



Cedar Rod and Gun Club

Purveyors of the Shooting Sports

NEWS

Spring 2025

visit us on the web at: www.crgc.org

NEW CRGC WEBSITE

By Bill Blaida, Webmaster

Well the new website is up! The address has stayed the same; www.crgc.org. We believe you will enjoy the new look, the updated and easily accessible calendar and information/content. The calendar events are dynamic, so please check before heading to the range for last minute updates.

Neat new option – There is a sync capability to add the events to your personal calendar (mobile). I'm working on a page to capture pictures and videos from past events. If you need to renew your membership, or join for the first time the forms are accessible from the home page. We are considering options to make this process easier in the future! Feedback is always welcome! Contact me at bblaida@charter.net.

CPL INSTRUCTION

By Mark Stephens, CPL Instructor

I'll still be at my Leelanau residence for a couple more months and would like to hold another CPL Class at CRGC before I leave for the summer. If you have interest in a class, I prefer to have a minimum of 4 students per class. Now that I am retired I can easily hold a class on weekdays so we are no longer bound to weekend classes. Please reach out to me at: 231-342-0375

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND SAFETY TOUR DATES

**April 5 • May 3
June 7 • July 5
August 2 • Sept 6**

New Member Tours all begin at 9:30 AM and last about 1 hour. Tours begin from the Rifle Range Building.

CEDAR ROD AND GUN CLUB IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2025 SEASON!

By Rick Nelson, CRGC President

Cedar Rod and Gun Club hosted our annual St. Patrick's Day Shoot on Saturday, March 15. The good Lord provided us with beautiful weather for our opening day. People came from far and wide to participate in this annual event!

We set a new club shoot record for attendance and shooting, thank you shooters, for your patience. It was great to see so many old friends and new folks. Approximately 75 people showed up to enjoy Skeet, Five Stand, and Long Bird. We shot 115 lines, on Saturday! That is an all-time record for CRGC. Everyone enjoyed the event shooting clay targets looking for the elusive green bird for a chance to win a prize.

CRGC would like to thank our fantastic sponsors for this event, CJ Bachelder



Starting the season off with a Bang

Gunsmithing, Fieldsport LTD. and Hampel's Gun Co.

Carson & Bryan donated all of the fine prizes that were given away. Rodrigo donated the great corned beef lunch that all enjoyed! Ellen and Roger from Cedar Tavern donated the gift cards for the Long Bird. A huge thank you goes out to them!!

I personally would like to thank all of the help that I had in setting up for and running the

shoot! Herman Radtke, Micah Deegan, Mark Seirzputowski, Josh Chandler, Mike Newman, Con Belfour, Bill Blaida and Jess Reed. Thanks to Austin Novak of A1 outdoor services for all of the snow removal to get ready for the shoot!

Thank you to all of you shooters who made this a very successful event and opening day at the Cedar Rod & Gun Club!

HUNTER SAFETY 2025 UPDATE

By Micah Deegan, CRGC Secretary

We are expecting to have hunter's safety this year at CRGC. We may have to move the date from the end of August to the beginning of August however. We have someone interested in ramrodding the field day for us, and taking over for Rick Bechtold that has been our head instructor and Director for 31 years.

Our new Coordinator is going to need some help with things involving hunter

safety. No class date has been set but we hope to get a date and more clarity by the Summer/June CRGC Newsletter. We will share all that we have for information as soon as we get that clarity. Thanks again for your patience.

And Special Thanks to the folks who reached out to volunteer their time and talents to this important program.

2025 CRGC LADIES DAY

By Shari Lanzesira, CRGC Board Member

Hello Ladies,

I am pleased to announce our **3rd Annual Ladies Day** at the Cedar Rod and Gun Club.

The date is Sunday, July 27th. Start time is 10:00 with registration at 9:00am

The event includes, Hands On opportunities for:

- Rifle, Shotgun and Pistol
- Fly Casting
- Fly Tying
- Gun Safety

Prizes and Gift Bags for all

Followed by a Wine and Cheese Party at the Cedar Tavern

Register Early as this event is getting popular!

\$50

Call Shari at 231-620-6902 or Email at shariprevost71@gmail.com

M-22 CLEAN UP

For many years, the Bufka Family has cleaned up a portion of M-22. This year their clean up dates are: **April 10, July 17, and Sept 25**



All newsletter submissions are due by 6/1/2025
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CRGC SPRING CLEAN UP DAY - MAY 10, 2025

By Micah Deegan, CRGC Secretary

We have set the date for Clean Up Day at the CRGC for May 10th @8am. **We are still a volunteer organization and we will once again need the members to come forth to help us clean the club grounds.** We will have many jobs to complete and we can find something for anyone (any skill level) to do. This is the one time of the year that we need everyone to come together to make this place clean and beautiful.

We will need some folks that have the ability to paint or stain. Anyone with the ability or desire to paint please reach out to Rick Nelson at (231) 492-2222. He will set up what needs to be done and get an idea of materials necessary to get it accomplished.

We will need people to bring rakes and shovels to pick up clay target remnants and to spread mulch.

We will need leaf blowers to clean various areas of leaves and debris. We are looking for folks that have tractors with York rakes, buckets, and rotary brooms. If anyone has small dump trailer that can be used to haul mulch that would be wonderful. Anyone that has the ability to bring a tractor please reach out to Rick Nelson at (231) 492-2222 and he will help set up that jobs that need to be done. We

realize that bringing the right implements for the job is crucial.

We will start at 8am rain or shine. In the recent past we have been doing quite well to finish by 1pm and lunch is provided. I believe Pizza is the meal of choice for this event.

Please come out and help us keep the beautiful club clean. I appreciate your help and understanding.



MEMBERSHIP

By Debi Stephens, Membership Coordinator

We sure had a lovey day for the CRGC Season Opener! Who could have ever selected more perfect day for a lively time of friendly competition. Clearly, a number of members were prepped and looking forward to CRGC's Opening Day!

I no longer give tours and it's always nice to put names to faces of members I have not previously met and catch up with other members I had not visited with in a while. Several families participated, 3 guests became new members along with 12 members renewing their 2025 memberships and there were more than 75 Members in attendance. **There will be another great opportunity for Family participation at the Breakfast Shoot, (this is an opportunity to Win Breakfast items with winning shots).**

There are still about 90 of you have not renewed and this will be the last newsletter you will receive if your memberships are not renewed soon. I'll be shutting off cards after I pick up this week's mail. Remember, once I shut off a card and as we move into April, I no longer go to the PO on a weekly basis, and my processing time(s) dwindles to only once or twice a month, mainly around new membership submissions.

Pistol Range Closures:

April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1 from 12:30 PM-3:30 PM for the Youth Trap League. The reason the Pistol Range is closed at this time is because the noise from the pistol range will set off the electronics for the Trap range

Once the ranges are all up and running the Pistol Range will also be closed:

- Tuesdays from 4:30 PM-7PM while the Trap League operates
- Wednesdays from 3:30 PM-7 PM while the Sporting Clays course is open
- Saturdays from 10:00 AM-2:30 PM while the sporting Clays course is open



Cedar Rod and Gun Club

Ladies Day 2025

Sunday, July 27th

Preregister with Shari

231-620-6902

Or

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\$50

Rifle Range Closures:

- Monday's from 4:30 PM- 7 PM For Skeet and 5 Stand
- Wednesdays from 10:00 AM-7 PM
- Saturdays from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM for Sporting Clays

Previous Summers have also had the ranges **shut down during classes** for some specific dates. Fieldsport will not be holding any shooting schools this summer *so those times will now be available for shooting that had not been available in the past.*

Please continue to review the **Official Calendar** information on the New and much improved website: www.crgc.org

I believe you will find the new calendar much more user friendly than the calendar was.



Rick and Greg Nelson father son time in California in early March 2025



Greg Nelson showing his dad, Rick, how it's done



The sea of orange, scatter with some green

YOUTH TRAP LEAGUE 2025

By Rick Nelson, CRGC President

It's that time of year again for the Cedar Rod and Gun Club's annual Youth Trap League!

This is one of the club's highlights of the shooting season. The league is open to all youth ages 12 to 18 years old. The league consists of three divisions, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

There is no cost to participate in the league. Our Cedar Rod and Gun Club Education Foundation funds all costs associated with this important program; Firearms, ammunition, eye protection, and ear protection are all furnished by the CRGC Education Foundation. By the time you receive the club's newsletter registration for the league will be open.

Please contact club president Rick Nelson at 231-492-2222 to register your young shooters.

The orientation for the league will be on April 27 at 1 o'clock in the main clubhouse at 8075 South Sullivan Rd. The league will shoot for four consecutive Sundays, May 4, May 11, May 18, and May 25. The league banquet and awards ceremony and fun shoot will take place at 12 PM on June 1.

Don't miss this great opportunity for your kids to enjoy the shooting sports at CRGC. We have a great group of instructors to coach your young shooters. Looking forward to hearing from you. Don't wait as this program usually fills up quickly.

SHOTGUN UPDATE

By Andy Frank, CRGC VP

Shotgun Sports – The 2025 shotgun season has officially started with a bang! The St. Patrick's Day shoot was the best one yet and we have lots of opportunities to bust some clays through the year.

Here are our current shotgun activities

- Skeet and 5-Stand every Wednesday from 10am-2pm
- Skeet and 5-Stand Saturdays from 10am-3pm until Sporting Clays opens (TBD)
- Upcoming activities – please watch Facebook, the website and your email for updates on these activities.

Sporting clays – Sporting clays will open as soon as the weather cooperates

(no more SNOW!). Once open it run on Wednesday from 4pm till dusk

Monday night Skeet and 5 Stand – as soon the daylight cooperates, we will start opening skeet and 5-stand on Monday nights from 4:30pm till dusk

Trap – As soon as the daylight cooperates, trap will open Tuesday nights from 4pm till dusk.

Great news! CRGC has ordered a new trap machine and it should be delivered and installed before the trap season begins. This will eliminate the breakdowns we have been having and allow us to throw trap doubles as well.

UPCOMING SHOTGUN TOURNAMENTS

Fieldsport 100 SxS tournament June 8th

100 "hunters" clay targets, side by side shotguns only, must be shot low gun, handicap for 20ga, 28ga, and .410 shooters. Prizes and lunch included.

Breakfast Shoot June 29th

50 sporting clay targets. Bring your coolers! Colored birds will be mixed into our regular targets, if you break one you win breakfast foods bacon, sausage, or eggs (depended on availability, may be substituted for other prizes). Lunch included. Great Fun for the entire family

Leelanau 100 Sub-Gauge Shoot July 13th

100 sporting clays, 20ga, 28ga, and .410 only!! Handicap for 28ga and .410. Lunch included

Jim Westlake Memorial Shoot August 9 (Action shooting sports) August 10th (CRGC)

Two-day shoot pinning CRGC again Action Shooting Sports. All targets are shot as true pairs.

Whichever club has the highest average score after two days takes home the "Jug". Must shoot both days for scores to count, don't worry if you can't you can still join us for a good time.

Lunch included at both venues. This shoot is in memory of Jim Westlake, one of our most active and positive members who recently passed away. This was always Jim's favorite shoot, spending lots of time practicing his doubles looking forward to helping take home the Jug.



4 Glen Laker's. Nice to see Shooting Team members out practicing this life long sport



It's good to be out on a nice day; many new members will recognize Ron Hoth, our informative New Member Tour Leader



Let's get this party started



Ready to go, safety first



The Newman Bellant Crew, ready to go!



Jim B celebrating his Birthday at a place he's dedicated hundred's of hours to over the years



Con Belfour, Trapper like no other!



Perfect say to get out and enjoy the reconnecting with other members and guests

RIFLE RANGE UPDATE

By Jeff Grimshaw, Rifle Range Coordinator

A special thanks to Jim Baker for taking the time to create a nice handy storage bin for our targets. Something we have needed for quite some time. Thank you Jim!

These targets are provided at \$.50 each or 3 for \$1.00 so please deposit the donations in the appropriate donation box. Also, there is a range fee for each guest we ask a \$5.00 donation and as your guest YOU are responsible for their actions.

Not much to report on for our rifle range at this time. During our clean-up day this season, May 10th, we are planning on a total replacement of the 50 yard target stand as the posts and runners are in poor shape. The other target supports will also be updated as required. Looking forward, we would appreciate a greater effort toward keeping not only the targets but the shots as well inside the support window created by the posts and runners.

There is no reason for the wood to be shot up. Thanks goes out to all of you that helped keep the range clean last season. The range use will no doubt start picking up as the temperature rises. When you are using the range please grab a broom and a shovel, and pick up the cartridge cases that will be emerging from the snow in front of the firing line, along with any in and around the benches. Place them in the appropriate buckets and trash cans provided. Always sweep up your empty cases and pull down your targets, and smile while you're doing it because you are on camera. :) ~

Be sure and check out our new and

improved events calendar on our website for available hours of use before heading out to use the rifle range as other events can impact the availability of both the rifle and handgun ranges.

It was brought to my attention that there was a mix-up on our rifle range just ahead of the snowy season. In general we may not like the use of handguns on the rifle range as we have a separate handgun range for that purpose, **HOWEVER**, we do recognize there are handguns used for both hunting and long range shooting purposes. Having personally competed in the IHMSA handgun metallic silhouette competition for years I can both attest to and demonstrate the capabilities and accuracy of this class of firearms. For those of you not familiar with the sport, 200 meters (219 yards) with a handgun using open sights is not only possible but is done on a regular basis. We would like to clarify the clubs position, for both safety purposes and avoiding unnecessary damage to the facilities, **guns meant for close encounters or self-defense should not be used on the rifle range at all.** Please use the handgun range when practicing with these weapons. In the hands of a skilled shooter the rifle range will allow the use of hunting handguns or specialty handguns meant for longer range shooting. We ask that you please become proficient at the maximum distance our handgun range has to offer before venturing over to the longer distances provided by the rifle range.

As always, Safety first!, and good shooting to all!



Del, Chris and Geneva. Family Fun Day!



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2025

Dinner & Auction

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Half Day Fishing Trip w/ Captain Adam
7 Day Vacation Home - Red Lodge, Montana
SAR USA 2000 9x19mm Pistol
Springfield AR-15 5.56x45 mm Rifle



LIVE ONLINE:
APRIL 11th!



\$60/TICKET

5:30PM Doors Open / Open Bar
SHOPPING!

6:00PM Cash Bar & Appetizers
SHOPPING!

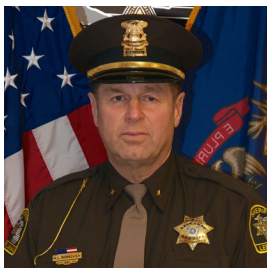
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Speakers & Auction



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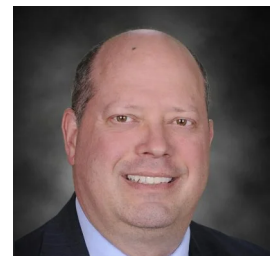
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