

Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Newsletter

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A Great New .22 Event

With the popularity of long distance Class F & G shooting across the country, high power trainers have become quite popular. Savage, Mossberg, Ruger, Tikka, Bergara, and CZ are just a few that are building long range 22 LR trainers, not to mention the ever popular Ruger 10/22.

Along with this popularity, several types of competitions have sprouted up in the 22 LR world. One of them is F Class Rimfire which is an event that is shot from 100 yards at a scaled target with a 1/2" X ring, a 1" 10 ring, but with a generous 2 ¼" 9 ring and so on.

We are going to hold an F Class Rimfire trial shoot on July 11, \$10 per person which covers targets, lunch, awards, the money pipe and a donation to the rifle group. There will be three classes: 1) Rifles with open sights, 2) Rifles under \$1,000 which includes your rifle, scope, and bipod, and 3) Guns and gear which cost over \$1,000. This keeps it fair for all since its meant to be fun!

Registration starts at 9:30 until 10:50 AM, then a review of safety rules, with the shoot starting around 11:00 AM. The course of fire is two strings where you will have 20 minutes to fire 5 practice rounds and then 20 shots for record for each string, making for a 40 round match with a possible 400 point score.

We would like to make this a monthly event if we have a good turnout for this trial match, so grab your .22, a single box of .22 LR ammo and come on out and have some fun. If you have any questions please contact John Heikkila at 906-869-7211 or email him at heikki65@gmail.com.



The Coyote Shoot Returns

Saturday, August 28 marks the return of the great Paper Coyote Challenge. Firing at 300 yards, you may shoot either prone or sitting, with any rifle with any sights. A bi-pod is okay, but leave the shooting jacket, portable bench rest, etc. at home. You will need only 20 rounds to run the course. The target is a life size NRA Coyote target with two orange bonus circles.

The entry fee is just \$20.00 and best yet, women and kids 16 and under shoot for free. We will provide the target pullers, so all you will have to do is shoot. Re-fires will be just \$10 bucks. We will have lots of prizes and even some nice trophies, so almost everyone should go home with a goodie or two. Once again, there will be the popular Steel Gong event on the side which will allow you to earn additional prize ticket chances.

Remember, kids and ladies shoot for free, so grab the wife, the kids and even the grandchildren and come out for a great time and a chance to win some really nice prizes. We will be grilling hot dogs range side, along with pop and chips for a mere 5 bucks and kids in free!

For further information or to volunteer to help with this fun shoot contact Reg at 486-7418.

Road Closure Blocks Club Access

On Saturday August 14 the North Road will be blocked off for the Ore to Shore bike race until about noon which means that you will not have access to the Negaunee Rod & Gun Club on that morning.

Range Closure Dates

Weekly Reoccurring Closures

- Mondays 4:30 6:30 PM Bullseye Pistol
- Tuesdays 5:30 7:00 PM High Power Rifle Practice
- June 26 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM NRA High Power Rifle Match
- June 27 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM CMP Excellence in Competition Rifle Match
- July 11 9:00 AM 2:00 PM .22 LR 100 yard F Class Shoot
- July 15 5:00 9:00 PM Hunter Safety Range Day
- July 22 10:00 AM 1:00 PM Range Maintenance
- Aug 12 5:00 9:00 PM Hunter Safety Range Day
- Aug 20 All Day Side by Side Shotgun Shoot
- Aug 21 All Day Side by Side Shotgun Shoot
- Aug 26 10:00 AM 1:00 PM Range Maintenance
- Aug 28 9:00 Am 3:00 PM Coyote Challenge Rifle Shoot
- Sep 11 All Day Youth Day
- Sep 16 10:00 AM 1:00 PM Range Maintenance
- Sep 18 9:00 AM 2:30 PM F/G Class Rifle Match

President's Corner

Your fellow club members keep firing away with their questions and complaints. Here are some of their latest:

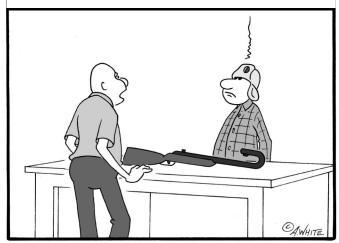
- Q. I have driven out to the club several times to pay my dues only to find that the clubhouse was closed. What gives?
- A: We share your frustration that this Covid 19 has really turned things upside down. We have lost our bar tender and for now have had to rely on volunteers to keep the clubhouse open for just limited hours. We are actively trying to find a new employee, however, right now it is going to be difficult to find a suitable candidate that would be willing to work for the hours and wages that we can offer. In the meanwhile we are trying to expand our volunteer crew.
- Q. Why did the club cancel the Pig Iron pistol match? I was really looking forward to that shoot.
- A: In a nutshell, no club member was willing to organize and take charge of the event. There are lots of *moving parts* to make a shoot like that happen: organizing the course set-up; getting volunteers to handle the registrations; ordering the awards; lining up qualified range officials; and tabulating shooters' results. Unfortunately, the interest in Action Pistol shooting has waned of late. Hopefully, this is only a one time cancellation if someone will step forward to organize and lead a future Pig Iron.
- Q: How come the club no longer can take credit cards?
- A: The system that we had been using before to accept credit card payments was poor at best. We are actively exploring several options to purchase a more integrated system that will provide members with a point of sale receipt, as well as, take mail-in payments. We hope at the July club Board meeting to finalize a decision on what system to purchase. Also, we are working to offer, in the near future, an on-line *PayPal* ® option to allow club members to pay their annual club dues through the club's website.

JULY 2021 Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Sporting Clays	2	5
4 4th of July	5	6 5:30 PM HP Rifle Practice	7 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet Range Safety Orientation	8	9	10
11	Bullseye Pistol 12 Bullseye Pistol	13 6:00 PM Hunter Safety Class	6:00 - 7:30 PM	15	16	17
	6:00 PM Hunter Safety Class	Sporting Clays No HP Rifle Practice this week	Open Shooting Trap & Skeet	6:00 PM Hunter Safety Range Day	6:00 PM Hunter Safety Class	
18	7:00 PM Rod & Gun Board Meeting	5:30 PM HP Rifle Practice	21 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet	22 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Range Closed for Maintenance Sporting Clays	23	Range Safety Orientation 10:00 - 11:30 AM
25	26	27 5:30 PM HP	28 Open Shooting	29	30	31
	Bullseye Pistol	Rifle Practice	Trap & Skeet	Sporting Clays		

AUGUST 2021 Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Bullseye Pistol	5:30 PM HP Rifle Practice	4 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet	5 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Range Closed for Maintenance	6 REGISTERED SKEET SHOOT	7 REGISTERED SKEET SHOOT
8 REGISTERED SKEET SHOOT	9 Bullseye Pistol 6:00 PM Hunter Safety Class	Tuesday Sporting Clays 6:00 PM Hunter Safety Class	Open Shooting Trap & Skeet 5:30 PM HP Rifle Practice	12 6:00 PM Hunter Safety Range Day No Sporting Clays	6:00 PM Hunter Safety Class	14 Info Only: Ore to Shore Bike Race blocks North Road until noon
15	Bullseye Pistol 7:00 PM Rod & Gun Board Meeting	5:30 PM HP Rifle Practice	18 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet Range Safety Orientation 6:00 - 7:30 PM	19 Sporting Clays	Side By Side Shotgun Shoot Range Closed all Day for Shotgun Event	21 Side By Side Shotgun Shoot Range Closed all Day for Shotgun Event
22	23 Bullseye Pistol	5:30 PM HP Rifle Practice	Open Shooting Trap & Skeet	26 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Range Closed for Maintenance Sporting Clays	27	COYOTE CHALLENGE 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
29	30 Bullseye Pistol	5:30 PM HP Rifle Practice				

SEPTEMBER 2021			Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Events			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet	2 Sporting Clays	3	Range Safety Orientation 10:00 - 11:30 AM
5	6 LABOR DAY Bullseye Pistol	7 5:30 PM HP Rifle Practice	8 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet	9 Sporting Clays	10	11 Youth Day RANGE CLOSED ALL DAY
12	13 Bullseye Pistol	5:30 PM HP Rifle Practice	Open Shooting Trap & Skeet	16 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Range Closed for Maintenance Sporting Clays	17	600 yard F/G Class Rifle Match
19	20 Bullseye Pistol	21 5:30 PM HP Rifle Practice	22 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet Range Safety Orientation 6:00 - 7:30 PM	23 Last Sporting Clay Round of the Season	24	25
26	5:00 PM Annual General Membership Meeting	5:30 PM HP Rifle Practice	29 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet	30		

OCTOBER 2021 Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Events						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Bullseye Pistol	5 End of Power Rifle Season	6 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet Range Safety Orientation 6:00 - 7:30 PM	7 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Range Closed for Monthly Maintenance and Winterizing	8	9
10	5:00 - 7:00 PM Start of Indoor Pistol 7:00 PM Rod & Gun Club Board Meeting	5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	13 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet	14	15	16
17	5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open .22 Rifle	Open Shooting Trap & Skeet	21	22	Range Safety Orientation 10:00 - 11:30 AM
31	5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Pistol	26 5:00 - 8:00 PM Indoor Open	27 Open Shooting Trap & Skeet	28	29	30
		.22 Rifle	Hap & Skeet			



"Yep, this model was recalled. But you're the first customer to bring back a used one."

Dave Wiik Championship

"At least it isn't snowing" was heard more that once as 20 shooters took to the line to compete in the first annual Dave Wiik F/G Championship match. Despite the lack of the white stuff, winds at times did get a little sporty, but that did not stop shooters from racking up some amazing scores. Todd Mills shot a phenomenal 397-17X (out of a 400 possible score) to take top slot in the F class category, followed by Al Larson's 392-17X and Chris Collins with a 390-16X. Getting a shot in the X ring during this match is the equivalent of hitting an orange from 6 football fields away and these guys did it all the time!

Nigel Juntunen topped the G Class competitors with a 388-9X with Bob Rebholz right on his heals shooting a 386-9X. Ryan Turner, using his Dad's rifle, pumped out a 379-6X to take third place, besting his father Robin by 3 points.

In the new Light Sporter Class, which is designed to let a shooter use a regular hunting type rifle, Martin Juntunen set the mark with a 359-3X with his .223 and Terry Wald's 8mm joined in the 600 yard challenge.

It was a great match in honor of a missed true friend, Dave Wiik. I think that he would be proud, being one of the founding members who brought this challenging sport to our club.

Special 2 Day Range Closure

On both Friday August 20 and Saturday August 21 all club ranges will be closed to regular shooting. During those days the Mid UP Shooters will be holding a special Side by Side shotgun event. Rather than complain and pout, why not come out and help. Volunteers are needed on both days. Contact Len Gaboury at 486-9505 or Bill Grill (204-5699) to volunteer.

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.

Caleflual 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.
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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
Sorry - No Credit Cards at this Time.
Mail to: Negaunee Rod & Gun Club

335 North Road, Negaunee, MI 49866

Proposed Bylaws Changes

In the upcoming club election ballot, which will appear in the club's Fall newsletter, we will be asking you to approve the following proposed changes to our club bylaws. Currently, club Board members serve a three year term, but the four club officers (President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer) are only in office for a single year. The Board of Directors has proposed the below changes to give the officers of the club a more reasonable length time in office to learn their positions and to set their agendas in motion and also, to provide better continuity.

During the transition period the current club Vice President and Treasurer will remain in office for an additional year through 2022.

The second proposed change, to Section 6, aligns the bylaws to how our club elections have been actually been run to the past decade.

Note: This notice fulfills the club bylaw's Article X, Section 1 requirement for a 60 day notice to club members of proposed Bylaw changes and the Annual Membership meeting which is scheduled for September 27, 2021.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

As in the current bylaws:

Section 1: Officers. Executive Officers of the Organization shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other Officers as may be deemed necessary. Officers shall be elected at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Proposed change:

Section 1: Officers. Executive Officers of the Organization shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other Officers as may be deemed necessary. Officers shall be elected for a term of office of two (2) years. Their terms shall be staggered with the President and Secretary positions elected to serve for two years starting on the beginning of each even year and the Vice President and Treasurer offices chosen for a two year term that begins at the start of the odd numbered year.

[note sentence about officers elected during the annual meeting is deleted]

As in the current bylaws:

Section 6: Election of Officers. Election of Officers shall be conducted by written ballot at the Annual membership Meeting. Each Executive Officer shall hold office until his/her successor has been duly elected and qualified or until the Officer's death, resignation, or removal. Any member in good standing at the time of election shall be eligible for any office. Nomination of candidates for Officers will be made by recommendation of the Nomination Committee. A member can be nominated for office from the floor during the Annual Membership Meeting provided that acceptance of the nomination can be insured.

Proposed change:

Section 6: Election of Officers. Election of Officers shall be conducted by written ballot conducted during the month of the Annual membership Meeting. Each Executive Officer shall hold office until his/her successor has been duly elected and qualified or until the Officer's death, resignation, or removal. Any member in good standing at the time of election shall be eligible for any office. Nomination of candidates for Officers will be made by recommendation of the Nomination Committee. **Also, the printed election ballot shall include an option of a write-in candidate for each open position.**

[note sentence regarding floor nominations to be deleted.]

Last Issue's Mystery Gun



Congratulations goes out to Martin Jutunen who correctly identified our mystery gun as a Winchester model 75 target rifle in .22 LR caliber. Very similar to the Winchester model 52 (they both take the same magazine), this tackdriving rifle was produced from 1938 to 1958. Our club has several of these adult size rifles that are surplus to the Junior Rifle program needs so they will be offered for sale at the upcoming club's October 15-16 Gun Show. All proceeds will go to the Junior rifle program.

The club's model 75's are in Good to Very Good condition and have a current retail value of \$400 to \$650.

Bullseye AmmoCam for Sale

The club's Superior Riflemen are offering for sale a Bullseye AmmoCam Sight-In Edition target viewing system. This set-up allows a shooter to view their target out to a range of 600 yards. The Bullseye Camera system is a camera that is set up by your target and wirelessly transmits its picture back to your laptop or tablet computer at your shooting position. The shooter's latest shot will flash on the screen no matter how many times the target has been shot. The system works for rifle, pistol, archery, small bore, large bore and even for patterning shotguns. The original cost of this Bullseye AmmoCam was \$670 and they are asking \$200 OBO. For further info and to make an offer call Gary Stevens at 249-1829 or email <sawyer94@aol.com>.

Tiovo's Sports Tips

Say No to WD-40: We all love WD-40's water-proofing and rust protective qualities, but not when it comes to firearms, especially revolvers. WD-40's super penetrating quality can be murder on ammunition, rendering the primers dead, so do not use this product in revolver cylinders nor on semi-auto magazines as it may contaminate your ammunition.

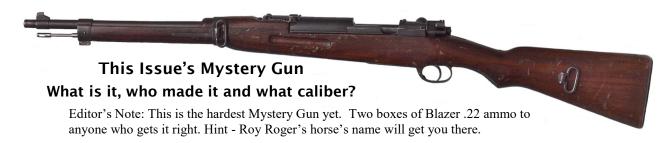
Avoiding Wood Ticks: Take a pair of medium sized pet flea and tick collars and place them around each ankle just above your boot tops. Guaranteed to ward off those pesky blood suckers. They should last you for the whole season.

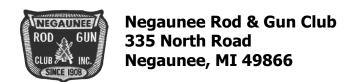
Keeping It Legal: With two pieces of black electrical tape mark off the minimum legal length of your fish quarry on your fishing pole. If the fish fits inside your marks it's too small. You can use this same technique on your boat's gunwale or the top of your tackle box.

Go to Call Mute: There could be nothing worse than you raising your rifle on that ten-point buck and your cell phone ringing with that hideous ring tone you just downloaded. So before taking to your deer blind switch your cell phone to the call mute or vibrate mode to save your hunt.

Take Off a Few Pounds: To get better traction in soft sand or fresh snow reduce your tire pressure by a few pounds, for example, drop each tire's reading from 36 psi to 32 psi. On really cold days Mother Nature will do this for you so don't get too aggressive on those sub freezing mornings.

Pack A Rod: Nothing is more frustrating than accidentally getting snow or mud stuck down your gun's muzzle while on a hunt. Pick up one of those multi-pieced cleaning rods for your day pack along with a few patches. They'll save the day.





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Club Officers 2021

President: Reg Lipp 486-7418 Vice President: Ashley Maki 204-9710 **Secretary:** Len Gaboury 486-9505 Treasurer: Bill Grill 204-5699

Roard of Directors

board of Directors:				
Kris Black	250-5192			
Josh Cadotte	250-5742			
Ken Goldsworthy	360-1514			
Eunice Gronseth	475-6682			
Mark Knoebel	250-1076			
Bob Napel	362-6126			
Tom Ryan	204-2464			
Gary Stevens	249-1829			
Robin Turner	869-2406			

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

Clubhouse Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday 5:00 - 8:00 PM Friday, Saturday & Sunday Closed

Clubhouse Phone: 475-4957

CLUB GUN SHOW OCTOBER 15 & 16, 2021

Upcoming Range Safety Classes

July 7 - Wednesday - 6:00 - 7:30 PM

July 24 - Saturday - 10:00 -11:30 AM

Aug 18 - Wednesday - 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Sept 4 - Saturday - 10:00 -11:30 AM

Sept 22 - Wednesday - 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Oct 6 - Wednesday - 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Oct 23 - Saturday - 10:00 -11:30 AM