



Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Newsletter

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A New Truck and a Plow to Boot!

Once again, the Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) has come through, donating to our club a used 2006 Ford F-250 pick-up truck along with a virtually new Boss Snow plow. Ken Goldsworthy has already put our new vehicle to the test, plowing out the club-house road and grounds and he says that she runs great. A very special thanks goes out to Bob Anderson and the rest of the folks at our local UPPCO office for their generous donation. Thank you very much!

Wild Game Ticket Sales

Club members in good standing (i.e. those who have paid their 2018 dues), may purchase their tickets for the club's February 24, 2018 Wild Game Dinner starting on Monday, January 15 at the club house. Cost of the tickets this year is \$20.00. There are no early sales nor any reservations for tickets. Once again there will be a great multi-course meal, two guns raffled off that night along with a super 50/50 drawing and plenty of door prizes. Tickets will be offered to the general public the following week on January 22, 2018. Seating is limited to only 120 persons and the last eight years have been full sell-outs so do not delay in getting your ticket.

Range Closure Dates

December 2017 - No closed times all month

2018

March 2 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM - Set-up for the Frigid 300 Pistol Match

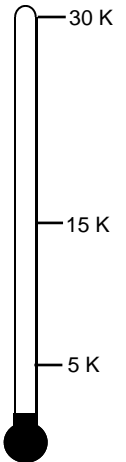
March 3 - 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Frigid 300

March 10 - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Suomi Shoot

April 1-30 - No closed times all month

Barn Bucks Update

Some special contributions have been coming in to help with our club's Pole Barn construction loan, but not nearly at the level that we need to pay off our loan early. So far, our top contributors are George Hallam, Arnold Mueller, the Vern Crawford estate and Reg Lipp who all gave at least \$100.00 to the Barn Bucks collection drive. Your club needs your support, so please consider donating today!



2018 Election Results

Congratulations go out to Tom Ryan of Ishpeming for winning the free 2018 club membership by voting in the 2018 Club elections. A lighter than usual voter turn-out in this year's balloting saw Robert Napel, Mark Knoebel and Robin Turner each winning 3 year term positions on the club's Board of Directors. Also Josh Cadotte was elected to the Board to fill out the remaining two year term of a recent vacancy created by a Board member's resignation. Thanks to all who took time out to cast their ballots!

Sight In Thanks

Eight hours of range time in 25 degree weather and you're not even shooting. That's dedication. Volunteering for the club's annual Sight In Days can be challenging, boring, awe inspiring and sometimes, even rewarding. We all owe a special thanks to our fellow club members who stepped forward to help run our Sight In Days. Hats off to Robert Napel, Fran Korhonen, Ken Goldsworthy, Gary Stevens, Craig Benz, Mark Knoebel, Robin Turner and Reg Lipp for giving up their time to help their fellow sportsmen. Together they raised over \$300 for the club's Range Fund. Thanks!

Yoooper Inventions

Here's a few Yoooper inventions that for some reason never got off the ground:

Camouflage *Depends*® The idea was to extend Grandpa Emo's archery hunting experience. The Kimberly-Cark company, maker of the *Depends*® line, just couldn't see a real market.

Powdered *Bud Light*® Mix: There would be no need to lug that heavy 24 can case to camp. The quart size jar of brew mix would just need water, hops, rice, and barley added to give one an almost unlimited supply of golden refreshment.

Electric Snow Shovel: A battery operated electric snow shovel with heating coils on the blade edge of the shovel. The idea of this contraption was that hot shovel's edge would quickly depose of the white stuff. The down side was that the large 12 volt truck battery needed to power this winter tool meant that the shovel's weight topped twenty-three pounds.

Wood-Fired Snow Mobile: Burning wood worked great for train engines all those years, so why not power your snowmobile with it? Never mind the EPA. However, testing showed that vision gets a little rough for those following in tandem as they drive through all that billowing gray smoke.

Self-Draining Hip Waders: There is nothing more frustrating while stream fishing than stepping into a deep hole and having your hip waders fill-up with water. A trout fisherman from Kenton thought he had found the solution to the problem. He affixed a flip-up drain plug (like those found on a camping ice chest) on each boot heel. Just walk to shore, flip open the plug, and out pours the water. Worked great until one's foot got snagged on a submerged limb or rock edge, opening the plug, and now you were wearing automatic, self-filling hip waders.



Offers must be received NLT January 9, 2018

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**

Club Rifle Sale

The Junior Rifle program has two rifles that are surplus to their needs and are giving club members a chance to purchase them. One rifle is a Romanian M 69 .22 LR training rifle with an asking price of \$160. The other is a Remington Matchmaster 513-T .22 LR target rifle which will be sold by sealed bids, with a minimum starting bid of \$185. See Jon at the clubhouse to place your offer.

President's Corner

Your fellow club members keep blasting away with their questions and complaints. Here again, here are some of their latest uttering.

Q. What happens to the empty brass that I put into the cans at the range?

A: All empty cartridge cases placed in the range cans get re-cycled. If the cases are steel, .22 rim-fire, or aluminum they are sold as scrap. Re-loadable brass cases are sorted by caliber and head-stamp, polished, bagged and offered for sale, first to club members, and then to local gun show patrons. All profits from brass sales are deposited in the range fund.

Q. I noticed that the outside lights on the new pole barn are always on at night. Isn't this a waste of money?

A: The current Marquette County building codes require that all exterior doors on commercial buildings have a light above the doors that remains illuminated at night. The exterior lights on our new building are LED's, which use about 5 watts each, so the cost to operate them is quite minimal.

Q: I am a new club member and over 62. When will I qualify for the Senior dues rate?

A: To be eligible for the reduced club Senior dues rate one needs to have been a club member for 5 consecutive years and be over the age of 62. You will be eligible for this reduced rate in four years.

Q Why did the club stop selling cigarettes?

A: Marquette County substantially raised the Cigarette retail tax license to over \$500 annually which exceeded the small profit margin that we received from cigarette sales. It just did not make economic sense to continue tobacco sales.

Q. There were not too many free week-ends for personal shooting this past summer because of scheduled matches. Will we be faced with this same situation next summer?

A: No. In the upcoming club's 2018 summer schedule there are 13 week-ends, of which seven will be open both Saturday and Sunday for open shooting. 12 of the 13 Sundays next summer will be open all day for general shooting. Just make sure you check your newsletter calendar before coming out to the range.



"Yah, sure. You betcha. Go ahead and get the big net."

This Issue's Mystery Gun



What is it, what caliber, and who made it?

NRA Membership Discounts

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

Annual - \$30 (\$10 savings)
3 Year - \$85 (\$15 savings)
5 Year - \$100 (\$40 savings)
Life - \$1,000 (\$500 savings)

See Jon at the clubhouse or contact Reg Lipp to get signed up for these great savings.

Club Brass Sale

Starting at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 the club's Range Brass will be offered for sale at the clubhouse. This year's calibers include: 243 Win, .44 Magnum, .38 Special, .357 Magnum, 9mm Luger, 40 S&W, .45 ACP, 7.7 Jap (Norma), 300 Win Mag, 380 Auto, 7.5 Swiss, 30/06 Springfield, 270 Win, 308 Win, 30/30 Win, 7mm Remington Magnum, Remington UML, .223 Rem Commercial, and 5.56mm NATO LC. All cases are sorted by head-stamp, cleaned and polished, and then bagged in quantities of 50, 100, 200 and 250 cases. Proceeds from the sale go directly to the club's Range Fund. No early sales. Some calibers are in limited supply so do not delay.

9 Years of Reloading Seminars

Yes, it is hard to believe, but we are starting our 9th year of Reloading Seminars. Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM kicks off the start of the Reloading Seminar's new season with topics like: *New Powders You haven't Tried*; *Another Look at Seating Depths*; and *Solving the Parallax Problem*. Free to club members and open to the general public, these lively and informative sessions cover a variety of handloading and shooting topics which are guaranteed to help cure your cabin fever. There will be a hot lunch served and a couple of door prizes to hand out. You don't have to reload to enjoy the meeting, so come on out. See you all in January.

Membership Chairperson Needed

We are looking for a dedicated club member to take on the position as our Membership Chairperson. Duties would include keeping the club's membership rolls updated; sending out membership credentials to our honorary and age-80 plus members; coordinating needs with our two local police departments; and billing delinquent members. Currently, the club's membership records are kept on Microsoft's *Excel* program and mailing labels are produced through Microsoft's *Word*, both of which are on the club's main and lap top computers. The job takes about 8 hours a month. Contact Reg Lipp at 906-486-7418 or email him at upguns@aol.com for more information.

Free Reloading Class

Have you ever wanted to try reloading your own ammunition, but didn't know where to start? Well, here's your chance to learn this fascinating and money-saving hobby from the experts. Your club has all the equipment that you'll need and friendly instructors to walk you successfully through the steps to make your own inexpensive and accurate ammunition. The first class is Saturday, February 17, 2018 and if you call ahead to sign up we will have a free Reloading Manual for you when you show up. Again, there is no charge to take the class. Call Reg Lipp at 906-486-7418 or email him at upguns@aol.com to register.



The Best Event of the Year!

Circle March 3 on your calendar to come out and join 40 plus fellow handgunners to shoot the **Frigid 300** outdoor pistol match. This is more an event, than a shooting competition, where friends meet, swap jabs and try for the 300-30X holy grail score. Best yet, its a great cure for the winter blahs. Yes, it probably will be cold, but the competition will be hot. The format is center-fire handgun, either Auto or Revolver and the course of fire is 30 rounds fired from 10, 15, then 20 yards shooting at the B-27 R Silhouette target.

Registration begins in the clubhouse starting at 8:30 AM and reshoots and multi-gun entries are welcomed. Besides a handgun and gloves you'll need a couple of extra magazines and/or speed-loaders. Bring lots of ammo. It's addictive! Awards are given out via the Lewis Class system so there will be lots of medals to hand out. Also don't worry about lunch as March 3 is Pasty Sale day.



Lance, You're toast!

DECEMBER 2017 Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Club House Winter Hours Begin	2 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet 6:00 PM Club Christmas Party
3	4 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	5 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	6 First Meeting of Junior Rifle 6:30 - 8:00 PM	7	8	9 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet
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 6:30 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	14	15	16 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet
17	18 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	19 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	20 ←—————	21 First Day of Winter CLUBHOUSE	22	23 —————→
24	25 ←—————	26 CLUBHOUSE	27 —————→	28	29	30 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet
31 New Year's Eve	CHRISTMAS					

JANUARY 2018 Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	3 6:30 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	4	5	6 Start Winter League Trap & Skeet Mid-UP Shooters Annual Mtg. 11:00 AM
7	8 5:00-8:00 PM Indoor Pistol No Board Meeting This Month	9 Start of Club Brass Sale 5:00 PM 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	10 6:30 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	11	12 <small>Not at Club / Info Only: United Sportsmen Gun Show - Starts 3:00 PM CST Saturday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Central</small>	13 Winter League Trap & Skeet Pasty Sale
14	15 Wild Game Dinner Tickets go on sale to members 5:00-8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	16 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	17 6:30 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	18	19	20 Winter League Trap & Skeet 10:00 AM - Reloading Seminar
21	22 Wild Game Dinner Tickets go on sale to the public 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	23 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	24 6:30 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	25	26	27 Winter League Trap & Skeet 7:00 PM 900 Pistol Match
28 10:00 AM 900 Pistol Match	29 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	30 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	31 6:30 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle			

FEBRUARY 2018							Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2	3						Winter League Trap & Skeet Pasty Sale CPL Class
4	5 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	6 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	7 6:30 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	8	9 Not at Club / Info Only: Sagola Gun Show 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM CST	10 Winter League Trap & Skeet Not at Club / Info Only: Sagola Gun Show							
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25	26 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	27 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	28 6:30 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle										

MARCH 2018							Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 1:00 - 3:00 PM Set-up for Frigid 300 Match	3 Winter League Trap & Skeet Pasty Sale Frigid 300 Pistol Match						
4	5 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	6 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	7 6:30 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	8	9	10 Winter League Trap & Skeet SUOMI SHOOT 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM							
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18 10:00 AM 900 Pistol Match	19 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	20 First Day of Spring 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	21 6:30 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	22	23	24 M1 Garand Maintenance Clinic 10:00 AM Winter League Ends							
25	26 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	27 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	28 6:30 - 8:00 PM Junior Rifle	29	30	31							

It Was a Wolverine



The pistol featured in the last newsletter was a Whitney Wolverine .22 LR, ten shot, semi-automatic pistol manufactured from

1956 to 1958. This Star Wars looking firearm was the first American production firearm to have an aluminum cast frame which gave it a weight of only 23 ounces. It came in both a nickel plate or an anodized blue finish. The original retail price was \$39.95 and the current value of this pistol in excellent condition is \$495 for the blue finish and a whopping \$895 for the nickel version. Congratulations to Dave Wiik who correctly ID'ed it.

M1 Garand Maintenance Clinic

Want to get your M1 Garand checked out by experts? Having problems with your Garand's rear sight slipping? Do you know how to lube that old battle rifle? Want to learn when your M1 was born? All of this and more is yours on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM when the Superior Riflemen will be hosting a free M1 Garand Maintenance Clinic.

The clinic will start with a CMP Power Point presentation showing you the correct M1 disassembly procedures. Then CMP certified Garand Master Instructors Gary Stevens and Reg Lipp will be on hand to take your personal M1 through a complete inspection. If it turns out that you need a part to get your Garand in top shape there will be a full inventory of genuine G.I. parts on hand at reasonable prices to fix most common Garand problems.

Even if you do not own an M1 yet, but are considering purchasing one, this a great opportunity to learn what to look for before you buy. For further information contact Gary Stevens 906-249-1829 <sawyer 94@aol.com>.



Tiovo's Sports Tips

Bounce the Bottom: An excellent way to add a few more jumbo perch to the bucket is to allow the jig to bounce off the bottom of the lake. Perch feed predominantly within a few inches of the bottom. By allowing the jig to bounce off the bottom, the small cloud of bottom debris and sound created by this action will attract fish from a distance.

Whistle While You Work: One rabbit hunting trick is to sound off with a loud, shrill whistle whenever you are getting ready to jump a rabbit. Some rabbits would totally ignore the sound, but probably half of them would freeze in their tracks the moment they heard the whistle.

Get That Woodsy Smell: Save some of your fall rakings, especially oak leaves, and put them in a black plastic trash bag along with your deer hunting clothes. Seal with a twist tie and store your hunting duds away from garage gasoline odors and laundry room fragrances. Come next buck season you will smell just like da woods.

White Glove Treatment: On your next trip to the big box store pick up a pair of cheap white cotton work gloves. Just before you finish cleaning your deer rifle at the end of season don your new gloves and with a lightly oiled rag give your gun a final wipe down. Still gloved, put your rifle in it's case, leaving the zipper slightly open. No rusty finger prints!

Flag That Four-Wheeler: Ever notice that venders' vehicles that frequent the mines always have a orange florescent safety flag on a fiberglass pole attached to their trucks? Why, because that whipping safety banner gets their trucks noticed. You should want the same whenever you drive your four-wheeler on the back roads during hunting season. Visit your local bike shop or go on-line to pick up one of these safety rigs.

CPL Class Update

Our next scheduled Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL) class will be held on February 3, 2018. All live firing will be done indoors in the club's range. Loaner handguns and ammo are available. Call the club during normal hours to sign up.



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Clubhouse Hours

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



Clubhouse Phone: 475-4957

Classified Ads

Ads are free to club members. Email your ad to upguns@aol.com.

Free Stuff

Full collection of the Wolf Publishing Co.'s *Handloader* magazines from late 70' s thru 2016. They are in boxes ready for pick-up. Call Walt 906-226-2864.

Wanted to Buy:

Military Items and bayonets, U.S. from any time period and foreign from WWI and WWII. Call Jim at 226-2146.

Reasonably priced AR-15. Call Randy 906-458-9641.

Upcoming Gun Shows

Shopko Hall, 1901 Oneida Street, Green Bay, WI
 December 29 & 30
 Friday 3-8
 Saturday 9-5
 POC: 608-752-6677

United Sportsmen Club

Friday 3-7 January 12, 2018
 Saturday 9-3 January 13
 POC: John 906-774-3867

Sagola Township Sportsmen's Club

Friday 3-7 February 9, 2018
 Saturday 9-3 February 10
 POC: Paul 906-542-3416