



Cedar Rod and Gun Club

Purveyors of the Shooting Sports

NEWS

Summer 2026

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

From the CRGC Board of Directors

It is with regret that **we will NOT** be providing a **Hunter Safety Field Day** this year. Scheduling with Club grounds and Instructors availability has caused an issue that we cannot resolve quickly enough. We will try and move toward a 2027 class and may even try to shoot for a Spring class prior to Turkey season.

If you still need a Hunter Safety Certificate this year. Please go on the State DNR Website and look for classes offered in Kingsley or Benzie Sportsman's clubs. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause new hunters.

SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATE

By Andrew Frank, CRGC Vice President

Northwoods 100 SxS shoot

On Sunday June 7th approximately 50 shooters descended up Cedar Rod and Gun Club for the first annual Northwoods 100 side by side shoot. After a morning of great targets and fun had by all Chuck Robertson left the victor shooting an 88 with his 28-gauge Connecticut Shotgun Manufacturing RBL. Prizes were awarded to top gun and runner up from each gauge. (Listed below) Congratulations to all our winners.

Thank you to everyone who came to participate, and a huge thank you to our volunteers and chefs for an amazing lunch!

12 Gauge

Top Gun – Jacob Lamble
Runner Up – Dana Farrell

16 Gauge

Top Gun – Mark Sierzputowski
Runner Up – Ronan Moynihan

20 Gauge

Top Gun – Joe Schwenke
Runner Up – Lola Eaton

28 Gauge

Top Gun – Carl McClain
Runner Up – Chris Schumacher

.410 Bore

Top Gun – Andrew Frank
Runner Up – Heather Lewis

SUMMER SHOTGUN OPPORTUNITIES

By Andrew Frank, CRGC Vice President

There is still time to participate in Shooting Sports Tournaments in the upcoming weeks of summer:

July 12th Leelanau 100 Sub-gauge Sporting Clays Shoot - \$65

20ga, 24ga, 28ga, 32ga, or .410 ONLY
– Larger handicap as your barrels get smaller – Lunch included

August 2nd CRGC Annual Breakfast Sporting Clay Shoot - \$50

You're only shooting against yourself, hit special-colored birds, win breakfast food! Lunch included

August 23rd Jim Westlake Memorial Doubles Shoot - \$60

Our annual doubles shoot against Manton (Shoot at Action Shooting Sports on August 22nd). This was Jim Westlake's favorite shoot. Come out and shoot doubles and support our club! Lunch included.

YOUTH TRAP LEAGUE

Rick Nelson, CRGC President

One of the biggest and most exciting events we have at Cedar Rod and Gun Club is our Youth Trap League. The league takes place in April/ May and runs for 5 weeks. This year marked our eighteenth year of hosting this outstanding event. Young people from the ages of 12 - 18 compete in the four week competition. We had a great group this year, competing in three different divisions, Juniors, Intermediate and Seniors. At the conclusion of the competition we have a fun day with food, beverages and awards. We also held a prize drawing for 3 over and under 20 gauge shotguns and other prizes.

This year's lucky winners of the guns were: Henry Lamble, Azariah Mikowski & Andrew Grant. Congrats guys! CRGC buys one of the guns, our Education Foundation donates one and Carson Batchelder from CJ Batchelder Gunsmithing donates one. Carson is a huge supporter of the youth shooting sports. He's always the first to say, "... anything you need for the kids Just let me know..." Thanks Carson!! We appreciate all the support you provide for CRGC.

CRGC's Education Foundation funds this program completely. There is no cost to participants. Thanks to the CRGC Foundation Board of Directors for these generous donations.

This year's high overall top gun shooter for the league was **Eddie Noonan** with a score of 174/200 Good job!

Congrats to all of the shooters this year and to the others that took trophies home.

I would like to thank all of the instructors and coaches that all volunteered their time to make this program a success. You all know who you are, without you guys, we could not host this program critical to the success of CRGC, growing safe shooting sports youth and building future CRGC Members and Leaders.

Thanks to Tim Stein & Jay Schoffner for preparing the lunch that all enjoyed.

Thanks to all the participants and all others involved for making this year's Youth Trap League, a huge success! Looking forward to seeing all of you back next year!

Support your local gun clubs. Shoot safe & shoot often.

See Youth Trap photos on page 3.

MEMBERSHIP

By Debi Stephens, Membership Processor

Every once in a while I receive a call that gives me pause; a couple weeks ago **Carl McBride's** daughter Wendy phoned to let me know of Carl's passing. Carl was a long time CRGC Member and supporter famously known for his assistance in the kitchen, at Club Clean Up days and for the great smile he seemed to have glued to his face. I'll miss seeing Carl around the Club and it's nice to know Carl passed his love of CRGC down to his family members.

And sometimes I see Club members in the most unexpected places! Like a couple nights ago during the Detroit Tigers game broadcast – there was Club Member **Doug Whitley** being interviewed with his custom designed McGonigle Glasses on! Way to represent and support the Tigers! I usually see Doug on Saturdays when he shoots sporting clays and I believe Doug hold the record for being the first CRGC member to renew his membership each year!

Membership continues to grow and members are still renewing their 2026 Membership. We're not at the record 700+ yet and may not end up that high this year although we are already over 625.

Please note, once I disable your electronic gate key card it could be as much as a month before the key is reactivated and the charge for a lost key is \$25.00. During the summer months I'm not at my Leelanau home every day and we figure by this time each summer members have had 6-7 months to renew their memberships. Friendly reminder, CRGC Memberships are calendar year memberships Jan 1 – Dec 31.



New CRGC members attending the May Orientation and Safety Tour lead by Club member, Ron Hoth.

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YOUTH TRAP LEAGUE



Trophy Winner Owen Noonan



Trophy Winner John Jaquish



Trophy Winner Lola Eaton



Trophy Winner Jimmy Jaquish



The fawn hidden on the Sporting Clay course



Gun Winner Henry Lamble



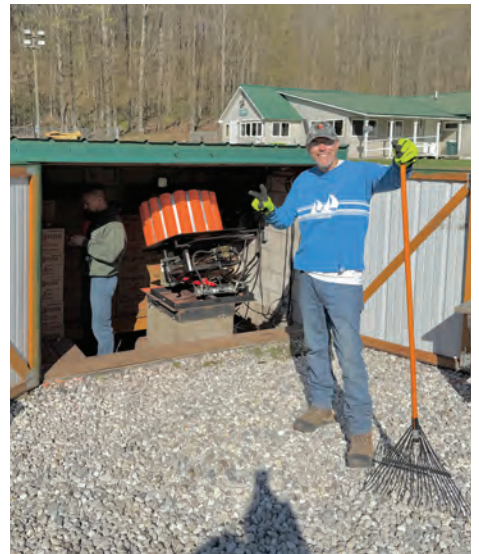
Gun Winner Azariah Mikowski



Gun Winner Andrew Grant

CLUB CLEAN UP DAY 2026

Lots of hands makes for quick work! Club Clean up day 2026. Thank you to everyone who came out and provided lots of elbow grease along with some major equipment Clean Up Saturday is a day where CRGC Members sure pitch in and get the buildings and grounds ready for the busy summer season.



RIFLE RANGE UPDATE

By Jeff Grimshaw

Take note, our 100 yard target support has been replaced this spring due to damage caused by stray shots and quite possibly intentional misuse of the range.

REMEMBER, ONLY paper targets are allowed on our ranges!

Keep the targets centered top to bottom between the rails and only on the foam!

Keep your bullets on those paper targets!

If inexperienced shooters are brought to the range they must be supervised and coached to do the same in order to prevent the damage that has been occurring to our target supports.

If you find that you cannot keep your shots where they belong for any reason then you need to practice at a closer distance!

Clay targets are NOT allowed on the rifle or handgun range. If you want to bust clay targets then get involved with our many shotgun related events. Absolutely NO Tannerite or exploding targets are allowed on our facilities. The use of slugs on our range is understood during a seasonal sight in, but DO NOT use shot shells, the target supports bear too much damage.

Most members using the range appear to be tending to house cleaning as necessary. Empty cartridge cases are being picked up as they should and although we're seeing some targets being left posted, most are pulled down and placed in the trash like they should be. **A sincere Thank You to those who care and take the time to help keep our club looking great and without hesitation**

take care of trash regardless if it's theirs or not. When you are using the range pay attention to the postings all around the firing line and if you see others breaking club rules like this please make note of who is breaking the rules and let us know this is your club too and we want it safe for all. A simple note with details placed in the donation box will suffice. Their memberships are on the line.

REMINDER: Range fee for each guest is a \$5.00 donation per gun and as your guest YOU are responsible for their actions. Targets are provided at \$.50 each or 3 for \$1.00 please deposit the money in the appropriate donation box.

BE SAFE, THINK SAFETY FIRST, and good shooting to all,

PISTOL RANGE UPDATE

By Micah Deegan

The summer season is here. Warmer temps and decent weather means more trips to the range. This is all good news for all involved.

Some notes for everyone:

Watch the Calendar! If Sporting Clays is open or shooting (Wednesday afternoon, Saturday morning or the occasional Sunday morning) Then the pistol range is closed! Shot rains down on the pistol range and one cannot safely shoot while that is happening.

Shooting Tuesday evening... Pistol shots can, occasionally, cause the voice activated trap boxes to throw targets. We have adjusted the Voice activation down as far as we can so that the pistol range

is not closed during Trap, **but rapid fire or magnum rounds can cause issues.**

We try and provide a great space for handgun shooting...that said we have some limitations, shotguns are one of them. Taurus Judge, Smith and Wesson Governor, Mossberg Shockwave, or the new 990 PDW are very destructive on our foam targets. If you are shooting solid rounds, no problem but the shotshell loads tear up the foam and as expensive as the foam is..... the shipping of the foam is even more expensive than the actual cost of the foam! Please refrain from using shot loads on our foam target backs.

Due to insurance and other factors we cannot allow the shooting of steel

targets without prior approval and supervision of a NRA Range Safety Officer. Please do not bring your own steel targets unless you have approval from Rick Nelson, Club President. I have been to several other ranges and sprawl is a very real and dangerous by product of shooting steel. The NRA RSO course does teach the proper set up and safety protocols for shooting steel targets.

With all of that said, I sure hope to see you on the pistol range shooting and smiling while the sun is shining!

PS. Police your brass and make sure to throw out your trash and targets.



MORE GREAT PHOTOS

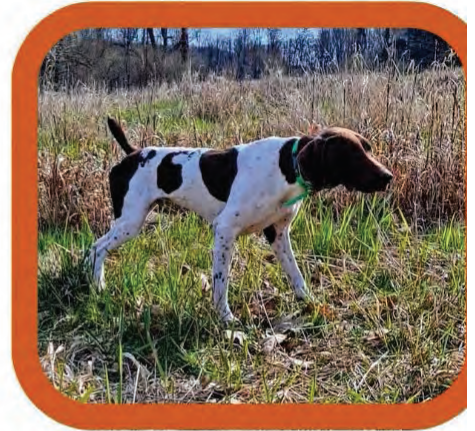




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