



WATERVLIET ROD & GUN CLUB

April 2025 NEWSLETTER

April 2 is the Membership Meeting at 7:30pm

President's Page

Our spring work day is scheduled for May 10th at 9am. Bring your rakes, we have a lot of stones to remove from the yard from snow plowing, bring your shovels for we have ditches to open and ruts to repair. I'd like someone to bring a chain saw, to cut up downed trees on the rifle range. Bring saw and hammers to repair backer board supports. We also have a lot of trash to pick up that has blown over from the dump. A note to everyone, that during the clean-up, **ALL RANGES ARE CLOSED.**

If you have been out to the club lately, you have probably noticed that the pistol ranges are in really good shape considering all of the snow and rain we have had. The drainage system we had put in this past year is doing its job. Yes, there are some wet spots, west of the little access road, but the ranges are usable. That was money well spent I believe.

No word on when the rifle ranges will be opened again! I feel it will probably be June before we can use them again. The ground has to dry out enough so we can get heavy equipment down to the 200 yard backstop. We have to raise the backstop up to 26 feet thus we need dirt hauled down there and also equipment to raise it to 26 feet.

We have had some issues with the electronic gate and hopefully we have and will have the issues corrected. One problem was during a snow event the reflector lenses would not function properly with the snow stuck to them or it was foggy or a heavy rain. If the system doesn't recognize the reflector the gate will not function properly. During our last repair it was noted that the rollers that the gate rides on need to be replaced. We have contacted an individual to do that repair, so they should be replaced within the next couple of weeks.

If you have been to a membership meeting in the last couple months you have heard that we are going to be installing cameras on the property. This was one of the recommendations from Orchard Hill Landfill. We have found a company that will do it but the cost for such a system will require approval by the membership. Thus, at the May 7th membership meeting we will put it to a vote. We need a quorum so plan to attend the meeting and help keep the club up and running!

I hope to see you at the club. Shoot straight, keep them in the bull, and do it safely! JIM



Club Calendar

April	
2	Membership meeting 7:30pm
5	Basic Pistol Instructor Class 8:00am - 4:00pm
8	T2G Shotgun & Pistol 6:00 - 9:00pm
13	4-H Youth & Trap 2:00pm
15	CPL Registration 6:00pm
17	Bullshooters 10:00am
17	CPL Class 6:00 - 10:00pm
19	CPL Class 8:00am - 4:00pm
20	Easter
21	Trap 6:30pm
27	4-H Youth & Trap 2:00pm
29	T2G Rifle & Pistol 6:00 - 9:00pm
30	Board Meeting 6:30pm
May	
5	Trap 6:30pm
7	Membership meeting 7:30pm
10	Club Work 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

If you have an article for the newsletter send it to Kevin Schneider at wrg49098@gmail.com

Club Officers

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Bullshooters

On March 20 we had 9 people attend our monthly gathering for coffee, donuts, and good conversation. 9 people went to lunch at The Bend. We will meet again on April 17 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 will resume on March 25. 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:

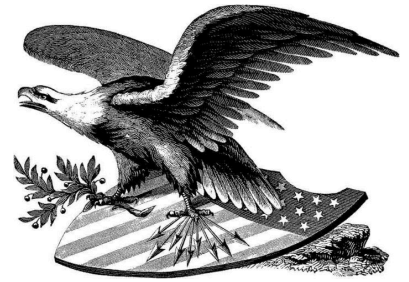
Chris Warner at warner1101@gmail.com or Kevin Schneider at shotgunman5@yahoo.com

4-H Youth Shooting Sports

The 4-H Youth Shooting Sports Meetings will be on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 2:00-4:00pm.

Trap

The Trap Program will start on Sunday, April 13.



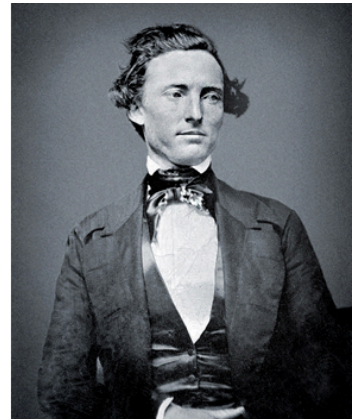
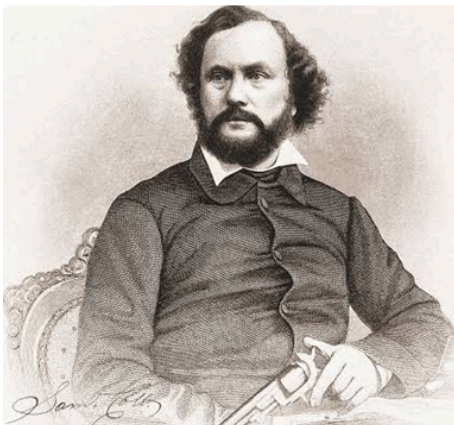
Project Appleseed to Present "Sam and Sam" at the April 2nd Membership Meeting

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 will bring that story . . . one of the inventiveness, resilience, and courage of our forefathers . . . to the WRGC monthly membership meeting. We will talk about the beginnings of the American pistol through the story of Samuel Colt and Samuel Walker, plus have 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: 25 meter rifle on April 26-27; 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

**For Information: Call (269) 470-9191 or (269) 861-5156,
or send email to wrg49098@gmail.com**

www.watervlietrodandgunclub.org

**FRIENDS OF
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SATURDAY, May 17, 2025 **at the Van Buren Conference Center**
490 South Paw Paw Street Lawrence, Michigan (Exit 52, North off I-94)

5:00 p.m. Social Hour 6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Silent Auction, Raffles, and Live Auction





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