

**Cadillac Sportsman's Club
Newsletter**

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**Fantastic Changes both Inside and Out!!**

The last year has brought many improvements to the Cadillac Sportsman's Club both inside the clubhouse and on the grounds. In the spring after the indoor programs ended, Dennis Meekhof took on the often discussed and yet to be started, indoor renovation project. He spent many hours ripping down paneling, insulating, furring out walls, drywalling, painting & cleaning up. When scouting with his sons changed his life schedule, he handed the project over to other capable hands for further progress. Finally the project is 99 % complete. The entire interior of the clubhouse has been insulated, re-wired, drywalled, & painted. All new double paned ins<sup>[a]</sup>ulated vinyl windows have been installed. All these improvements have undoubtedly caused our propane supplier some distress, but we should see the investment in dollars and sweat equity come back in a short time with lower energy bills! The indoor shooting programs will be much more comfortable and the clubhouse looks cleaner and larger with smooth walls and new windows.

Then in late Oct. we had Dunbar Excavating come in and "give" us about 4000 yrds. of fill that they needed to relocate from a project down the road. We have to pay for some dozer work & fuel charges to spread the dirt, but the 600 yrd. range can be mowed completely and easily now. They also brought in gravel for the roads to the practice rifle and pistol ranges, dug out that pesky stump in the middle of the front yard along with a couple other trees, and spread gravel and compacted the parking area and entrance. In the spring we have a commitment from a friend of conservation to seed that new dirt on the range with wildlife mix to make us a haven for the critters.

Next years projects will focus on the Practice Rifle Range to extend and enclose the roof over area and to replace the target frames. So if you missed out on all the fun of volunteering for these projects make sure to let us know you are interested in helping on next years. We always have projects that need someone to volunteer a few hours to get done.

We would like to acknowledge all the volunteers that helped with this years projects:

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| Dennis Meekhof, | Wayne Partica  |
| Wayne Mulder    | Bruce Finnerty |
| Gary Macy       | Bob Lorenz     |
| Bob Hansen      | Ken Orris      |
| Gary Silkworth  | Casey Mulder   |

**Junior 22 Rifle Program has new added Bonus!**

The Board has decided that this year the club will send 2 Jr. Indoor 22 Rifle participants to MUCC Camp For Kids next summer. To be eligible they must participate for a majority of the 14 weeks. Full details will be worked out by the time the program starts on January 2 at 5:00 pm. Make sure you get your kids involved in the program early! The program will start at 5:00 pm on Jan 2, 2012. All equipment and ammo is furnished by

the club and NRA certified safety officers/instructors will teach marksmanship and gun handling. A \$1.00 donation is appreciated but not necessary to shoot. All money goes towards the year end awards picnic.

### **Adult Indoor 22 & Air Rifle**

Will begin on Sat. January 7 at 12:00 PM. For details on this program contact Bob Lorenz at 231-885-2957. Come enjoy target rifle, air rifle, and in depth discussion of guns, ammo, and ballistics!

### **Adult Handgun Leagues**

As it has for over 25 years, Adult Indoor Handgun Leagues will begin on Jan. 3 with the orientation and practice shooting the first night. National Match, Centerfire PPC, Rimfire PPC, and "BUG" Back Up Gun courses of fire will be starting at 6:00 pm.

For info call Bruce Finnerty at 231-775-9330.

**CPL Classes Call Wayne Mulder at 231-775-9325 to be put on the list for the next available class.**

### **Dates for NRA Rifle Matches 2012**

**MAY 19 & 20**

**JUNE 9 & 10**

**JULY 14 & 15**

**NO AUGUST MATCH**

**SEP. 15 & 16**

### **Blackpowder State Cartridge Matches 2012**

**MAY 26 & 27**

**SEPT. 29 & 30**

**No Garand Springfield matches are scheduled at this time.**

**NOTICE: WE ARE STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO RUN A SHOTGUN PROGRAM AT OUR CLUB. WE ALSO HAVE AN OPENING FOR A OUTDOOR PISTOL PROGRAM DIRECTOR. PLEASE CONTACT JANE FINNERTY FOR DETAILS. [jbfinnerty08@gmail.com](mailto:jbfinnerty08@gmail.com) or 231-775-9330.**

**SIGHT IN DAYS WAS A SUCCESS AGAIN WITH 133 SHOOTERS AND 212 GUNS! WE MADE A PROFIT OF \$985.00. THANKS TO CYNTHIA SORENSON AND HENRY RUETER FOR THE \$50 DONATION TOWARDS LUNCH ITEMS.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HAD A BLAST HELPING ALL THE MARKSMEN HUNTERS! WE CAN BE PROUD THAT WE MAKE THE WOODS A LITTLE SAFER FOR ALL!!**