

Springwater Rod & Gun Club

Fall 2015 Newsletter

From The President:

Eight months have passed and things are slowing down. We have done some improvements to the rifle and pistol ranges. Also we are in the process of building a small pavilion for the trap fields.

I have received several positive comments from visitors and competitors on how nice the club looks inside and out.

The active members can be proud of their efforts.

Scooter

New Website From Mark Wolfanger:

The new SPRGC website went live this past January 2015. Over the past months we have had many visitors stopping by and seeing what is new. The most significant change is the actual address which is now www.springwaterrodandgunclub.com. For many months you may not have been able to find the website using search engines such as Google or Bing. That issue has been resolved for the past few months so both search engines find our website with ease and will help make it easier for everyone to find our new home on the web. Another reported issue was members having problems viewing all the content on the web. The issue is resolved by downloading the most current version of your favorite web browser or allowing it to update. One web browser that has not shown any issues displaying our website is Mozilla Firefox. Some of the changes to the website include a new look, photo gallery, shooting scores, and a downloadable version of our membership application.

New information is posted frequently with the goal to keep our membership informed with the latest news events, new range rules, and general information. If you have not had the opportunity to visit the new site, we would invite you to do and stop back every so often to see what is new.

Calling all members, send in your email address this year when you renew. The club will be transitioning to email distribution of newsletters and general information as we move into the future.

Springwater Rod And Gun Club Membership Details:

As of the end of August 2015, The Club Membership is as follows:

1. The club has 230 annual members.
2. Of these, 22 are juniors who are annual members, dues free, until they reach 18 years old when they become regular dues paying members.
3. The club has 63 Life Members
4. The club also has 66 Senior Life Members

Total Club Membership is 359 Members:

Information for annual members:

5. The annual member's dues of \$25 becomes payable on Oct. 1 of each year, for the new membership year.
6. If the annual dues are not paid by Jan.31 of the new membership year, a \$20 late fee will be added to the dues, for a total of \$45 to renew their membership.
7. If the dues are not paid by March 1 of the new membership year, those members lose all club privileges until all past dues and late fees are paid in full.
8. After two years of nonpayment of all dues and late fees, the member must reapply for club membership and be voted into the club again.

FROM THE TRAP LINE:

It's been a busy year for our trap shooters between the Livingston County League, our own club Summer League, ATA Shoots, and all of the State Shoots across the country. Springwater shooters won the Livingston County League by a narrow margin. The competition is getting tougher each year.

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| The top six were: Joe Reagon | AVERAGE: | 48.57 |
| Bob Wyatt | | 48.57 |
| Tom Lander | | 48.29 |
| Bob McAllister | | 48.15 |
| Rich Mastin | | 47.86 |
| Larry Vose | | 47.43 |

GREAT SHOOTING GUYS!

Our Summer League is almost over with one more shoot and a shoot-off with a league banquet in Oct. We have over thirty shooters in our league with three juniors who are coming on strong. Shooting is open Wed. mornings and Wed. evenings, and on Sat. mornings.

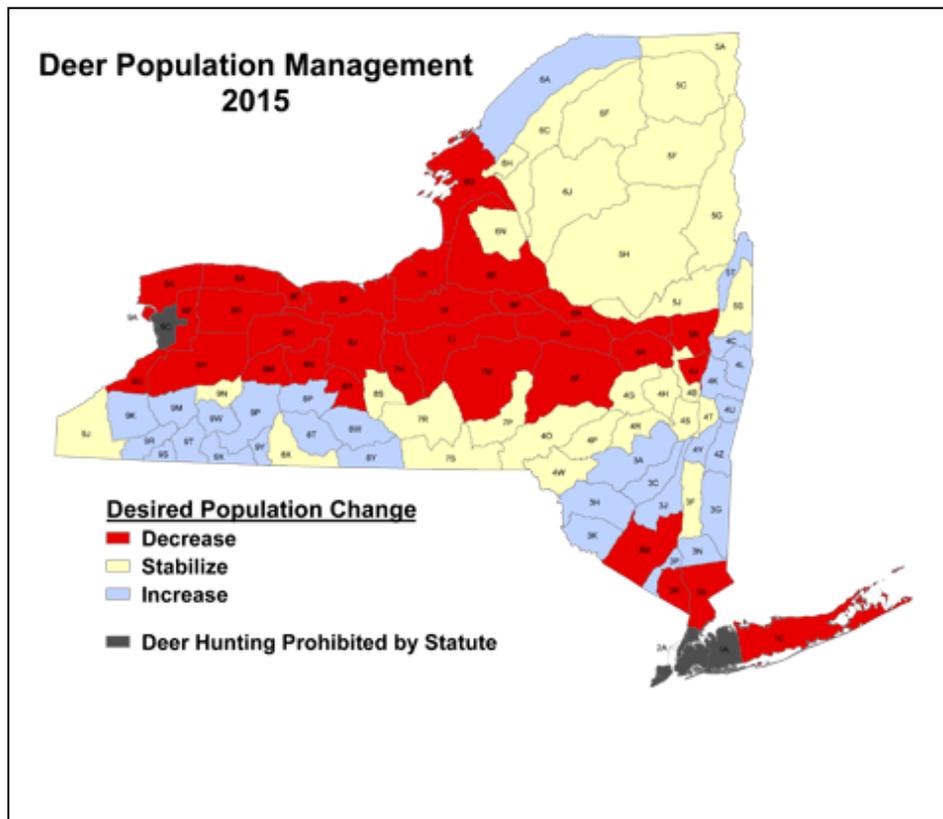
FROM THE RIFLE RANGE;

Competition is really heating up on both center fire and rim fire shoots. Last year there were good scores but this year there have been quite a few perfect 200 scores with 40x's. The CMP Shoots have been well received and the scores have been great. If you haven't seen the rifle range or pistol range lately, come see what a great field we have. Everyone who shoots here from other clubs and Penn, rave about how nice it is. For future scheduled events, check the calendar in the club house.

Hunter Safety Training

As another Fall approaches, another young group of hunters will soon be in the woods. Our next class will be held 19-20 September. The DEC just informed us that there will be new requirements for the Hunter Education Course (gun) starting in 2016. It appears that students will now have homework that will need to be completed prior to arrival. The course book and worksheet will be available (free) for download.

There are also some changes to the 2015-16 season, mostly based upon the map above. The areas in red (dark area running from Buffalo through Albany and up to Watertown for those seeing this B&W) are overpopulated, and the herd size needs to be reduced. DEC has been trying to manage this by using Deer Management Permits (DMP aka Doe Tags) but this has not worked. Harvesting bucks does not affect deer population (only the does), and the populations are increasing. Therefore, hunting in most areas in red (WMU1C, 3M, 3S, 4J, 8A, 8C, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8N, 9A and 9F) will be a very little difference. DEC statistics show that too many bucks (or not enough does) are being taken during the bow season. Therefore, (in Southern Zone) bow hunters will only be able to take antlerless deer during the first 15 days of early bow season, and all of the late bow season. Additionally late muzzleloader season will be only antlerless, also. Check your 2015-16 regulation guide for the specific details.



Crossbows seem to be the latest craze in hunting across the entire country (thanks, Walking Dead). There are several new regulations, that can be a bit confusing. Crossbows can be used during late muzzleloader season in the Southern Zone using Bow/Muzz Tags, DMPs, DMAP tags, or an unfilled Regular Big Game tag (late season only) OR during regular firearms seasons using a Regular Big Game tag, DMPs, or DMAP tags. One must have the muzzleloading license to use the crossbow during the muzzleloader season or the late bow season (last 14 days of bow season). Standoff (the distance to the nearest house/structure) for crossbows in 250'.

In ALL cases, a crossbow user must have (1) completed online crossbow certification, (2) completed Hunter Ed Course since April, 2014, OR have (3) completed certifications in the Hunting & Trapping regulation Guide (the book you get with your license). Each of these three options leaves the hunter with some sort of paper that they need to carry while crossbow hunting. Option 3 is probably the easiest. Once again, please check your regulation guide for the specific details.

Lastly, we would like to wish you the best of luck this upcoming hunting season. And PLEASE be safe,

Thank You,
Pat, Jim, and Charlie