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2017 Fall News Letter

I don't know about you but I don't think a dozen or so nice days make summer. I'm still waiting for it to begin. On the up side, at least it was all rain and we didn't have to shovel it.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: The Club Championship Trophy will be up for grabs again this year. The event is scheduled for Sunday, September 17th. The best combined score of 50 Five Stand, 50 Trap, and 50 Skeet will be the champion. The event will begin at 9:00 am with squading starting at 8:30 am. The cost for this event will be regular shooting prices. Come and have a hamburger or hot dog with us and see who takes home the club trophy and bragging rights for the next year. Volunteers are needed. If you can help with scoring, button pushing or manning the grill, please let us know.

SPORTERIFLE: Sporterifle League begins September 18. Hartwick students will shoot Sunday afternoon beginning at 1:30 pm. Adults and Juniors will shoot Monday evenings 5:00-7:30 pm. Fee structure is the same as last year. Ammunition will be available for Juniors. For more information contact Walt/Peg Kunkler 607-988-2667

VINTAGE MILITARY SHOOT: If you're interested in vintage military rifle competition contact Walt/Peg Kunkler 607-988-2667

SPORTING CLAYS/FIVE STAND: Five Stand is open every Sunday, rain or shine. The Sporting Clays course is open every Sunday until snow or cold prevents access. We have an interesting 24 station clays course to prepare for the upcoming bird season or a challenge beyond Trap & Skeet. If you are interested in shooting Sporting Clays Sunday mornings, there is a sign-up sheet at the front desk.

TRAP/SKEET: Trap and skeet fields are open every Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon. Field #1 is combination Trap, Skeet and 5 stand. Field #2 is skeet only. Field #3 is combination Trap and Skeet, with the trap machine capable of throwing Singles, Doubles and Wobble. Looking for a challenge, come try Wobble or Doubles.

PISTOL TEAM: Central Empire State Pistol League will begin its season Friday October 6th and run for 20 weeks. Our team is looking for shooters. If you are interested in Bullseye Competition this is the program for you. If you're hesitant about formal competition, you're invited to come to Wednesdays practice session and give it a try, no strings attached. Interested individuals should contact Scott May (607-437-0306) for more information visit the league website (www.cesrpl.org)

BIG GAME HUNTING: Big game hunting will be allowed on the property again this year. ***MEMBERS WISHING TO HUNT BIG GAME ON CLUB PROPERTY THIS YEAR MUST BE PRESENT OR SUBMIT IN WRITING THEIR INTENT AT OR BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 13th MONTHLY MEETING.*** Hunters must be current members who have paid memberships prior to January 1st of the up-coming season. Again, the Club is participating in the "Quality Deer Management Program". Any changes to the QDMP guidelines will be forth coming. The D.E.C. has implemented several changes to the hunting regulations this year. ***IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE COMPLIANT WITH ALL FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND CLUB LAWS AND REGULATIONS.***

RAFFLE TICKETS: Raffle tickets are available but going fast. We have 8 nice guns this year including a pistol. We are raffling a Winchester 101 12^{ga.} O/U., Henry "Golden Boy" .22, Browning AB3, and Browning Buckmark .22 pistol to name a few. Only 300 tickets will be sold, so get your share early. The drawing will be held Sunday November 12, 2017 at the Oneonta Sportsmen's Club. Pizza, wings, drinks and dessert will start at 1:00 pm with the drawing to follow. Hope to see everyone on the 12th. (Enclosed a mail-in Raffle Ticket Request Form)

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MEMBERSHIP: A quick reminder, memberships expired May 31, 2017. If you have not renewed for the 2017-2018 year, we've enclosed a membership form to renew by mail, better yet stop in and see what we have to offer. Single Membership=\$40.00; Family Membership=\$60.00. Apparently there is still some confusion about the Family Membership guidelines. The Family Membership requirements are as follows.

- FAMILY MEMBERS MUST BE IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY. IMMEDIATE FAMILY INCLUDES;

SPOUSE.

CHILDREN.

GRAND CHILDREN.

CHILDREN AND GRAND CHILDREN MUST BE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF MEMBERSHIP PURCHASE. IF YOUR CHILD OR GRAND CHILD IS A STUDENT LIVING TEMPORARILY AWAY FROM HOME, THEY STILL QUALIFY AS "IMMEDIATE FAMILY".

SORRY, GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS, BROTHERS, SISTERS, BOYFRIENDS, GIRLFRIENDS, FIANCES, AUNTS, UNCLAS, NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS AND IN-LAWS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING MEMBERSHIPS PLEASE SEE THE ATTENDANT AT THE FRONT DESK.

WOMEN ON TARGET: This year the club had 18 women participate in the day long class that included class room instruction, hands-on firearms handling and all the shooting the women wanted. Thanks to the volunteer instructors, this area has 16 better educated women shooters; Connecticut and Long Island each have a better educated woman shooter. Yes, we had students come from as far as Connecticut and Long Island.

D.E.C. CAMP: This year the Oneonta Sportsmen's Club sponsored (12) youths to attend the 2017 D.E.C. Summer Camp. Remember our youth with your donations to this worthy cause, they are the future of our sport. Youths 12-17 years of age interested in attending the 2018 D.E.C. Summer Camp must sign up at the Oneonta Sportsmen's Club. For additional information please search "DEC CAMP" on the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation website. (www.dec.ny.gov)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Something always needs fixing! Our club has completed many needed repairs and improvements to our facility, but, there's more to be done. Most are small to medium projects, but we still need volunteers to accomplish these. Anyone who wishes to help us with our endless list of repairs and projects, please contact us at the clubhouse.

WEBSITE: Be sure and visit our website (www.oneontasportsmensclub.com) for the most up to date information about current events and club information. This information is updated periodically, so be sure to visit our site often.

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We look forward to seeing you on the range.

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