

Mendon Conservation League

August/September

Newsletter



From the Officers & Directors Meeting

Meeting was held Thursday August 11 at Mendon Conservation Club.

Timber Sale:

The club has received 50% of the proceeds from the timber sale and have been given a tentative start date around the end of September.

FYI all shooting ranges will be closed for the time needed to harvest the timber. It is estimated to take two weeks. We ask that all members comply with the request of the officers' and directors. This is a very important financial venture to the club and we do not need to put anyone in harms way.

Thank you in advance,

Officers and Directors.

Gun Raffle:

The club has received money for 349 tickets sold to date. We printed 1000 tickets in hopes of generating \$10,000 in needed funds to run the club. We mailed each member three tickets hoping each member (236) would sell or purchase at least 3 or even more. As you can see our gun raffle is under water. We have not sold enough tickets to cover our expenses, let alone make a profit for the club.

Help Help Help

We need all members to step up and sell tickets.

We have posted a notice on the Web site and are emailing all members to please step forward and help out. Remember this is the primary fundraiser for the club. We need the money for insurance, taxes, and general up keep of the facilities.

Mark your calendar:

We would also love to see you at the drawing on Saturday. All members are welcome. Come join your fellow members to celebrate the winners. We look forward to seeing you on the 10th of September .

An additional reminder about the Sportsman Raffle at MCL on Saturday, Sept. 10 at noon. There will be food, conversation, and drawings for the guns and cash. Why not stop by, collect your prizes, and share your winning strategies?

Time is running out! On September 10, 2011 at noon we will be having the drawing for our gun raffle (5 guns and 5 \$200 cash prizes). We need your help in selling tickets. MCL asked each member to sell at least 3 tickets. We haven't heard from some of you. Please sell your tickets and turn in the proceeds to the club no later than **September 7.**

Shooting News

• One of the best kept secrets:

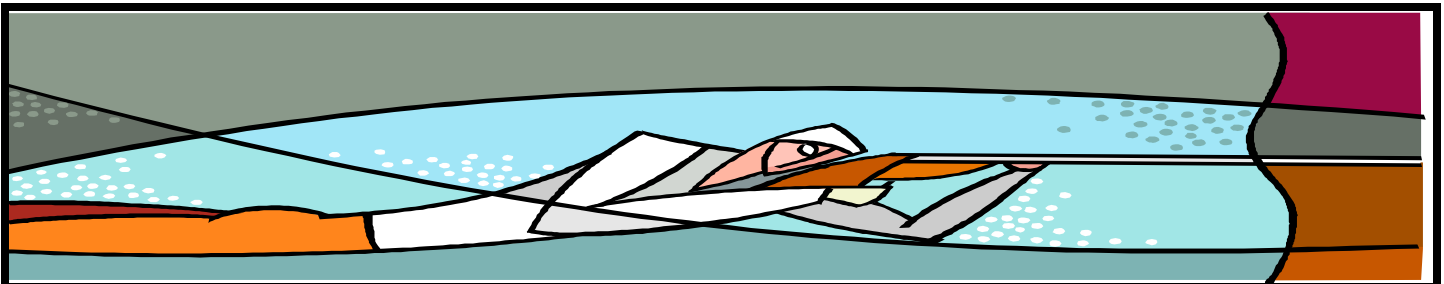
at MCL is the Wednesday shoot/lunch. For \$2, you get lunch, advice, answers to world problems, and shooting tips. Shooting starts at 9:00 and advice is constantly available. Members take turns cooking. Stop by, say hello, stay for lunch.

See you at MCL

Ray Serbinski

Interested in shooting better?

A proven way to improve your skills is to shoot more. Fall shooting leagues are beginning soon. Mendon is always looking for additional shooters. Grab a friend, family member, or club member and think about joining. No pressures, see different clubs, listen to all of the excuses, and help the club. Give it some thought. Jim Furey has additional information. Ray Isabelle has secret loads. Roger DeBurgomaster has master tips for breaking birds.



Range Orientation:

Officers are looking for an individual or group of members to take on a new responsibility. This committee would be responsible for training all new members and past members if so requested, on the proper use of the ranges. We need both Skeet and Trap shooters as well as rifle and pistol shooters.

Safety is no accident. We need uniform training and procedures for all our members. Please think about this and help your club members be safe.

Election of Officers and Directors :

Election of Officers and 3 director positions will be held at the General Meeting on November 2nd. The Nomination committee is in the process of selecting candidates for some vacated positions. If you are interested in running for any office please contact a member of this committee. Roland Schindler, Matt Laniak , and Gary Agosti.

The slate of officers should be complete by our October meeting with elections at the November meeting.

General Membership Meetings:

Meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the MCL clubhouse.



MENDON CONSERVATION LEAGUE 2011

Officers

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| President: | Homer Cessna |
| Vice President: | Matt Laniak |
| Secretary: | Jeff Charles |
| Treasurer: | Karen Davis |
| Field Captain: | Carl German |
| Officer of Fish & Game: | Mike Buggie |
| Officer of Grounds : | Bob Smith |
| Officer of House: | Liz Druziako |
| Quartermaster: | Tom Wallace |
| Competitive shooting: | Jim Furey |
| Sportsman Ed: | Dave Arft |

Directors

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| Pat Micari | Don Thorp | Tom West |
| Stan Popen | Gary Agosti | Dick Olney |
| Fred Warner | Roger DeBurgomaster | |
| Ray Sherbinski | | |

MCL

shooting hours

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| Monday | 10am to Sunset |
| Tuesday | No shooting |
| Wednesday | 9:00 to 10:00 |
| Thursday | 10am to Sunset |
| Friday | 10am to Sunset |
| Saturday | 10: to 4:00 |
| Sunday | 10:00 to 4:00 |

Range Committee.

We have received donations of \$1,753 from club members to support the construction of our 100 yard range.

In case you have misplaced your donation form, we are attaching one to this newsletter.

Please feel free to complete the attached form and forward to the club.

Your generosity will be appreciated.

Do you Have an E-mail Address?

We request any one that has an e-mail address and wishes to receive the newsletter via email to include your email address on the renewal application. Please make your email address very legible to ensure you receive all correspondence from the club. Be assured we will not share your email address with others outside the club.

To All members of the Mendon Conservation League, please start shooting!!

We are a shooting club. primarily a shotgun shooting club. If you own a shotgun and would like to get more familiar with it please contact myself (rogerde@frontier.com) or Jim Furey (jfury@frontier.com) and we will discuss your situation.

Our club is currently enrolled in 2 Trap leagues and we could use some additional involvement from the membership, it doesn't matter that you have never shot in a league, what's important is that you help out with the representation of our club. Thanks and we look forward to hearing from you.

RogerDe

Wednesday Night under the lights.

Yes we do have Wednesday night shooting. Come out give us a try and bring a friend.

TIMBER TIMBER TIMBER

In the very near future, MCL will be involved in a timber project. As you read this, the time line is very soft. Late September was mentioned once. Check the web site for updates. As soon as we know, you will know. The Directors have voted to close the club to all shooting during the logging. 10 to 14 days looks like the window of closure. Don't drive down and then discover that we are closed.

Check ahead.
Ray Sherbinski

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Dear MCL Club Member,

As you are aware, over the last few years there has been much interest in the construction of a 100 yard rifle range. We are pleased to report that this is no longer just an interest, but an actual project that is unanimously supported by the directors and officers as well as approved by the Town of Mendon Building Department. The range committee is utilizing the resources of the NRA Range Consulting Program. We are proud to say that excavating is already underway by one of our long-time club members. Like previous capital developments, we will not be able to fund this project through current accounts. Therefore, we will be relying on donations to make this approved and supported project a reality. The projected cost to complete this project is \$11,000. The scope of the project includes the following: 1.) the construction of a berm along the east side of the pistol range, 2.) the construction of a 100 yard rifle range which includes berms and backstop, and 3.) the regrading and filling in of the depression in the current pistol range. Although site work has already begun to a limited degree, we need to rely on your generosity to complete this project. Should you choose to make a donation, please fill out the form attached below. This form will ensure that your money will be solely designated for this project. Any contribution you make toward the completion of the rifle range will greatly enhance our recreational facility. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

Homer Cessna or Matt Laniak.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

The Officers and Directors of MCL

Name _____

Amount enclosed _____

Please apply my donation to rifle range construction fund.

If paying by check, please indicate rifle range construction fund on the memo line.

Return donations to P.O. Box 2, Mendon, NY 14506

Mendon Conservation League

Our club was formed by a group of local men looking for a place to shoot together. Founded in 1956 and formally incorporated in 1961 as membership rose to 40. A modest club house was built around 1957 and expanded in 1986 with the addition of a large front porch. Formal shooting forms have been added to the skeet and trap fields. Today with membership well over 200, and a “esprit de corps” second to none, MCL will continue to be one of the best clubs in the area.

With this in mind I have been thinking about who were the first members, where did they come from, why Mendon, How did they get the land, and so on. I have been asking several members and I get the same answer. They don't know.

Wouldn't it be nice if we had a book put together with names, dates, photos of events, and people instrumental in making MCL what it is today.

If you have any photos, stories. Questions, or history you care to share with the members please contact me. I also hope to find a member or two or three who would like to share in this discovery.

Gary Agosti

Officer of Grounds Bob Smith reported:

Re-roofing of the houses is underway.

He asked that the clay bird cardboard be broken down and brought to the trash cans; and that the members on Sunday work duties dispose of them in the cardboard dumpster.

Bob reiterated that the Tuesday Grounds Crew could use additional help; they start around 9:30 A.M., for 2 to 3 hours.

With regard to applying to the NRA for their grant program, Rolland S. reported that he has submitted our application to the NRA; the processing of the application will take several months

President Homer Cessna reported that he received a call from a neighbor on a Saturday stating that there was annoying shooting going on at the club. Homer investigated it and found that Blackhawk Security was using the club, he watched them for a while and did not observe any rapid fire or other incorrect activities occurring. Homer will be contacted by the neighbor if this continues.

It was also noted that a second security company has interest in use of our club, all request must be submitted to the Board.

