help with:

The Frigid 300 - Whatever it takes to make it happen. Contact Ken Goldsworthy (360-1514) for guidance.

NRA Recruiter Program Reporting:
Contact Len Gaboury (lengab@charter.net)

Club Newsletter: Contact Reg Lipp.

Club Membership Record Data Base:
Len Gaboury (lengab@charter.net) or Brett French (485-5822 bfre49849@gmail.com).

Wild Game Dinner: Need an Organizer and several Cooks. Contact any club officer or board member.

F/G Class Rifle Matches: Gary Stevens (249-1829 or sawyer94@aol.com) or Chris Collins (christopherspcollins@yahoo.com).

Club Gun Show: Contact Robin Turner (249-1244 rjturner@charter.net) or Josh Cadotte 250-5742.

Range Maintenance: Twice a month Spring and Summer help for 3 hours. Contact Gary Stevens or Reg Lipp.

The Firecracker 300 Pistol Match:
Contact Ken Goldsworthy or Reg Lipp.

It's simple - No volunteers equals extinction!

Will The Frigid 300 Return ?

The Frigid 300 has been the most popular shooting event by far for the club. Last year there were over 50 competitors taking to the firing line to test their metal.

As we mentioned in the *Risk Becoming Extinct*

article, we desperately need your help. The match is tentatively scheduled for Saturday



March 5th. We need help on the registration table and also on the firing line. Most importantly, we need a club member to step forward and say: "I'll Run the Event!" There are targets and awards to order now if we are going to host this shoot in March.

Thanks Volunteers!

A special thanks goes out to the following club members who helped out on this fall's Sight In days: Terry and Vince Wald, Bill Zidler, Lee Erck, Robin Turner, Maurice D'Herckens, Martin Juntunen, Josh Cadotte, Gary Stevens, Jim Nowak, Wayne Dickinson, James Kirk, and Reg Lipp. Opening up our range to the general public for their pre-season sight-in is a great community service and volunteers make it happen.

Wild Game Dinner on Hold

With this latest surge of the Covid 19 Virus the club Board of Directors has voted to delay the annual Wild Game Dinner. We are looking at possibly an April date, however, nothing has been decided as of yet.

**This
Issue's
Mystery Gun**



What is it, who made it and what caliber?

Range Closure Dates

No Range Closures during January and February

March 4 - 1:00 PM - until Closure - Frigid 300 Match Set-Up

March 5 - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Frigid 300 Pistol Match

April 16 - Suomi Shoot - 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM

April 21 - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Range Maintenance

May 14 - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Club Spring Clean-up

May 19 - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Range Maintenance

May 21 - 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM - Dave Wiik F/G Class Challenge

Weekly Reoccurring Closures Starting May 5th.

- **Mondays - 4:30 - 7:00 PM - Bullseye Pistol**
- **Tuesdays - 5:30 - 7:00 PM - High Power Rifle Practice**

NRA Membership Discounts

Did you know that if you renew or join the NRA through your club that you can get a great discount. Current NRA membership rates through the club are:

- Annual - \$35 (\$10 savings)
- 3 Year - \$85 (\$15 savings)
- 5 Year - \$125 (\$25 savings)
- Life - \$1,000 (\$500 savings)

See Maurice at the clubhouse bar to get signed up for these great savings.

The Past President's Corner

Fellow club members - This is the last newsletter that I will write. For the past 16 years I have tried to inform, entertain and sometimes even stir the pot a little in an effort to make our club better and get more of you involved. There have been many successes and yes, a few failures along the way.

As you can see by our 2022 club calendar, there is the potential for us all to have a great shooting season this coming year, but in order for it to happen you must step forward. I strongly urge you to give our new leadership your full support and for you personally to get more involved in our club. The Negaunee Rod & Gun club needs you!

Swap, Trade or Sell

Here's a chance to thin out (or restock) your gun cave and make a few bucks to boot. On Saturday, February 26 starting at 10:00 AM the Superior Riflemen will be hosting a Reloading and Shooting swap and trade. You can bring in anything shooting or reloading related that you wish to sell or trade off. Have a die set that you don't use any more or a couple of gun cases or rifle slings that are just taking up room in your closet? Need a good used scope? No telling what your fellow club members will bring in, so come out to the club February 26.

2022 Election Results

Club members overwhelming approved the two proposed club Bylaw amendments which changed the four club officer terms of office to a two year duration. There was a tie vote for the third Board of Trustee position and the current board, under the provision of Article V, Section 1 of the Bylaws, voted unanimously to seat both candidates, bringing Dave Finkbiener and Chris Black to join Tom Ryan and John Heikkla as the new seats for 2022.

Last Issue's Mystery Gun



The mystery gun in the Fall newsletter was an AMT backup, a pistol over-engineered and 20 years ahead of its time. It was one of the first ultra-compact semi-automatic handguns, released at a time when a compact firearm was a role typically taken by snub-nosed, small-frame revolvers. As the name would imply, it was marketed as a backup gun for police officers or security guards, as well as a concealable weapon for self-defense. Made from all stainless steel and featuring two safeties, it was offered also .22 LR. This particular example is a single action, 6 shot semi-auto chambered for the now popular .380 ACP, and was manufactured by Arcadia Machine & Tool in El Monte, California in the late 70's. A current retail price in 90% condition would be around \$340.

No club member hazarded a guess.

Suomi Shoot Moves to April



Tired of dealing with target-blocking snow drifts and too bitter temperatures the



match directors of the Suomi Shoot decided to slip this year's match to April 16th. The format will be the same, just a little warmer, hopefully.

All you'll need is an open sight military bolt rifle (actually, we'll let you shoot anything) along with at least 30 rounds of ammo and some warm clothing (in case April's weather is not too kind.) A \$50.00 Wilderness Sports gift certificate will be given out to one lucky shooter just for participating. A great hot lunch will be served after the shoot. Cost to shoot is only \$15.00. For further info contact Reg Lipp at 486-7418 or drop him an e-mail.

The Firecracker 300 Is Coming July 9th



Think of the Frigid 300, but shot in warm weather, or the much missed Tri Range fun shoots and you've got what is a new shoot for us, the Firecracker 300.

It will be a 30 round event fired from 10, 15 and 20 yards with reloads at both the kneeling 15 yard line and the standing 20 yard mark. You can run the course up to six times with either an auto or wheel gun. A team shoot will be there with fairly relaxed rules.

Did we mention sights? Well, yes you can use anything - Aim Point, Red Dots, Heads Up display. It doesn't matter. Also, we are toying with the idea of having a *Shorty* class, that is pistols with barrels less than 3 inches.

We will need some help in match set-up, line officers and grilling lunch. Contact Reg Lipp at upguns@aol.com to sign up to volunteer. Help out and your shoot is free!

.22 Rim-Fire F Class Has a Full Schedule in 2022

Starting on Sunday, May 15th the .22 F class monthly shoots begin. Match times are 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Additional dates are June 18 (a Saturday), July 17, August 21, and finishing up with a September 18 match.

You do not need any special gun or gear to join in. There are three classes of competitors. Those with: 1. Rifles with open sights, 2. Rifles under \$1,000 which means your rifle, scope, bipod and 3. Guns and gear which cost over \$1,000. This keeps it fair for all. It's meant to be fun!

Registration runs from 9:30 until 10:50, followed by a review of match safety rules and the course of fire. Shooters have 20 minutes to fire 5 sighter shots and then fire two 20 shot strings for record. For the 40 round match there is a possible 400 point score.

Come on out and have some fun

If you have any questions please contact John Heikkila. 906-869-7211

JANUARY 2022

Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 5:00-8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	4 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	5 6:00 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	6	7 <small>Not at Club / Info Only: United Sportsmen Gun Show - Starts 3:00 PM CST Saturday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Central</small>	8 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet Mid-UP Shooters Annual Mtg. 11:00 AM
9	10 5:00-8:00 PM Indoor Pistol 7:00 PM Rod & Gun Board Meeting	11 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	12 6:00 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	13	14	15 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet Range Safety Orientation 10:00 - 11:30 AM
16	17 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	18 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	19 6:00 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	20	21	22 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet 7:00 PM 900 Pistol Match
23	24 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	25 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	26 6:00 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	27	28	29
30	31 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol					

FEBRUARY 2022

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		1 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	2 6:00 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	3	4	5 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet
6	7 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	8 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	9 6:00 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	10	11 <small>Not at Club / Info Only: Sagola Gun Show 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM CST</small>	12 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet Range Safety Orientation 10:00 AM
13 SUPER BOWL	14 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol 7:00 PM Rod & Gun Board Meeting	15 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	16 6:00 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	17	18	19 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet
20	21 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	22 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	23 6:00 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	24	25	26 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet Reloading and Shooting Swap, Trade or Sell-10:00 AM
27	28 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol					

MARCH 2022 Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	2 6:00 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	3	4 1:00 PM Set-up for Frigid 300 Match	5 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet Frigid 300 Pistol Match
6	7 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	8 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	9 6:00 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	10	11	12 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet Range Safety Orientation 10:00 AM
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APRIL 2022 Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Range Gates Re-locked for Season, No Dues Equal No Shoot	2 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet
3	4 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	5 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	6 6:00 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle Family Pizza Party	7	8	9 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet Range Safety Orientation 10:00 AM
10	11 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol 7:00 PM Rod & Gun Board Meeting	12 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	13 6:00 PM Sporting Clays Organizational Mtg.	14	15	16 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet SUOMI SHOOT 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
17 EASTER	18 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	19 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	20 Range Safety Orientation 10:00 AM	21 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Range Closed for Monthly Maintenance	22	23 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet 10:00 AM HP Rifle Target Workshop 1:00 PM - Superior Riflemen Annual Meeting
24	25 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	26 5:00 - 8:00 PM Last Indoor Open .22 Rifle	27	28	29	30

Club Brass Sale

This year's club brass sale will be delayed until this Spring to give us more time to add last Fall's Sight-In days *donations*. The sale will begin on May 12. All brass is once-fired polished cases, which are carefully sorted by headstamp and then bagged. All proceeds go to the range fund. No early sales.

Negaunee Rod and Gun Club Membership - New or Renewal

New Members only: Payments after September 30 cover membership for the current year and the following calendar year.

Check membership that you qualify for:

- Annual \$65.00 (if you are a current NRA member).
- Annual \$75.00 (includes an Associate NRA membership.)
- Senior \$50.00 (if you are a current NRA member)
- Senior \$60.00 (includes an Associate NRA membership.)

Note: To qualify for Senior dues you must be 62 or older and have been a paid member for the past 5 years.

NRA Membership Information:

- Annual NRA # _____
- Life NRA # _____
- No, not currently an NRA member.

Name (with Middle Initial)

DOB

Mailing Address

City, State and ZIP

- Home Cell Email (optional)

Dues Payment Options:

- Check or M.O. (payable to Negaunee R & G Club)
- Cash - Paid in person at the clubhouse
- Credit Card VISA MasterCard

Credit Card Number

3 Digit Code

Exp Date

**Mail to: Negaunee Rod & Gun Club
335 North Road, Negaunee, MI 49866**

Tiovo's Sports Tips

We have gone back over the past 15 years to bring you some of his best tips.

Turn Your Hat Backwards: Deer will walk right in front of you, thinking that there're sneaking behind, if you wear your orange buck bonnet backwards. Warning: Not recommended while bear hunting or stalking a Yeti.

Boot Lace Sizes: When you get a new pair of swampers pull out the laces, measure their length and then with a water-proof pen write the lace size inside the boot tongue. Jot the number in both boots case you loose one.

No Sweat Stump Removal: Generously sprinkle rock salt all over that stump you want gone and deer will spend the summer licking and gnawing the wood down to nothing.

Swamp Bunnies : On cloudy days cotton tails will generally circle clockwise in the swamp. If the sun is up and they can see their shadow then they'll bear to the left and run counter clockwise. Plan accordingly, and you'll intercept them on their run.

Ice Fishing Lure Action : Avoid over jiggling and jerking your lure or bait when ice fishing. When the water is really cold Perch and Pike move slower, so if your line is moving two feet up and down non-stop, forget catching any fish. Trolling with your snow-mobile is also not too productive.

No Pain Splinter Removal : Before trying to remove that splinter in your thumb dab a little Anbesol® or other brand tooth ache gel on the sore area. Wait a minute and the previously ouch-to-the-touch area will be numb and you'll easily pull out that pesky splinter without a tear. 8 ounces of Jim Beam also works equally as well.

Freshening Up Your Camp or Trailer: Want to get rid of those musty odors or other strange smells from your once closed up camp or trailer? Well, pick up a bag of cheap charcoal; place several large handfuls of the black stuff into a large empty coffee can that you have ventilated along the sides and top. Within several days the charcoal will have absorbed all of the unwanted aromas.



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Board of Directors:

Josh Cadotte	250-5742
John Heikkila	459-9351
Ken Goldsworthy	360-1514
Eunice Gronseth	475-6682
Mark Knoebel	250-1076
Bob Napel	362-6126
Tom Ryan	486-4395
Gary Stevens	249-1829
Robin Turner	869-2406
David Finkbeiner	250-3314

You may email contact any club officer through negauneerodandgun@gmail.com. Your email will be forwarded to the individual's personal email account.

Clubhouse Winter Hours

Monday - Wednesday ..5:00 - 8:30 PM
Thursday & Friday Closed
Saturday Noon - 5:00 PM
SundayClosed



Clubhouse Phone: 475-4957

**Upcoming Dates for the
 Range Safety Orientation Class**

Saturday - January 15 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Saturday - February 12 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Saturday - March 12 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Saturday - April 9 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Wednesday - April 20 - 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Saturday - May 7 - 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Wednesday - May 25 - 6:00 - 7:30 PM