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2021 Spring News Letter

THE NEW NORMAL: No one really knows what the new normal will be. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is still wreaking havoc on members of our community. Our club has been able to remain open through this ordeal and will continue to stay open as long as our members remain vigilant and wear their mask and maintain 6' social distancing. The club is still required to abide by the New York and CDC's guidelines. I urge everyone to be tolerant and follow these guidelines.

CLEAN-UP DAY: It never ends; the time of year that winter has left our club and grounds a mess. With winter behind us, our building and grounds need some work. We have scheduled a clean-up day for Saturday, May 22th. We will serve coffee and donuts at 8:30 with clean-up to follow. Pizza is on the menu for lunch. Please come and give us whatever time you can during the day to help get the buildings and grounds picked up and maintenance performed on our equipment. Bring your work gloves, rakes, shovels and brooms. A work list will be posted at the front desk. We'll take any help we can get.

SPORTERIFLE: The Oneonta Sporterifle Team had a good season in spite of COVID reducing the number of shooters. We followed proper guidelines and cleaned regularly. As a result, we never had any COVID problems. We finished 3rd in the Niagara League. Oneonta winners were: 2nd Master & 1st female Senior was Peg Kunkler. Top Rifleman was Russ Rizzo. Top male Grand Senior was Ric Cammer. 3rd male Senior in Iron Sights was Gus Mueller. We will continue to shoot Monday nights throughout the summer using the indoor pistol range and the outdoor rifle range from 4-6^{pm}. Our season for 2021-2022 will begin the first part of September. Questions – Call Walt and Peg Kunkler at 607-988-2667

FIVE STAND/SPORTING CLAYS: Five Stand is open every Sunday, rain or shine. As soon as weather permits, we'll be "In the Woods" for Sporting Clays. The Sporting Clays Course is open Sunday mornings with 24 different shooting traps to choose from. Sporting Clay's participation has picked up so please sign up early in case we need to run multiple squads. If you're up for a challenge, Sporting Clays is your game.

TRAP/SKEET: Trap and skeet fields are open every Sunday morning and Wednesday late morning to early afternoon. Field #1 is combination Trap, Skeet and Five Stand. Field #2 is skeet only. Field #3 is combination Trap and Skeet, with the trap machine capable of throwing Doubles and Wobble as well as single targets. Looking for a challenge, come try Wobble or Doubles.

PISTOL TEAM: Our Pistol Team closed the 2020-2021 season in 2nd place overall in the Central Empire State Rifle and Pistol League with a record of 14-6. Congratulations! Attendance was up despite the postal season rules due to COVID. There were 15 different team shooters and 3 junior shooters. Special recognitions go to Roland Groppe Jr. for most improved at 35.75 and Wayne Jones for high team average of 276.67. The upcoming 2021-2022 Pistol League Season will start in October 2022, details and league schedule will be available early this fall. We will let you know in a post in our Club Fall Newsletter and/or on our web site. If anyone is interested or would like more information about shooting with the pistol team, please contact Scott May (607-437-0306).

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MEMBERSHIP: Membership cards for the 2021-2022 year are now available. Rates are as follows: \$50.00 for individuals and \$75.00 for families. If you have not renewed for the 2021-2022 year, we've enclosed a membership form, better yet stop in and see what we have to offer. Remember, memberships expire May 31, 2021. Family memberships include Spouse, Children and Grand Children under 21 only. **SORRY, GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS, BROTHERS, SISTERS, BOYFRIENDS, GIRLFRIENDS, FIANCES, AUNTS, UNCLES, NIECES, NEPHEWS, COUSINS AND IN-LAWS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS.** If you have any questions regarding memberships send us an email or see the attendant at the front desk. A downloadable Membership Application Form is available on our website or pick up one at the clubhouse.

WOMEN ON TARGET: Unfortunately, due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, this year's class normally scheduled for the middle of June has been cancelled. Please check our website and Facebook page for information regarding future dates.

D.E.C. CAMP: Unfortunately, due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, this year's D.E.C. Camp has been cancelled. Please check the D.E.C. website (www.dec.ny.gov) for more information.

FIRST NEW RANGE: Our new range is operational! Called the "Pistol Range" it's a 10-position covered bench area extending to 50 yards. This range was designed primarily as a pistol range with shooters shooting in the standing position but a few chairs are available at the range and the range is not limited to just pistols, any firearm may be used on the range the only limitation is 50 yards. Shooters may park in the turnaround area at the entrance to the club property the walk down the pathway or drive down the driveway past the maintenance buildings. Please be courteous to others shooters and not block their vehicles. The same rules apply to the new "Pistol Range" as on the original "Rifle Range."

SECOND NEW RANGE: Plans are in the works for a 500-yard rifle range. Originally, we were planning a 600-yard range which was to make use of the Constitution Pipelines "Access Road". After cancellation of the pipeline project, we were forced to re-evaluate. We are considering a covered bench area below the trap pavilion on field 3 and shooting over the pond to 500 yards. More information will come when it's available.

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT: Beginning with Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School, several high schools in the area have established a high school trap team. GMU, Laurens, Schenevus/Worcester, Milford, Cherry Valley, Richfield Springs and Walton so far, have been approved by their respective school boards to participate in this postal league. A few other schools have expressed interest too. Laurens and Walton teams are shooting once a week for 6 weeks at OSC from mid-April to the end of May. We hope this catches on, as the younger generation is the future of our sport.

NEVER ENDING: Anyone with some free time who wishes to help us with our endless list of repairs and projects, please contact us at the clubhouse. Every little bit helps.

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. Be sure to "Like Us" on Facebook.

Shotgun hours of operation: Sunday 8:30-1:00. Wednesday 9:30-1:00 all year

Rifle Range hours of operation: Daylight to Dark, 7 days a week, all year. EXCEPT DURING SHOTGUN HOURS

Pistol Range hours of operation: Daylight to Dark, 7 days a week, all year.

We look forward to seeing you on the range.

Thanks for your support
Jon Clark (President)