

# NEGAUNEE ROD & GUN CLUB

## 2024 FALL UPDATE

### 2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTION

The Club's Annual Membership Meeting and Election are upon us. Please note, the Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Official Ballot is included as part of this mailing. Please take some time to fill out your ballot and return it to the Clubhouse on (or before) Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. You must be a member in good standing to cast your ballot in the election. The results of the Annual Election will be tallied and announced at the Annual Membership Meeting. Any member that attends the Annual Membership Meeting will receive one free drink from the bar and snacks will be served.

The terms of office for your current slate of OFFICERS and TRUSTEES are as follows:

NAME	POSITION	TERM BEGINS	TERM	TERM ENDS
Ashley Maki	Vice President	Jan-23	2 years	Dec-24
Bill Grill	Treasurer	Jan-23	2 years	Dec-24
Dave Finkbeiner	Trustee	Jan-22	3 years	Dec-24
John Heikkala	Trustee	Jan-22	3 years	Dec-24
Tom Ryan	Trustee	Jan-22	3 years	Dec-24
Brett French	President	Jan-24	2 years	Dec-25
Len Gaboury	Secretary	Jan-24	2 years	Dec-25
Adam Ladd	Trustee	Jan-23	3 years	Dec-25
Eunice Gronseth	Trustee	Jan-23	3 years	Dec-25
Randall Mutter	Trustee	Jan-23	3 years	Dec-25
Bob Napel	Trustee	Jan-24	3 years	Dec-26
Kris Black	Trustee	Jan-24	3 years	Dec-26
Ryan Pizziola	Trustee	Jan-24	3 years	Dec-26
Robin Turner	Trustee	Jan-24	3 years	Dec-26

### HUNTER'S EDUCATION

In August, a Hunters Education class was held at the NRCG that hosted 37 youth and adults that are now prepared to begin their hunting careers in a safe, responsible, and ethical manner. Considering the future of our Club and our shooting and hunting heritage lies with our youth, this is great news! We plan to hold more Hunters Education events during the coming years. Our gratitude and thanks go out to all of the instructors, volunteers and the MDNR staff that helped make this year's Hunter's Education class a tremendous success! If you haven't seen some pics from this year's Hunters Education class, please check out the Club's Facebook page or website.

## **YOUTH DAY CELEBRATED AT THE NRG**

The NRG and UP Whitetails are scheduled to hold "Youth Day" on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. Our Club has a longstanding tradition of co-hosting this event with UP Whitetails and our local school districts. The event is a huge draw and we're always looking for volunteers who can assist with the event – especially on the .22 rifle range or the shotgun range. Additional details are available on the Club's Facebook page and its website. Please email the Club at [negauneerodandgun@gmail.com](mailto:negauneerodandgun@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering for Youth Day in the future.

## **SHOOTING ACTIVITY IS UP AT THE NRG**

Shooting activity has increased at the NRG this past year. The Club recently hosted more than 150 shotgunners for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Yooper Side-by-Side Classic. This 3-Day event brought shotgun shooters and side-by-side aficionados from as far as Oregon, Montana, Texas, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and throughout the Midwestern states. Many participants have conveyed the sentiment that the Classic is the best event of its kind that they've ever attended, bar none! Many thanks to the Event Committee and all of the volunteers that helped to make this event a huge success!

The Annual Summer Registered Skeet Shoot was recently held at the Club as well. The event was well attended and gave our Clubhouse revenues a nice boost.

The Superior Riflemen have also hosted numerous events during the 2024 shooting season. You can check out all of the high-power / centerfire action on the Club's Facebook page and website or visit the Club's calendar for a schedule of future events.

Pistol shooting activity has also been on the rise at the Club. Randy Mutter and the Pistol Committee have been hard at work re-establishing our Pistol Ranges and they've recently added some Steel Plate matches to the line-up of shooting opportunities. The first event will be held on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> so make plans to attend and add the event to your calendar. The Club also held the Firecracker 300 in July during Negaunee's Pioneer Days. If you haven't been out to the range to see what they've accomplished this past year, you don't know what you're missing!

American Rimfire Association (ARA) .22 rimfire participation continues to grow rapidly under John Heikkila and the Rimfire Team's leadership. You can shoot "Factory Class," "Unlimited Class," or both, and you'll be amazed at the camaraderie and enjoyment you'll experience. ARA has something for everyone, regardless of age, ability, or the type of shooting you've enjoyed throughout the years (rifle, pistol or shotgun). ARA matches are a frequent and regular occurrence at the NRG. Check out the Club's calendar at <https://negauneerodandgun.com/> or contact Board Trustee John Heikkila to learn more about the ARA matches and to make plans to get in on the action! The ARA shooting action will continue throughout the fall and winter.

Whether you're interested in shooting pistol, rifle, or the shotgun sports, you'll find many likeminded Club members out enjoying the day at the range. If you haven't been out to the Club in a while, now is the time to shake that bad habit and stop out to see what you've been missing. Check the Club's website at <https://negauneerodandgun.com/> for more information on future events.

## **GUN & KNIFE SHOW**

The NRGC will be holding its next Gun & Knife Show at the Negaunee Township Hall on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Many thanks to Board Trustee Robin Turner for spearheading the effort to make the arrangements to hold the event; particularly in light of new legislation that was passed in 2023 by our elected officials.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

If you haven't paid your 2024 Membership Dues, please do so now. Renewal is easy and can be accomplished by using the form that is included with this mailing or by using the online feature that is available at <https://negauneerodandgun.com/>. Your annual membership dues are our lifeblood and help support the Club's many activities throughout the year! And remember, your 2024 Membership expires at the end of the year (December 31<sup>st</sup>) so be sure to renew your 2025 membership early to support your Club and retain your shooting privileges.

## **RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

If you haven't been out to the Club in a while, you'll be pleasantly surprised by the numerous range improvements that have been made. Many thanks go out to everyone who has lent a hand this summer to improve upon our shooting grounds and facilities. Stay tuned for more exciting news regarding future improvements being planned for our Clubhouse and our range facilities.

## **JUNIOR RIFLE**

Junior Rifle will be starting up again soon with the return of winter. We are looking for someone who Robin Turner can mentor into the role of Lead Organizer and Coach. The Junior Rifle program is key to our long-term success so please give this opportunity some thoughtful consideration. Please send an email to [negauneerodandgun@gmail.com](mailto:negauneerodandgun@gmail.com) if you're interested in learning more about the Junior Rifle program or would like to contribute to its long-term viability and success.

## **HONORABLE MENTIONS**

David Roukolainen shot a perfect 100 Straight during the Wisconsin State Skeet Champion of Champions event in August. This perfect score is the first, and only, 100 Straight that has ever been recorded during the history of the Champion of Champions event. Congratulations, David, for your incredible performance and for representing the NRGC in such fine fashion!

Several NRGC shooters attended the ARA's Area 4 Regionals in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin in July of this year. The ARA's Regional events attract the nation's top rimfire talent and John Heikkila shot some incredible scores to beat out many of the nation's best gunners. Congratulations, John, for your continued success on the ARA circuit! John and Ryan Pizziola will be taking their rimfire adventures on the road to attend Nationals in Wright City, Missouri in August. Best of luck, you two!!



## NEGAUNEE ROD & GUN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Your Negaunee Rod & Gun Club membership can be renewed utilizing the secure online feature that is available on the club's website ([www.negauneerodandgun.com](http://www.negauneerodandgun.com)) or by using this renewal application form.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

The Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Board of Directors has adopted the Club's Membership Policy in accordance with the Club's Bylaws. All members are required to review and abide by the Membership Policy. Printed copies of the policy are available at the Club, and it is also posted on the Club's website for your convenience.

### SIGNATURE REQUIRED:

*I hereby agree to abide by the provisions of the Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Membership Policy, as approved by the Club's Board of Directors.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

NRA Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ NRA Membership Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHECK ONE

\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Membership @ \$75

\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Membership @ \$65 after a \$10 discount is applied for NRA Members

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior Membership @ \$60

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior Membership @ \$50 after a \$10 discount is applied for NRA Members

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Membership @ \$10

Note: To qualify for Senior Membership status, you must be 62 years of age or older as of January 1<sup>st</sup> and have been a paid member in good standing for the previous 5 years.

To qualify for Junior Membership status, you must be under the age of 18 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Remit with payment to Negaunee Rod & Gun Club, 335 North Road, Negaunee MI 49855**

# NEGAUNEE ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.

## MEMBERSHIP POLICY

### **PURPOSE:**

The Negaunee Rod & Gun Club, Inc., ("Club") has determined that the safety and welfare of its members are of considerable importance to the Club and its future. As such, the Club's Board of Directors ("Board") adopted this Membership Policy ("Policy") on December 12, 2022. This Policy may be amended from time to time, as necessary, by majority vote of the Board.

### **SCOPE:**

For the purposes of this Policy, the term Club Member ("Member") shall mean that individual that is specifically named on the Club's membership application and roster. Spouses and children under the age of 18 (or up to the age of 21 if enrolled as a full time student) may be included under the Member's membership according to the provisions of this Policy.

### **RULES AND REQUIREMENTS:**

The following rules and requirements shall apply to all Members:

- (a) The Member's dues shall be paid in full and the requisites for membership, as prescribed by the Club's Bylaws, shall be met. New Members are eligible to receive prorated dues during their first year of Membership. All other Members shall be required to pay the rate that has been established under Article II Membership, Section 4: Membership Dues of the Club's Bylaws.
- (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.
- (c) The Member shall be required to sign the Club's *Standard Waiver and Release* ("Waiver"). The signed Waiver will be retained on file.
- (d) The Member shall abide by all posted Range Safety Rules at all times.
- (e) The Member shall comply with any and all Range Safety Officer ("RSO") directives at all times.
- (f) The Member may allow their Card to be used by a family member provided that said family member has: (1) attained the age of 18 years of age; (2) completed the Briefing; and, (3) signed the Waiver.
- (g) Except as provided for under item (f) above, the Member may permit a family member or guest to utilize the Club's ranges and facilities IF the Member is present at all times AND said family member or guest abides by items (d) and (e) above. Members shall be responsible for the conduct of all family members or guests that utilize the Club's ranges and facilities at all times and without limitation.

Any Member that fails to abide by this Policy may have their privileges suspended, or their membership revoked, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion, as provided for under Article II Membership, Section 5: Termination of Membership of the Club's Bylaws.

# NEGAUNEE ROD & GUN CLUB

## OFFICIAL BALLOT – 2024 ELECTION

(You must be a member in good standing to cast your ballot)

### TRUSTEES (Vote for no more than 2)

John Heikkila (incumbent)

Greg Erkkila

Tim Swanson

Joe Anderson

Mike Ansell

Dina Johnson

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

### VICE PRESIDENT (Vote for 1)

Ashley Maki

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

### TREASURER

Bill Grill

Write In: \_\_\_\_\_

To validate this ballot, and to insure there are no duplicate ballots, you must include your Club Membership Number on your ballot. Failure to do so will cause your ballot to be rejected. This portion of the ballot will be removed before tabulating the results of the election and your number will be entered into the 2023 Membership Drawing.

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My NRGCC Membership  
Number is \_\_\_\_\_