



THE FRONT SIGHT

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CHICK-OWA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
MAY / JUNE - 2008



YOUTH TRAP LEAGUE



Starting the week of Tuesday, May 13th and Friday, May 16th, our first Youth Trap League will begin.

Participants will be able to shoot on either Tuesday or Friday nights for six weeks.

The cost to participate in this league is \$30.00, which will cover two rounds of Trap each week, place trophies, and awards at the end of the league.

To top it off, we will have a banquet to present trophies and awards. There will also be some shooting games for parents and participants to enjoy on the day of the banquet.

Youth who only wish to shoot for fun will still be able to on Friday nights.

If you know of any youth that may enjoy shooting Trap with other area youth for fun or with the league, contact Ryan at (616) 836-2157

If you would like to make a donation for this program, please contact Tom @ (616) 772-6943
wmfe@acninc.net



Sara Medendorp (7) and Delanie Nienhuis (6) excited about their first two of 14 fish caught during the 2nd Annual Chick-Owa Family Fishing Tournament held on June 10, 2006

FAMILY FISHING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 7, 2008

Last year, the 3rd Annual Family Fishing Tournament included Grandparents, Parents, Aunts, Uncles, Children, and Friends.

We started with a pancake breakfast and ended our day by grilling hamburgers and hotdogs.

There was a load of fun for the whole family.

Thanks to our sponsors, there were prizes for the longest game fish, heaviest game fish, longest ugly fish, heaviest ugly fish, most total weight of fish caught by a family and a two person team, and the most number of fish caught by a family and a two person team.

To register, go to www.chickowa.org

Late registration fees apply after Friday, May 31. Be sure to register early.

RIFLE/ PISTOL RANGE

Rifle/ Pistol Ranges are open. Ranges will be open every Monday evening, excluding Holidays, until the end of October.

Cost = \$2 for primary shooter, \$1 for accompanying family members, \$5 non-member fee applies to the primary shooter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The clubhouse and grounds are in need of some sprucing up.

Please take the time to come out and lend a hand on and reduce your membership dues for next year:

Wed, May 14 @ 6:00pm
Wed, May 21 @ 6:00pm
Wed, May 28 @ 6:00pm

We have a pretty full schedule of events for the summer. We will be hosting many visitors this season and we should try our best to make a positive impression.

See Insert for Details

CMP CLINICS JUNE 14-JULY 19

“CMP” = “Civilian Marksmanship Program”

The shooting takes place from the 200yd firing line with iron sights

Rifles allowed for this clinic are:

- M1 Garand
- 1903 Springfield
- M1 Carbine
- 1917 Enfield
- 1942 Johnson

For more information or to register to shoot, contact Phil Wilcox on the web at phil@tcrgc.org

SUMMER OPEN TRAP SHOOTING BEGAN MAY 1ST

On Thursdays from 6pm until 9pm continuing until the end of October, there will be open trap shooting at the club.

The cost for a round of trap is \$4.00 if you're not a member, the cost for a member is \$3.00 for a cash round, and members can purchase a 10 round card for \$25.00.

These prices may change due to the clay pigeons being petroleum based and fuel sir charges for delivering them.

If you haven't shot trap before or you haven't done for a long time, consider coming out and giving it a try. Take the family along. It's a great evening activity that the whole family can get involved in.

DAY OF THE YOUNG CHILD 2008

The Day of the Young Child was Saturday, April 19. Our role in this event is simple; we promote firearm safety and conservation education.

Approximately 900 people came through out the day. We set up the ODC Laser Shot this year and we had a non-stop line up that we were able to talk to and promote our causes.



2008 BOWLING PIN SHOOT

Bowling Pin Shoots are coming back. There are a couple of volunteers who have committed to setting up a couple of Pin Shoots.

Pin shoots are a lot of fun for the entire family. Keep checking the website for the latest information – www.chickowa.org

We can always use some additional assistance with running the shoots. If you would like to help, come to the May 15th meeting at 6:30pm in the clubhouse.



SHOOTING SPORTS CAMP

PRESENTED BY:

WEST MICHIGAN FIREARMS EDUCATION

JULY 21 - 25



**PARTICIPANTS WILL
BE ABLE TO BECOME
NRA CERTIFIED IN:
HOME FIREARM SAFETY
BASIC SHOTGUN SHOOTING
BASIC RIFLE SHOOTING**



Make plans for the week of July 21 - 25

West Michigan Firearms Education will be bringing this opportunity to you.

The Chick-Owa Sportsman's Club will be the host for this camp and it promises to be a blast (no pun intended).

If you would like more information or you would like to register, contact:

More Info – Tom Medendorp @ (616) 772-6943 or by e-mail – wmfe@acninc.net

HIGH-POWER RIFLE CLINIC SATURDAY, JULY 12

This will be the 2nd time we're going to give this a try. We're excited about it and we'd like you to consider giving this a try.

Your instructor for this event will be Dan Davis of the Tulip City Rod and Gun Club. Dan is a NRA High-Power High Master. Dan is well known and highly recommended by the rifle shooting community.

Take a look at the flyer inside this newsletter, check out the details, and make plans to take advantage of this opportunity on Saturday, July 12, 2008.

MUZZLE LOADING SHOTGUN SHOOT SATURDAY, JULY 26

We've got a new member, Mike MacInnes. Mike is an avid and fervent Muzzle Loading Firearms Enthusiast.

Mike has arranged a Muzzle Loading Shotgun Shoot to be held at our club on Saturday, July 26. He has even arranged it so beginners and folks without Muzzle Loading Shotguns can also participate.

If you are a Muzzle Loading Enthusiast, be sure to attend on the 26th.

Continue to check our website for updates and downloadable flyers.
www.chickowa.org

HELP NEEDED FOR FAMILY FUN DAY ON AUGUST 16

It is very crucial that we find some volunteers to assist with our Annual Family Fun Day and Chicken Bar-B-Q planned for August 16, 2008.

Volunteers will be asked to assist with the planning, preparation, and conducting of the individual activities. By doing this, volunteers will not be over taxed with the responsibility of planning multiple activities for one single event.

If you believe that you are able to assist with this event, please attend the May 15th Board Meeting at 6:30pm. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Tom at (616) 772-6943 or wmfe@acninc.net

ACTION PISTOL SHOOTS

Jim Dolson has committed to scheduling and setting up two Action Pistol shoots on our ranges.

These shoots will imitate IDPA rules and tactics. What this means is that the guns being used will be your standard stock carry guns.

What a great opportunity to practice the skills that you committed to practicing when you took your Concealed Carry Training.

More info:

www.chickowa.org

6TH ANNUAL CHICK-OWA FAMILY FUN DAY AND CHICKEN BAR-B-Q SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2008

Activities run from 12:00pm until 9:00pm.

At noon, the activities kick off with:

- 3-D Archery (10 targets near clubhouse)
- Running Deer Target for Archery
- Rifle/ Pistol Range with a variety of targets
- Running Deer for Rifles
- 50/50 Shooting Games

These events will run from noon until 5pm

At 5:00pm the Bar-B-Q Dinner begins. Following Dinner, at approximately 6:00pm the Trap Shooting begins. The evening usually wraps up with a special edition of Chick-Owa Five Stand.

If you've never been to a Chick-Owa Family Fun Day, you need to be sure to put this event on your calendar now.

Following dinner, there will be a drawing for Door Prizes collected from local vendors and sponsors of the conservation cause.

“Passing on the Heritage”

We are “*Passing on the Heritage*” by getting people involved. We are getting people involved by providing activities that the entire family can take part in.

In this day and age, when people/ families are busier than ever before, it seems the only way to participate in extracurricular activities is to participate in those activities that the entire family is able to.

When quality time with the family competes with homework, occupations, video games, the internet, the television, and the health of Americans is as it is, it is time to find activities that can be done together in an outdoor setting.

Hunting and Shooting Sports have provided families with healthy options for the body and soul for generations. Come and join us for some of the activities listed in this newsletter and see how fun it can be.

We'll see you there!

BROADHEAD ARCHERY LEAGUE

Our Summer Broadhead League will run during the months of August and September. This is a great way to tune up your shooting skills before the Archery Deer Season opens in October.

In the past this league has run on Tuesday nights for an eight week period. The Outdoor Archery Range runs adjacent to the Rifle/ Pistol Range. Continue to watch the upcoming newsletters for more information on dates, cost, and registration details.

CONSERVATION CAMP

If you feel that you would like to participate in conservation efforts here in our area, give Tom a call. We are in need of volunteers to run this.

At this point, the camp is planned to have these activities included:

- Nature Hikes
- Track Casting
- Bird Houses
- Duck Houses
- Bird Feeders
- Archery
- Riflery
- Fishing
- Bug Collecting
- Exploration
- Many others

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