



### **A note from the Club President**

Season's greetings Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club Members. Wow this year has flown by so fast. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that give their valuable time to ensure that the Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club is successful year after year. A special thank you to Andy Churchill for your tireless work, mostly behind the scenes, all these years to make the Club's membership program function as smoothly as it does.

The Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club's Annual Meeting will be held January 27th at the Charlemont Restaurant in Morrisville. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 6:30pm sharp. All members are welcome. This is the meeting when members get to vote on a slate of officers approved by the board of directors. Regular monthly meetings will resume February through September on the last Thursday of every month.

This coming year we are planning on resuming our annual Gun Show at the Champlain Valley Expo in March. It will still depend on if Covid restrictions return or not. Stay tuned for future updates. We are also in the process of reopening the first 50 yard range on the left, after we make some range updates. Hopefully those upgrades will be completed before the new year. We are always looking for ways to improve the range, if you have any suggestions please let me or the board of directors know and we can take them into consideration.

In closing, as I have stated in the past our Club is run by all volunteers and we are always looking for new volunteers to help make The Lamoille Valley Fish and Club the best club in the region. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee position or as an officer please let me know. Also please be respectful to your fellow members, and practice safe shooting etiquette, when you are on the range. And as always please pick up after yourselves and if you see a full trash barrel, please empty it in the dumpster. If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot.

Respectfully,

Dean Shedd, President Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club

## **2021 Memberships expire December 31st**

Just a reminder that memberships expire December 31 and gate cards will be deactivated. Renew before the end of the year to prevent your card from being deactivated.

### **Armed Woman of America (formally known as TWAW shooting Chapters)**

As you can see we have adopted a new trade name, Armed Woman of America (AWA). We are still a national non-profit organization under the legal name of TWAW Shooting Chapters Inc. Now we are DBA (Doing Business As): Armed Women of America.

The Lamoille Chapter of AWA focuses on firearm safety, hand guns, home/personal defense through scenarios, and intro to archery, shotgun and long guns. We are still providing wonderful volunteers for training and support to our fabulous members.

We are fortunate with the Fish and Game club to have some quality instructors who volunteer their time and expertise. Dave Joseph, Keith Ulrich, John Ruttenberg, Ray Konopka, Darcy Moon, Harland Blodgett, Scott Chapman, Randy Lopes and Sandy Lincoln. Thank you for a fantastic year!

Heather Ruttenberg and Jennifer Ward Parent

### **Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs News:**

We hope that you will consider coming to our March 12, 2022 Annual Fundraising Banquet. This year, the main event is a Calcutta Raffle with just 200 tickets available for purchase whether you can attend or not. The games of chance and a Youth Table for those 12 years old or younger will be held. Just let me know if you want an invitation that will be mailed or emailed out in January.

The VTFSC and Operation Game Thief will be at the 2022 Yankee Classic, Barre Gun Show and the LVF&G Club Shows. We hope that you attend one or more of these events and take part in the planned firearm raffles. Volunteers to help at the tables are welcomed. The VTFSC plans to hold their monthly meetings from January thru July as we follow the VT. Legislature and other critical issues to our rights to own and use firearms, and to hunt, fish and trap. Check out [www.VTFSC.com](http://www.VTFSC.com) for information and to join as an individual.

Marcia Marble  
VTFSC Treasurer  
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## **Muzzleloader News**

The LVFGC is home to an active community of muzzleloader shooters. There are many opportunities to shoot blackpowder throughout the year.

-The 2022 LVFGC Primitive Biathlon will be on Saturday and Sunday, January 29-30.

-The 2022 Vermont State Blackpowder Championship will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 3-4.

There's something for everyone, whether you shoot flintlock, caplock, inline, smoothbore, or pistol. Check the Club Website as shoot dates approach for additional information.

Rick Reed

The muzzleloader club shoots will be a Black Powder Poker in March, always a lot of fun shooting at playing cards. April will be the woods walk with multiple choice targets. Both of these are for fun and can be won by anyone, not just the best shot. In March you have to be lucky to shoot a good hand (has been won by ace high). April has foolish questions to figure out the right target. The date for these has not been set yet so watch the club calendar.

In May we have the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association Territorial. A four day shoot from May 19-22. Each state may hold a territorial championship competition. At the end of the summer the scores are taken from each state to determine the top ten in each aggregate in the nation. There are many aggregates (sets of 4 targets) to choose from. And different categories, sub-junior, junior, intermediate, ladies, flintlock, cap lock, inline, smoothbore, pistol, revolver.

We have people attending from all over New England and you meet the nicest people. If you are a beginner at muzzleloading the collection of knowledge and the people willing to share is priceless.

May 2022 will be the the19th year. This shoot could not have happened without the help and support of a lot of good people. Rick Reed always goes above and beyond with range officers and flipping burgers, Loretta Cruz, Marlene Fielder, the ladies from the Well-Armed Woman group always put in a lot of time with scoring targets and posting scores. There have also been club members Gus Elfer, Keth Ulrich and others who have stepped in to help where needed. Richard Fielder and others who come early in the week to get the range ready. Reg and Edna Anair, Rhonda Blodgett who come and label and staple targets together ahead of the shoot. There are also shooters from other states who will step in when needed. Jim Derda brought us into the modern age by using his computer and printer to tally the scores and keep track. When He died, I thought we would have to go back to pencil and paper to keep track, but

Joe Betts stepped in and did a great job of keeping the paperwork in order with his computer and printer.

I have met some of the nicest people in the 18 years I have been doing this. 2023 will make 20 years and I will be stepping down from running the shoot to helping and participating. I would like to find someone who is interested in taking over and learning the ropes during the next two years to keep this great competition going for future generations.

You can email me for information or a flyer at [hfbloodgett@yahoo.com](mailto:hfbloodgett@yahoo.com)

Harland Blodgett

### **Skeet**

Shotgunners were grateful to join friends and shoot skeet.

Thanks to Wyatt Tallman, Nate Douglass, Mike Mayo, Gus Elfer and Keith Ulrich for their commitment to keep the range open and well maintained.

Congratulations to Mike Mayo who shot a Perfect Score!

We welcomed The Well-Armed Woman for a special event with instruction and use of equipment.

Another special event was provided for a large group of scouts.

### **NRA Family Day, July 31st**

Thanks to the generous support of the National Rifle Association and 25 members of Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club who volunteered to offer this annual event to community members free of charge including the use of firearms, ammo, safety gear and expert instruction.

It was well attended and several new club memberships were sold.

### **Reminder.....**

Your membership includes a one hour range tour and gun safety briefing for new and established members. Contact Keith Ulrich at 730 9340 to schedule.