



WATERVLIET ROD & GUN CLUB

May 2025 NEWSLETTER

May 7 is the Membership Meeting at 7:30pm

President's Page

Trap has been up and running since April 7th. We have not had many shooters, but then we have not had the best of weather. It has been raining or it has been cold or both. I anticipate, as things start to warm up, the number of shooters will increase. We need help running the program! If you are interested in lending a hand, contact Jim Harner and we will get you started. The program runs the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm and the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 2:00pm.

Work day is May 10th. Bring your shovels, rakes, and hammers and plan to lend a hand! Work day is from 9am to about 2pm and ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED.

Ladies Day is scheduled for May 17th. This event is for Ladies only! They will learn firearm safety, cleaning, storage, and handling unloaded firearms with an instructor. They will receive lunch and following lunch can shoot several of the firearms they handled in class. The cost is \$30 per person. If you know someone that is interested they can call 269-470-9191 or 269-861-5156 to reserve a seat.

If you have been out to the club lately you probably notice all of the dirt in the parking lot. The County Road Commission has been cleaning out some ditches and offered us the dirt at no charge. This dirt will be used to increase the height of the 200 yard rifle berm. Now we need nice weather to dry things out so we can get the heavy equipment out there to stack up the dirt. With some luck we will have this done before June.

We have been discussing the installation of cameras on the property. There will be a camera on each of the ranges as well as the parking lot. Due to the cost of the system, there will be a period of discussion and a vote by the membership at the May membership meeting. Plan to attend the meeting, express your views, and make your vote to install the cameras or reject the idea.

Check out the rest of the newsletter, and I hope to see you at the club. Shoot straight, keep them in the bull, and do it safely. JIM



Club Calendar

May	
5	Trap 6:30pm
7	Membership meeting 7:30pm
10	Club Work Day
11	Mother's Day
13	CPL Registration 6:00pm
13	T2G Shotgun & Pistol 6:00 - 9:00pm
15	Bullshooters 10:00am
15	CPL Class 6:00 - 10:00pm
17	Ladies Day 8:00am - 4:00pm
17	SW Michigan Friends of NRA Event 5:00pm
18	CPL Class 8:00am - 4:00pm
19	Trap 6:30pm
26	Memorial Day
27	T2G Rifle & Pistol 6:00 - 9:00pm
28	Board Meeting 6:30pm
June	
2	Trap 6:30pm
4	Membership meeting 7:30pm
8	4-H Youth & Trap 2:00pm
10	T2G Shotgun & Pistol 6:00 - 9:00pm
14	Appleseed Pistol Clinic 7:00am - 6:00pm
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15	Father's Day
16	Trap 6:30pm
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22	4-H Youth & Trap 2:00pm
24	T2G Rifle & Pistol 6:00 - 9:00pm
25	Board Meeting 6:30pm

Club Officers

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Bullshooters

On April 17 we had 9 people attend our monthly gathering for coffee, donuts, and good conversation. 7 people went to lunch at The Bend. We will meet again on May 15 at 10:00am for coffee and donuts.



CPL Classes

If you are interested in taking a CPL Class, call Jim Harner at 269-470-9191 to pre-register. The cost is \$100.

Tactical 2 Gun Events

Tactical 2 Gun Events, the 2nd Tuesday of the month will be Shotgun and Pistol. The last Tuesday of the month will be Rifle and Pistol. If you have questions send email to: Chris Warner at warner1101@gmail.com or Kevin Schneider at shotgunman5@yahoo.com



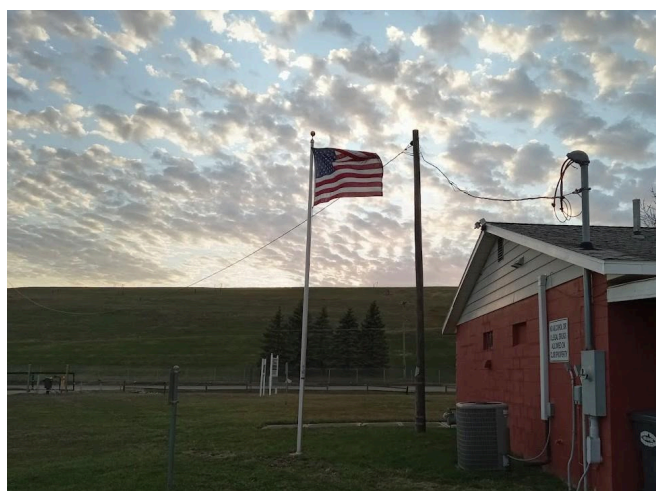
Project Appleseed presented "Sam and Sam" at the April 2nd Membership Meeting

Project Appleseed, who has conducted rifle marksmanship and American heritage clinics at WRGC since 2011, also offers a pistol marksmanship program. One of the fascinating stories told at a pistol event is the story of "Sam and Sam".

On April 2nd, Project Appleseed instructors brought that story . . . one of the inventiveness, resilience, and courage of our forefathers . . . to the WRGC monthly membership meeting. They talked about the beginnings of the American pistol through the story of Samuel Colt and Samuel Walker, plus they had a "show and tell" of the lineage of Colt pistols, both original and replica.

Also, don't forget that Project Appleseed will host marksmanship events during 2025. The dates are: Pistol on June 14-15; 200 yard rimfire rifle on September 6-7. You can learn more and sign up at our website. <https://appleseedinfo.org>

Project Appleseed, a 501c3 non-partisan, non-profit organization, has a singular mission -- to rekindle American's sense of their heritage through the lens of April 19, 1775 and the conflicts leading up to the battles of Lexington and Concord. Our 600-strong, all-volunteer, nationwide group of instructors teach this through marksmanship and American heritage nearly every weekend across the nation. Since Project Appleseed was formed in 2006, over 140,000 participants have sent more than 40 million rounds safely and accurately downrange.



Ladies Day

Basic Firearm Safety and Training Class

Plenty of space available

Saturday, May 17, 2025 8:00am - 4:00pm

at Watervliet Rod and Gun Club

3413 Hennessey Road Watervliet, MI 49098



Ladies, Here's your chance to learn to safely handle and use firearms, learn about different kinds of ammunition and firearms. Have the opportunity to shoot them on the range with 1:1 instruction. .22 caliber handguns, rifles, and 20 gauge shotguns.

Lunch, Firearms & Ammo provided.

Bring Eye and Ear Protection

Cost is \$30.00

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