



Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club Annual Letter 2020

Hello Members,

Another year has passed, I hope many of you made use of the range during this year of all years for the books, 2020. I know I have really enjoyed ease of the electronic gate and I have also noticed the range is looking great! Hat's off to all of you who police their brass / hulls, clean up trash and empty the full trash cans into dumpsters. If we all do just a little bit each time it adds up to a great looking range that we all can take pride in. Let us not forget the fantastic 3D archery range. Over the last few years, we have held the International Bowhunting Organization (IBO) Qualifiers. The group really appreciated what we had to offer and felt our 3D course was one of the top in the region. If you have a chance, get out and try the course, tell your friends about the quality course and we allow crossbows on the targets!

Recently our Board of Directors met with Andrew Churchill, our membership chairman. He was tasked with bringing the LVFG Club into the year 2020! Andrew worked hard on our website and created an online membership registration, renewal, and lost card page. Yes, you can now pay for your membership online. Your card will be activated for the new year. If you are a new member or need a replacement card, those are then mailed to your address on file. Thanks Andrew! We are now almost paperless. With this transition we will no longer mail this annual letter with a renewal notice, email only. The renewal is located in the membership tab at the website: <https://www.lvfgc.com/> This year's dues have gone up a bit to \$65. We have not had an increase for many years as quite a few of you know. Our board of directors has deliberated this for the past few years and losing our fund-raising gun show was a deciding factor. We have no employee's so memberships and gun show revenue go to range maintenance and upgrades, insurance, taxes as well as supporting legislative efforts to protect our 2nd amendment rights from the near constant attacks we have been seeing lately. Your membership also supports in part programs such as local boys and girls going to VT Conservation Camp at Buck Lake each year.

This is my last year as President, and we will elect new officers and directors at the Annual Meeting in January. At this time, we are not sure how the meeting will be held either in person or online. We will keep you updated when it is clear how the meeting will take place. I have enjoyed my time serving as an officer for the club and would like to thank you for having me. If you are interested in serving the club officially, please contact myself or one of the officers or directors for more information on how you can help our club and protect our 2nd Amendment Rights.

Matt Nadeau – President, Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club

Here are few posts from some of our various activities at LVFG club

SKEET:

What A Year It's Been.....Winter Skeet was offered for the first time ever in 2020. It started pre-covid and ended when the pandemic hit. The weather couldn't have been better with mostly sunny skies and reasonable temps on those Sunday afternoons. There were 6-8 shooters weekly. Hurdles like snow removal and equipment malfunctions from cold temps didn't deter the group. People started bringing food to grill or a pot of soup or chili to share. Certainly fun while it lasted!

The challenges of Summer Skeet during covid included: implementing covid-safe practices, instructional format change from small groups to individualized instruction, and accommodating seniors wanting to limit risk of exposure by opening the range an hour early for them. Utilization of the skeet range changed from previous years with many people new to the club, new to the sport, new to the area (moved here from out-of-state) and others from closed Vermont ranges. Individual instruction was given to several of The Well Armed Women.

Range tours were provided for at least 45 people many of which showed a great interest in skeet and connections were made to keep the enthusiasm going!

Many thanks to Range Safety Officers: Wyatt Tallman, Mike Mayo and Nate Douglass for keeping the range open and safe.

Also, thanks to Gus Elfer for repairing and maintaining the equipment, Ralph Graner for plowing to keep the drive-way to winter skeet open and Wyatt Tallman for opening an hour early on Sundays for the seniors.

Keith Ulrich, Shotgun Range Manager



Well Armed Women:

Expanding the world of firearms to women all over the country in a safe, non-threatening way with the purpose of Educating, Equipping and Empowering women shooters.

The Lamoille Chapter of The Well Armed Women relies heavily on its volunteers and this year has been an exceptionally fantastic year despite being shut down for a few months. On behalf of the group we'd like to thank our volunteers: John Rутtenberg, Dave Joseph, Ray Konopka, Keith Ulrich, Wyatt Tallman, Mike Mayo, Warden Jenna Reed, K9 Moose, Corporal Bryon Wehman and K9 Nova. Thank you doesn't seem to be enough for what you all do to empower women in firearms and personal defense. We are looking forward to another fantastic year with you all.

Sincerely,
Heather and Jenn
Co-leaders, TWAW

Muzzleloader :

The 2021 VT territorial will be May 20-23, pending Covid restrictions. Mark your calendars because after a year without a territorial this one will be special.
for more information email - hfbloodgett@yahoo.com

Harland Blodgett

Green Mountain Practical Shooters:

GMPS is a United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) and NRA affiliated shooting organization which runs monthly USPSA matches in Northern Vermont. Outdoor matches are held at the Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club in Morrisville, Vermont.

Our matches are medium in size (normally 40-50 shooters per match) which results in a friendly atmosphere. Many people participate for the camaraderie alone! Please be at the range before 8:30am to sign up.

If you are new you will be required to show safe understanding and use of firearms.

Canadians interested in attending GMPS matches require a specific transport permit which can be obtained with a valid membership card.

[What equipment to bring to shoot a match?](#)

[Green Mountain Practical Shooters / LVFGC 2020 Membership Application Link](#)

[GMPS on FACEBOOK](#)

A message from Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs :

2021 will bring changes and continuing challenges to the VT Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc. Challenges that the LVF&G Club and its members can assist the Federation with are:

Voting in state, national and local elections for candidates who support our joint positions on hunting, fishing, trapping, and firearm issues along with the USA 2nd Amendment and the VT. Sportsman's Bill of Rights.

Communicating year round with our elected officials at the State, local and national levels in respectful manners on the above issues.

Supporting the Federation with the anticipated increased dues structure as it is time for an Executive Director to stay in touch with our member clubs, the public and the VT. Legislature.

Our website is www.vtfsc.com where you will find contacts for our officers, upcoming events-including the planned 2021 Banquet/fundraiser, and legislative news.

Submitted by Marcia Marble, VTFSC Treasurer, 802-888-3418.

