

# GREENWAY-VERONA MILLS FISH and GAME CLUB, INC.

MEMBER, ONEIDA COUNTY  
FEDERATED SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS

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## NEWSLETTER

Feb. 2012

### FEDERATION REPORT

Federation Meeting 1/9/2012

Meeting Started at 7:30PM

Three DEC officers attended and brought a deer decoy for display. Typically a DEC officer will place the electronic decoy 20-30 yards off the road in safe area and control the decoy from the opposite side of the road for safety. A typical fine when someone is convicted of shooting a decoy is \$1000.

The Oneida County Federation along with the DEC will be setting up a Deer Decoy Fund. The fund will accept donations. The DEC will be working with judges to assess a \$200 criminal fine and an appropriate donation to the decoy fund in lieu of the typical \$1000 criminal fine. The donation amount agreed upon will depend on whether the person hit the decoy and how much damage was done to the decoy. The Deer Decoy Fund will go directly to the DEC for repairs to current decoys as well as purchasing new decoys in the future. Checks will be made out to the Federated Sportsmen Clubs of Oneida County.

Lake Delta experienced a large fish kill. Water was released downstream too fast which created pockets and small basins of water. Fish were trapped and ran low on oxygen. The situation is being looked at so that it does not happen again.

Youth Turkey Hunt / Women's Hunt organizational meeting will be held on January 21st at the Vernon Masonic Lodge at 4pm. 2 reps from the federation, DEC personnel, 1 rep from Remington Arms and hopefully reps from other companies will be attending.

New DEC ice fishing regulations for 2012. Three lines and 5 tip ups per fisherman are now allowed. There are exceptions in certain bodies of water so check your regulations on the DEC website.

Public fishing rights maps are finally available online. All the creeks are listed and all information can be found on the DEC website.

The Vernon Rod and Gun club will hold a Hunter Safe Class around the end of March. Once the date is finalized, it will be posted on the website.

Fur sale: 7 buyers (3 new buyers)  
Average prices  
Beavers \$26  
Coyote \$30-50  
Rats \$9  
Looks like prices are a lot higher for 2012.

Trenton Range  
<http://www.trentonfishandgame.com/rezoning.html>

The Town of Trenton is in the process of rezoning the club. The proposed zoning change is for the club to be classified as a special Use Permit with many restrictions that potentially could drive the club out of existence. A copy of

the proposal can be accessed by [clicking here](#) and should be read by all members. There has been one public hearing already on the subject which was attended by club officers as well as the Greenfield Fish and Game Club officials, which will also be affected by the proposed changes.

At the meeting the club concerns were voiced to the Trenton Town Board members. The changes include the following:

- Redefining the definition of the game club.
- Process involved in building a new range including:
  - Complete set of plans from a NYS Professional Engineer.
  - Use of third Party experts to be selected by the Town at their discretion but at the Club expense.
  - Existing ranges are subject to annual inspections with the Town again reserving the right to hire a Third Party expert to inspect the ranges at the Club expense.
  - Existing ranges have 24 months to comply with the provisions and requirements of new ranges.
  - All other zoning changes have grandfathered existing situations whereas this one does not, giving only a 24 month window to comply.

The matter has been tabled by the Town Board for further discussion and the Club has been promised by the Town a meeting so that the Club can express its concerns with the proposal.

Some of the Town Board members have indicated that the public does not support the Club in this. Please contact your Town council members and voice your support for the Club. As with anything else political, your opinion counts and we need your help to make sure the new zoning restrictions don't financially break the club in arbitrary third Party Expert costs for inspections.

Town Council Members may be found at <http://town.trenton.ny.us/content/>.

## NOTES FROM LAST MEETING

**MEMBERSHIP applications:** Ross Oder of New Hartford, Sponsor - Anthony Sawanec, David Patrick, Shaun Patrick and Jordan Sislo of Rome, Sponsor - Peter Franz, Stephen Chmielewski of Holland Patent, Chad Smith and Michael Bogacz of Rome and James Reed of Clintopn Sponsor - Rich Calidonna, Thomas Maleszewski of Chittenango sponsored by Les Wiederick.

We also added a junior member: Daniel McGahey of Holland Patent Sponsor - Ron Holt.

**Members voted in:** Shane Riolo of Rome Sponsored; Tara Hyatt and Debra Hyatt of Rome and Randall Wilcox of Whitesboro.

**Sponsors must be present for candidates to be voted in**

## NOTE

Since we are an NRA affiliated club, if you are an NRA member please include your NRA membership No. When paying your dues.

## St. Valentine's Day Steel Plate Massacre

There will be a steel falling plate tournament for .22 LR hand There guns on our indoor range Saturday February 1 2012. Shooting will begin at 1 PM and continue through the afternoon. There is no entry fee for this tournament. We plan to have food and coffee, please bring a food dish to share.

We will supply coffee, lunch meats, and bread. This will be our standard tournament format, 48 shots in 6 shot strings lowest total time wins. Total time will be clock time plus 2 second penalty for each plate left standing. All members with a NY handgun permit are invited to participate. This is a fun shoot so don't stay home because "I'm not good enough". Everyone is good enough to shoot our tournaments. These tournaments are great fun so please join us. If you need more information call Les Wiedrick evenings at 336-7330 or e-mail at [plateshooter@gmail.com](mailto:plateshooter@gmail.com).

## ELECTIONS

Elections will be held at the Feb. Meeting.

The following members have agreed to run for the office indicated:  
**President:** Jeremy Ackerman  
**Vice-President:** Ort Burleigh  
**Secretary:** Gary Cuda  
**Treasurer:** Rich Calidonna  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Tara Hyatt  
**Newsletter:** Tara Hyatt

**Board of Directores:** Two positions Vacant

**Nominations will also be considered from the floor.**

**We are having problems with our furnace. A replacement is coming soon,**

## LOCAL

### DEC concerned by sick deer, CWD

For those who don't already know, the Department of Environmental Conservation is asking the public to report any instances of deer appearing sick or acting "abnormally."

The DEC is investigating only deer that appear to have died from unknown causes and not those that were killed by a vehicle.

The DEC recently identified an uncommon bacterial disease in a deer from Warren County. This disease does not affect humans. However, additional information is being sought to determine the prevalence of

this disease in the deer herd. Deer with this bacterial disease may have a swollen head, neck or brisket They also may exhibit excessive drooling, nasal discharge or respiratory distress. To aid in this investigation, DEE would also like to examine any deer that are found dead from unknown causes.

People should not handle or eat any deer that appears sick or acts abnormally. Sightings of sick, dying or dead deer should be reported to the nearest DEC regional office or an Environmental Conservation Officer or Forest Ranger. The DEC also has revised its Chronic Wasting Disease regulations after the Maryland reported its first case of the disease. The new DEC regulations prohibit the importation of the following parts of deer from Maryland: brain, eyes, spinal cord, tonsils, intestinal tract, spleen, and retropharyngeal lymph nodes.

CWD was confirmed in New York in 2000, but the DEC has not discovered any additional cases since that time. CWD is a contagious neurological disease that affects deer, elk and moose. Additional information on the disease is available at [cwd-info.org](http://cwd-info.org).

John Pitarresi O-D Jan. 15 2012

## **NEXT MEETING**

**Feb. 8  
7:30 PM**

### **CFAB Letter on Conservation Fund Positions**

Fellow Sportsmen & Women:

As the Region 6 CFAB Rep I wanted to give you an update on what transpired at our meeting on Weds, after the Governors proposed Budget.

While there were some good things, such as the \$380,000 from the General Fund to pay for the Aviation which includes pond reclamation, invasives and air stocking, there were some issues which are outlined in the attached letter to the Governors Budget director. Essentially, we are down approximately 50 people in the fisheries and wildlife areas. All of this is very much contrary to the agreements made when the last license increases were made.

Additionally, 20 ECO's were charged last month at a cost of about 1.1 mil to the Conservation Fund and now an additional 65 ECO's have been added this month (+6.1mil more)! All of this without any increase in services for the F&W people.

Further complicating things is the fact that the ECO's have ratified their contract and will be getting retroactive pay back to 2005. The DEC budget people do not know how this will be paid for?

Lastly, it appears that the language in the proposed budget will be insufficient to protect the Federal dollars. We are awaiting formal confirmation of that language from the USF&WS.

We did meet with the Senate EnCon Committee and they are very supportive of these issues.

Please feel free to circulate this to your clubs and other interested parties. The sportsmen and women need to contact their elected officials.

Dave

CFAB Board Members,

Please distribute this letter to the sportsmen representatives in your area. For those of you that were present at yesterday's meeting you are fully aware of the issue. It is very important that your local representatives and the Governors office hears from the sportsmen community on this issue.

For any sportsmen's group that needs additional information feel free to contact me on my cell at 518-281-6864 or at this email.

Jason Kemper

Chairman, New York State Conservation Fund Advisory Board