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The Scatter Sheet

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Message from the Chairman—Steve Verdi

Happy New Year from the Officers and the Board of Directors! We hope you enjoy peace, prosperity and happiness as we welcome 2020 as our best year ever!

As ORGC begins 50 years of sport shooting enjoyment, we celebrate the accomplishments we experienced last year. We made significant improvements to the clubhouse, ranges, equipment, west trap house and fields. USPSA and Rifle matches were great successes! We hosted the NYSHSCTL, our own Youth Program, supported women's programs, and CMP. We had a successful Veterans Fundraiser to support community outreach programs to help vets. Membership has steadily increased.

We are very excited about the goals we have set for 2020. We will:

- Finish the east #2 trap field with grading and a new lawn
- Install a new front door with electronic member access to rest rooms and emergency medical equipment
- Pour a new concrete floor, ramp and repair the foundation walls.
- Focus on recruiting volunteers needed to complete projects and with general help around the facility

And, of course, assuring member experience continues to be the best in the area through our commitment to sport shooting, building community relationships and, with YOUR help, continue make our club thrive in 2020.

CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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Steve Verdi

2020 MEMBERSHIP RATES

Your dues along with member volunteers accomplished great things in 2019!

- General improvements to our facility
- New trap equipment, new trap sidewalks
- Berm maintenance and improvements (making them higher)
- Extensive club house upgrades (paint roof, gutters, windows, etc.)
- Extensive upgrades to the shoot houses (paint, lighting, fencing)

It was a \$30,000 investment in the club for members to enjoy. Thank you to our member volunteers for their assistance with these projects that greatly improved our facility helping make it a premier range in NY.

Our 2020 plans for dues and member volunteer assistance includes:

- Upgrade to the east trap field
- A major investment to improve the long-range shoot house.

ORGC's dues have remained **consistently affordable** for many years, however some of the improvements required us to hire contractors to complete the job. We simply didn't have enough volunteers and help!

ORGC's goal is to encourage more members to volunteer their skills so we can do the work internally to maintain a great facility while keeping membership rates from going up more frequently. This year we have a modest increase in dues.

2020 MEMBERSHIP RATES

SINGLE	\$100.00
FAMILY	\$125.00
SENIOR	\$ 50.00
JUNIOR	\$ 20.00
ORIENTATION	\$ 50.00

Memberships run from April 1 to March 31 of the following year.

Renewal letters will be mailed to current members in January. Payment is due by April 1st and must be in cash or check, mailed or made in person at the clubhouse.

PAYMENTS NOT RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2020 WILL BE CHARGED A \$25 LATE FEE. FOB WILL NOT BE REACTIVATED UNTIL LATE FEE PAID.

Please update your contact information such as email address & phone.

Thank you for being a member! Thank you for volunteering your time and skill to help maintain and improve YOUR club, Ontario Rod and Gun Club.... Western New York's Premier Gun Club.

For membership questions, contact Membership Director, Pete Sundquist at petesundquist@rochester.rr.com

RANGE RULES REBOOT!

Curious about rules changes, range updates and new policies? Attend any monthly Orientation FREE as a refresher 3rd Saturday each month.

For an updated copy of policies and range rules, stop by any Saturday or Tuesday night to get a copy.

REMINDERS

Range Security Access is limited to members and their guests.

Your FOB records your IN AND OUT. Close the gate each time you pass. Do not allow anyone else to enter without using their own FOB. There is a fee for lost FOBs.

Please **SIGN IN every guest** in the log located in the box on the long range. Two (2) guests per member at a time, and no more than 3 times per year. Get them to join.

Wear your ID or have it visible to identify yourself as a member. Get to know who is using the facility.

Anyone deliberately destroying or damaging anything on the range, shoot houses, clubhouse or grounds, including wildlife, will be subject to immediate removal and will face the consequences of such actions in accordance with our ORGC Bylaws and Constitution.

Use of equipment provided in Eagles Range is a privilege of membership. It is expected that all people who use the range will leave the range in good condition for the next user.

Put all equipment away.

Remove your targets from the stand and discard.

Pick up your brass.

Put all tools away.

Put your trash in the trash can.

OH, WHAT FUN!

The ORGC Christmas Party was great fun this year. Heidi and Bob Ledgerwood delighted the crowd with a yummy lunch. We got to enjoy the new wood stove, and the conversation of new and old friends.

The Toys for Tots Boxes filled up and generosity was on display as Steve Verdi presented a check for \$500 to The Vet Center (www.vetcenter.va.gov) from the money raised at the July Veterans Fundraiser.

The canteen raffle winner was Brad Schultz. He opted to take the \$250 in cash. The canteen will be donated to the Meyers-Ingraham American Legion Post #428 who will display it appropriately. The canteen raffle generated a profit of \$1400 placed into our Veteran's Benevolent Fund.

Enjoy a few pictures!





Thank you to the generous and skilled member volunteers who helped with tasks, projects, events and range improvements in 2019! We couldn't have done it without you!!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2019 ORGC Christmas Party a success.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Marine TOY FOR TOTS drive.

Thank you to sitting members of the Board of Directors who took time out of their holiday to attend meetings to keep ORGC moving forward.

Thank you to all the people who are READING the Scatter Sheet every month. A lot of effort goes into collecting information, pictures and writing the articles, so, thanks from me, Frankie.

Thank you to the Bill Burger, Ken Paul and Steve Verdi and the other volunteers who helped install our new wood stove. It will be well used and much appreciated on those cold nights after a round of trap in the snow!

Thank you to Kaliena Bourgeois for leading the ORGC support of Wreaths Across America, and to the members who helped place wreaths at Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery and the Bath National Cemetery.

SATURDAY WORK DAY

Do you have a skill you'd be willing to share? Will you help out at your own club?

All members are asked at orientation to work at the club for a minimum of 8 hours each year.

We begin at 9:00 a.m. every Saturday rain or shine.

There is always work to do. Painting, range improvements, odd jobs, building, cleaning, organizing and everything in between.

We've had many new faces show up to help and they are a welcome sight! Our regular team is so much fun!

Contact Steve Verdi (585) 739-3195 if you have a specialty and time specific availability or better yet, come to the club on our Saturday Work Day, every Saturday rain or shine, and give us a hand.

We'll be looking for you!

Thank you!!



TUESDAY NIGHT OPEN TRAP

Join us for a round or two of trap shooting!

Every Tuesday night from 5-9 p.m.

Member trap price is \$4.00.

Non-Member price is \$6.00.

Junior price is \$3.00.

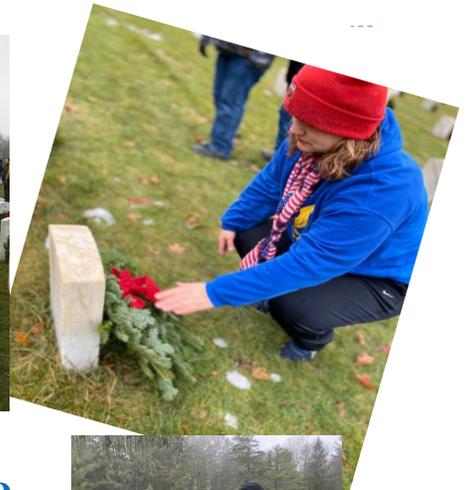


It's a bargain for all the fun you'll experience!

We encourage trap shooters of all skill levels to come and enjoy shooting with us. We have a number of skilled trap shooters who are just fun to watch. All skill levels are welcome.

Warm yourself at our new woodstove after you shoot a round! Hot and cold beverages and snacks available.

***“When it comes to mastering a skill, time is the magic ingredient.”
Robert Greene***



Wreaths Across America 2019 ORGC Touches the Community



CELEBRATING MEMBER'S SUCCESS!

So, you want to hunt? Here are a few tips to help you bag the kind of game these folks did!

1. Study the animals you hunt.
2. Pay attention to the wind.
3. Scout, scout, scout.
4. Be quiet.
5. Be in shape.
6. Be positive.
7. Hunt with people who share your values.
8. Know your gear and practice with it.
9. Pay attention to the moon phases.
10. Evaluate your failures and successes."

Pretty good advice. Or maybe just ask these lucky and skillful people!

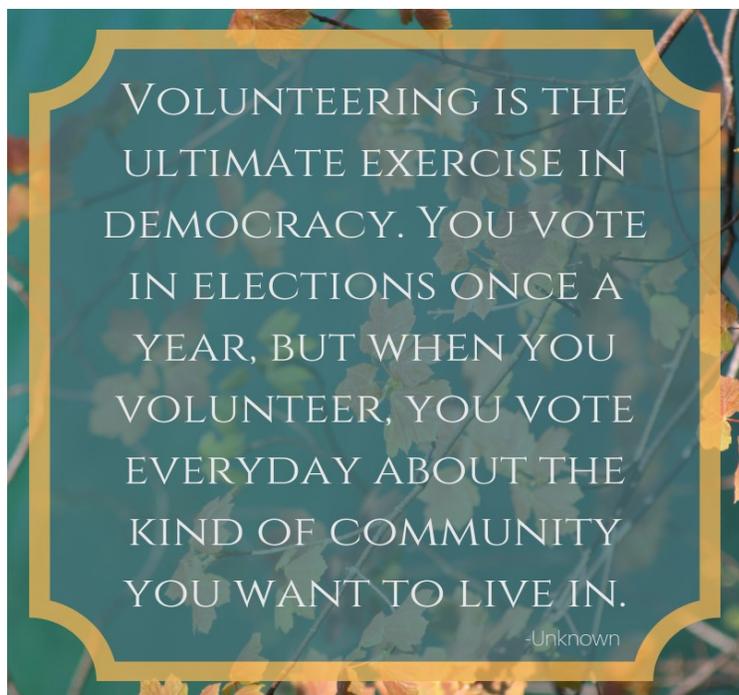
Tips are from online article you may want to read. <https://www.wideopenspaces.com/10-hunting-skills-money-cant-buy/>



Tim Frieday, Andy Celso, Ralph Wroblewski, Bob Ledgerwood and Dan Levan filled their freezers this year!



THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM



This issue features pictures of a very small part of the volunteerism I observed at ORGC in 2019. Volunteering is not just something members do, it's the way they look at life that motivates them to help in whatever way they can. Each time the key opens the door to the clubhouse, a volunteer is doing something for others. It's not a job, it's a choice to serve in a nonprofit organization to improve the experience for all members.

After an exhaustive search several years ago, John and I decided we belonged at ORGC. John and I have spent our lives in service to others, and we felt that sense of 'service to others' every time we visited. It wasn't long before John and I became part of the "ORGC Family," recognizing their passion for a cause, ability to work as a team, tenacity, commitment and reliability. As we developed relationships with people at the club, we realized the spirit of volunteerism extended beyond the range into the community. The possibility exists for every member to be a part of a terrific place to shoot AND to fulfil an intrinsic need to be useful...whether it be taking time to sort brass for the club, teach kids to shoot or deliver food boxes to local veterans.

ORGC asks for only eight (8) hours of your time each year to do something at the club. And if you've been reading the Scatter Sheet, you must have realized the number of events we have happening that could use a few extra hands. It is an opportunity to be an active part of the club, the community, to build relationships, learn something new, contribute your talents, work for a cause and discover something about yourself. It's your range; your club and your community! Consider joining the best people on the planet at the range for a Saturday Workday. Come over and talk with some of the "family" who are there working and find out how you can help and share your skills at your club.

For volunteer opportunities, contact Steve Verdi (585) 739-3195, attend the General Membership meeting on January 16 at 7:15 p.m., or stop by on Saturday Workday. All of us member volunteers will welcome and appreciate you!

By Frankie LaMarca

Thank you volunteers!



WOMEN OF ORGC—WINTER PRACTICE



It's the middle of winter and all you have left of your monthly practice sessions are memories. Right? I agree that summer practice is much more enticing than the same activity in the cold. But you know very well; keeping up your skills, techniques and response time is important. You can't choose when you'll need to use your skills. Someone else will, and that person doesn't care about the weather.

Indoor ranges are an option. You may not be able to practice your draw, but you can practice sight acquisition, trigger control, breath control, accuracy at varying distances, reloads, efficient attention to malfunctions like stovepipes and misfeeds, and analyzing your shot patterns. That should keep you busy for a hundred rounds!!

And, there's the magic of dry fire. My friend, Nick Saiti, a Grand Master in every USPSA division, asks me EVERY time I see him, "Are you dry firing?" He achieved his goals by relentless practice regardless of the weather and because of a commitment to dry fire every day. Even fifteen minutes every day will help you retain and improve skills. Think of it as meditation and remember, empty magazines, unload and show clear, and keep ammo OUT of the room. Practice the same skills as above but without the actual shot. Use a mirror to check your stance and presentation. You can also look into the interactive "I Target Pro." It works through an app on your phone and a laser bullet the caliber of your firearm. Lots of fun.

If you've made the decision to carry and to enjoy shooting sports, you must make a commitment to continue your skill development regardless the weather. I can hear my friends saying, "Easy for you to say. You're in Arizona." Hey, it's cold here, too. I went to the range the other day and it was fifty degrees. People were using hot hands. I was in four layers. But when the buzzer sounded, nothing else mattered except my sights and the target. It was like a warm summer day shooting with my girlfriends at ORGC.

By Frankie LaMarca

<https://www.pewpewtactical.com/cold-weather-shooting-tips/>

EVENTS AT ORGC – JANUARY 2020

CLUB RANGE HOURS

SUBJECT TO CHANGES

Monday–Saturday

9 a.m. to Sunset

Sunday

10 a.m. to Sunset

HOLIDAYS

Noon–4 p.m.

Holidays are New Years Day, Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day

New Member

Orientation

3rd Saturday every month

January 4 & 5 - Inland Waters Trap League 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

All Range Closed until 3:00 p.m.

January 7 —ORGC Open Trap Open Trap 4:30p.m.

January 11— ORGC Audit Committee Meeting

January 11—Practical Shooters Organizational Meeting

January 14— ORGC Open Trap Open Trap 4:30 p.m.

January 16—Corporate (General) Meeting 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Elections—Coffee & Cake following

January 18— New Member Orientation—9 a.m. -12 Clubhouse

January 21 - ORGC Open Trap Open Trap 4:30 p.m.

January 28— ORGC Open Trap Open Trap 4:30 p.m.

TRAINING RANGE & PRIVATE EVENTS

January 6 — Private Event—Training Range 8:30 p.m.-11 a.m.

January 12— Private Event—Training Range 9:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

January 13—Private Event—Training Range 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

January 19— Private Event—Clubhouse & Training Range 8 a.m.– 5 p.m.

January 24— Private Event—Clubhouse & Training Range 8 a.m.– 5 p.m.

January 26— Private Event—Clubhouse & Training Range 8 a.m.– 5 p.m.

January 27—Private Event—Training Range 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Meetings

3rd Thursday

General Membership

7:15 p.m.

January, March, May,

July, September,

November

Board Of Directors

7:15 p.m.

February, April, June,
August,

October, December

Chairman Steve Verdi—(585) 739-3195

- Immediate need or emergency
- Club Policies, Range Rules
- General questions

Membership Director—Pete Sundquist—petesundquist@rochester.rr.com

- Joining ORGC
- Membership—new or renewal
- FOB issues

Communication Director—Frankie LaMarca

- frankielamarca@gmail.com
- Scatter Sheet Newsletter
- Advertising in the Scatter Sheet or Website
- Website questions

The best time to visit ORGC

- Tuesday Nights from 5-8 during Open Trap. Members are in the clubhouse and may be able to answer your questions.
- Saturday Workday (every Saturday) from 9-3 when you'll find most of our officers and members making improvements. They'll be happy to talk to you and give you a tour.



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