



Rondeau Rod and Gun Club

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PRESIDENT: Hugh Carrothers

WELCOME NEW EXECUTIVE:

As you are probably aware, the January monthly meeting brought our annual executive elections. Your new executive are as follows: President: Hugh Carrothers, V.P. Gun: Steve Cutler, V.P. Rod: Tom Gawley, Secretary: Willy Aitken, SGT. At Arms: George Holmes, Membership: Jim McFeggan, Building: George Brown, Property: Ron Gough, Sports: Gary Hoffman, Kitchen: Toky Cosby, Canteen: Julius Van Biesbrouck, Youth: John MuGuigan, Trap: Bob Yankovitch, Entertainment: Larry Pope, Publicity: Wayne Passmore and Darrin Nolan, Conservation: Dave Schiefer, Fishing: Bert Stothart, Lake Erie Salmon and Pickerel Hunt: Brian Owen and finally, Range Officer: Gordon Hughes. Congratulations everyone. The 1993 Rondeau Rod and Gun Club Executive and chairpersons were sworn in at the February meeting.

PISTOL MEMBERS CLEANING UP:

The Police Practical Combat (PPC) season in the U.S. is well under way and RR&GC members are doing very well. Recent winnings include: a new shotgun for Paul List (\$300), a new .22 rifle for Darrin Nolan (\$175), a 586 Smith&Wesson for Gord Hughes (\$350) and \$250 in cash to Jim McFeggan. Do I have your attention now? Drop by the pistol range Wednesday nights if you are interested in trying this exiting sport. Check the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter for the listings of future PPC matches.

WHAT'S HAPPENED RECENTLY:

Even with the change of executive, business still carries on. Some of the more noteworthy goings on include: The Senior Youth participated in a trap shoot and everyone came home with a prize. Work is under way for the upcoming Salmon and Pickerel Hunt. If you are interested in helping out see Brian Owen.

ONTARIO FEDERATION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS:

On February 10th Paul Briggs of the OFAH came to visit our club. He was here trying to convince the Rondeau Rod and Gun Club of the benefits of affiliating our club with the Federation. At the February general meeting, the issue was put to a vote. None of the members present voted against affiliation with the OFAH. *(I consider this tremendous support for a good idea. Ed.)* Individual members do not have to join, but with all of the benefits of membership through the club, members are encouraged to join. More info on how the dues can be paid (through the club) will be forthcoming. One immediate benefit of affiliation is the reduced OFAH membership fees - they go down by roughly 30%. Check with Hugh Carrothers for more details on the benefits of joining.

CONSERVATION:

The Wildcat Trout Farm will be releasing 3,000 rainbow trout fingerlings on the 1st of May in Erieau, environmental conditions permitting. This will be the club's first release since the club has assumed responsibility for the Lake Erie Salmon and Pickerel Hunt.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pot Luck Dinner, Did you miss it? Be sure to get to the next event. - 13 March

PPC, Fenton Lakes, 21st Annual PPC Match, contact Brad Dick at 313-363-9373. - 19-21 March

PPC, Southgate, Lots of gun prizes. Contact Frank, w:313-246-1369, h:283-9460. - 24-28 March

IPSC, Galt, call Greg Hodgins at 647-3771 to reserve a spot. - 27 March

Bullseye, Amherstburg District Pistol Club. Check with Gord Hughes for more information. 31 March

PPC, Wyandotte, 24th PPC Match, contact Dave Liberacki, w:313-246-4405, h:285-4733. - 2-4 April

Fish Stag, see Larry Pope for tickets - 3 April

Easter Turkey Shoot, through the shotgunners, Meat Prizes, see Bob Yankovitch. - noon 9 April
Buckarama, see John McGuigan. Big Buck contest, moose calling championship the MNR and some snacks for just \$3.00. A speaker is coming to talk about safe storage of guns. - 10 April
Bullseye, Northshore Firing Line in Windsor. Check with Gord Hughes for details. - 21 April
PPC, Windsor, Northshore Firing Line, call Eric at 737-7818. Guns given away. - 23-25 April
IPSC, Waterloo, call Don Clark April 26 to reserve a spot at 745-2450. - 8 May
Bullseye, Kent Cloverleaf, Thursday, 13 May
IPSC, Barrie at Borden, call Mike Jansan May 3 to reserve a spot at 705-721-7984. - 15-16 May
IPSC, Oxford, call Rod Dickens May 10 to reserve a spot at 471-3944. - 22-23 May
Fireworks, Come out to watch, snacks. 24 May
Glen Wheeler Dinner Dance, 29 May
Bullseye, Kingsville, For more information on the bullseye shoots, see Gord Hughes. Thurs. 3 June
Club Dinner, Exec. & general meeting, 11 June
Trap Shoot, See Bob Yankovitch, 19 June
Lake Erie Salmon and Pickerel Hunt, the food and beverage tent will be open on 26 & 27 June and 1-4 and 10 July. Tournament on 26 June to 11 July
Golf Tournament, 16 July
Fisherman's Dinner Dance, (Roast Beef), 17 July
Surf and Turf Dinner Dance, 7 August
Pork Barbecue Dinner Dance, 28 August
Kids Fishing Derby, 12 September
50's and 60's Fish Dinner Dance, 18 September
Fishing Trophy Dinner Dance, 23 October
Fish Stag, 20 November
Trap Shoot, 4 December
Christmas Club Party, 11 December
New Year's Dinner Dance, 31 December
Wild Game Supper and Dance, 22 January 1994
Fish Dinner and Dance, 19 February 1994
Trap Shoot, 19 February 1994
Wild Game Pot Luck, 26 March 1994
Fish Stag, 2 April 1994

As you can see, the executive have been busy planning our activities from here through to next year at this time. Let's not hear anyone say that they didn't have ample notice. Keep an eye to the newsletter for more details on the events as the dates draw nearer.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

Members who have been with the club more than 10 consecutive years and are retired are eligible to become Life members. At the February meeting the following people became Life Members: Jack Anderson (awarded posthumously), Doug Cambell, Wally Jackson, Don Hunter, Ken Holdaway, Henry Kersten, Joe Ure, Don Rakus, Julius Van Biesbrouck, Carl Hawley and Jack Hebblethwaite.

MEMBERSHIP:

The monthly membership draw for the February meeting for \$40.00 was unclaimed by Kevin Saatche. The next draw will be for \$45 on the 31st of March. You have to be present to collect. At the February meeting, three new members were welcomed; Jim Jackson, John Pardo and James Pardo. As of the February 24, there were 67 unpaid members. Members are encouraged to pay on time or they will have to re-join the club and face the \$50.00 initiation fee.

RAFFLE WINNERS:

The winners for the February meeting were: John Sztory, Jim Craig, Frank Fletcher, Toky Cosby and Brian Pelkey.

TRAP ACTIVITIES:

Bob informs me that the Industrial League starts on the 21st of April at 6:00 pm. The regular Wednesday evening shoots resume on the 14th of April at 6:00 pm. Search out the tallest guy around on Wednesday night if you are interested in giving this sport a try.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

John reports that three new Remington 870 Express 12 gauge shotguns have been purchased for use by the youth group. Several .177 calibre pellet pistols have also been purchased.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS:

Our president, Hugh Carrothers, informs me that our new set of Bylaws are finalized and should be to the printers shortly. Stay tuned for availability of the final document. Also in the works is our formal application to the Ontario Federation of Angles and Hunters. This is somewhat of a formality and our affiliation will be complete and official very shortly.