



The Genesee Conservation League, Inc.

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President's Report

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the facility. If you didn't attend you missed a great chicken BBQ, the next one will be August 16th. If you're interested I suggest you get your tickets early.

Elections are over and I would like to congratulate all of the directors that took the initiative to run and donate the time to assist in the operation of the club. Welcome back to the incumbents and Jim Despard, a past director, and our newest director Gary Kuhn.

The new card system will be activated before the end of June. If you haven't renewed your membership please do so. It has

always been a rule to wear your membership badge while using a range. If you're in the habit of not wearing yours, and you happen to go to your vehicle to retrieve something, you may not get back in.

Please try to support the benefit shoot for officer Di'Ponzio. Even if you don't participate, I'm sure your presence would be uplifting to the officer and his family. We sometimes neglect to remember these officers are putting their lives on the line every day so that we are protected and can enjoy our way of life.

~Wayne Cichetti~

Can You Pass the New Certification Exam?

All new members must pass an exam before they receive their cards.

Could you pass this exam? Each month we will ask a few questions from the exam. Check and see if YOU get the answers right.

1. The three primary rules for handling a fire-arm are ...

2. When I move my rifle from my car to the range and back, I must ...

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Benefit Pistol Match



On June 27, 2009 GCL will host a benefit pistol match with the proceeds going to Rochester Police Officer Anthony DiPonzio, for medical and rehabilitation expenses.

Officer DiPonzio, 23, of Greece, was shot after he and other officers had gone to Dayton Street the afternoon of Jan. 31 for a complaint of drug activity. The officers made no arrests and were walking back to their vehicles to leave when DiPonzio was shot in the back of the head, with a .22-caliber rifle.

The neurosurgeon, Dr. Paul Maurer, who operated on Anthony DiPonzio when he was first brought to Rochester General Hospital, says the officer's progress has been astonishing but cautions "I will emphasize that this is a very slow recovery."

The match will be an action pistol match - IPSC, IDPA and DSM friendly but is open to all shooters. For more information or to register go to www.dsmacademy.com

Archery News

The Chicken BBQ was a sell out again! Everybody enjoyed the day with their friends and fellow archers. GCL and the archery section thank the many people that helped and everyone who bought a ticket, we were able to sell and enjoy 300 dinners and the money will go to improvements for the archery section. More summer events are planned for the Archery section so keep an ear open and get your bows ready. One event we are talking about will be a combined shoot, 15 animal targets (3-D) and 14 field targets with a sausage roast to follow. Let us know what you think and if there is some thing else that might be good.

The Field League has started and we have 12 members shooting, I was hoping for more, it's not

too late to join and we are very liberal about make-ups. If you want to try another game in archery join us on Tuesday and give it a try. Also there will be a 3-D league starting July 21st and running to August 25th.

Our Archery Section club meetings are the third Wednesday of the month, and this month we will vote on officers for the section. If you are interested and want a more active role show up and make a difference.

We are still short a few people for the gate on Sunday's. This is for the 3-D open shoots, if you have time send an e-mail and tell me what date you can help out on.

~Jim Lomogio~

Prime Camping Season is Here - Be Bear Aware

The prime camping season is underway "The root cause of most human-bear conflicts is typically food. Please keep a clean camp, don't intentionally feed wildlife, and be sure to keep your food stuffs well away from your sleeping area," advises Ron Thompson, a furbearer biologist with the Game and Fish Department.

Biologists said all outdoor recreationists should take the following precautions to minimize potential conflicts with bears and other wildlife:

- Never intentionally feed wildlife.
- Secure all garbage.
- Keep a clean camp.
- Do not cook in your tent or sleeping area.
- Store all foods, toiletries and other scented items well away from sleeping areas and un available to bears.
- Wash-up, change clothing and remove all scented articles before retiring to your sleeping area.
- Walk or jog in groups. Pay attention to your surroundings when hiking, jogging or bicycling.
- Supervise your children (especially toddlers) and keep them in sight at all times.
- Keep your pets on a leash - don't allow them to be free roaming. Or better yet, leave them at home if you can. Pets can easily get into conflicts with a wide range of wildlife from skunks to coyotes.

"Following these simple tips will greatly minimize your chance of having an undesirable encounter with a wild animal while visiting the outdoors. So please exercise your common sense and be safe out there," said Thompson.

If you encounter a bear in a developed campground, notify the campground host. If you have a problem with a scavenging bear in the forest, notify the DEC.

If you are confronted by a black bear, it is advisable to consider these tips:

- Don't run. Running elicits what is called a predator-prey response - if you run, the animal might instinctively want to chase and catch you. Despite their imposing size, bears are quick and can reach speeds of 40 mph.
- Stay calm.
- Continue facing it, and slowly back away.
- Try making yourself look as big and imposing as possible; put young children on your shoulders.
- Speak loudly or yell and let it know you are human (don't scream).
- Make loud noises by clanging pans, using air horns, or whatever is available.
- If attacked, fight back.
- Never get between a female bear and her cubs.

Biologists advise that bears and other predators can be unpredictable, so ultimately the situation should dictate your actions.

CLUB CALENDAR

June	
1	Twilight League – Indoor Pistol Range 4-7 pm
2	RDPA – Outdoor Pistol Range 5-11 pm
3	IPSC – Indoor Pistol Range 5-9 pm
4	Kodak Pistol League – Indoor Range 5-9 pm *
	Exec. BOD Mtg. Clubhouse 7 pm
6	IPSC Match – Outdoor Pistol Range 9 am-4 pm
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13	CMP Match - 9 AM - 1 PM Rifle range
15	Twilight League – Indoor Pistol Range 4-7 pm
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17	IPSC – Indoor Pistol Range 5-9 pm
18	Kodak Pistol League – Indoor Range 5-9 pm *
20	IDPA - Outdoor Range 9 am - 4 pm
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23	RDPA– Indoor Pistol Range 5-11 pm
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27	DSM - 9 AM - 4 PM Outdoor range
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Check the calendar for matches before planning to use the ranges.

During the weekend matches, indoor ranges are in use and closed during the match times.

During evening matches, the indoor range is in use from 4:00 pm to approx.

10:00 pm and closed. Members are encouraged to participate and shoot in the G.C.L.

matches during these times.

The calendar times and dates are subject to change without notice.

Please call the event coordinator to confirm time and dates.

Answers to the Certification Exam

- 1) Treat all firearms as if they are loaded, until proven otherwise.
Point the firearm at only something you can afford to destroy.
Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you are going to fire it.

- 2) Have it in a case.

GCL NAMES AND NUMBERS

Clubhouse 381-0070

Officers & Directors

President	Wayne Cichetti	248-9128
1st V. President	Dave Havasi	377-7935
2nd V. President	John Wensich	385-2265
3rd V. President	Fred Willette	924-8008
V.P Legal	Scott Smith	546-6312
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Treasurer	Al Schusler	279-8869

Appointments

Clubhouse Director	Wayne Cichetti	248-9128
	Richard Winterman	
Conservation		377-0002
Membership	Fred Willette	924-8008
Pistol	Dave Havasi	377-7935
	Ron Speicher	259-8992
Rifle	Andris Silins	218-9828
	Gus Webber	
	John Fitzpatrick	
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	John Fitzpatrick	
Archery	Joe Rau	899-6821
	Jim Lomoglio	
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Seminars/Lectures	David Jenkins	749-7650
Jr. Director	Andris Silins	218-9828
	Gus Weber	
	John Fitzpatrick	
Gun Show	John Wensich	385-2265
	Stephen Hendershott	889-4076
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Best Practices	Don Rimai	726-2549
	Wayne Cichetti	248-9128
	Scott Smith	546-6312
Web Master/Newsletter	Tracy Lafferty	415-6577

Event Coordinators

Tactical Rifle Match Director	Andris Silins	218-9828
CMP Match Coordinator	Tom Galvin	546-1290
IPSC Match Coordinator	Tom Beck	244-0971
IPSC Match Coordinator	Gary Flood	315-331-2736
DSM Match Coordinators	Sam Hardy	426-2126
	Jim Gommenginger	613-8046
IDPA Match Coordinators	John Yetter	381-0278
	Vince Roberts	383-1299
Cowboy Action Shooting	Jim Gommenginger	613-8046
	Roger Graham	670-9804
Twilight League (Bulls Eye)	Paul Trouskie	889-5118
Hunter Safety	Rich deFay	764-9205
Jr. Instructors	Andris Silins	218-9828
	Tom Galvin	546-1290
	Lou Prahler	872-0746
	Jim Harmond	
	Gus Webber	
	John Fitzpatrick	

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