



A note from the Club President

Season's Greetings Lamoille Fish and Game Club Members. Another awesome year is in the books, and the club had a great year. That is only possible because we have the best volunteers. Thank you all for the time you generously give to the club each year. Without volunteers the club and its programs would cease to exist.

This past year we lost one of our most tireless volunteers, Evan Hughes. Evan was a lifelong advocate for Vermonters Sportsman's and Firearms rights, working alongside legislators to protect our rights and keep us informed of what is going on in Montpelier. Evan was an endless book of knowledge on Vermont law and could recite them whenever needed. Evan will be greatly missed, and we were fortunate to have him looking out for our rights.

We welcomed back the Primitive Biathlon, and the Annual Gun Show this year and they were very successful. We welcomed the Verdant Vigilantes to The Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club. The Verdant Vigilantes are a group of Cowboy Action Shooters that will be holding shoots at the Club through the 2023 season. You should come check them out, they are a great group of guys and gals, that are always looking to get new shooters involved.

As we look forward to another successful year at The Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club, I want to thank my fellow officers, Board members and committee heads, for helping to keep the club open for all of our members and guests to enjoy. And also to our members who join the club and enjoy the facilities. With that said, if you see someone being unsafe or someone damaging club property please speak up. The Club belongs to all of us and it is our responsibility to maintain it and preserve it for future generations. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions please feel free to call me or email me.

Respectfully,
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2023 Annual Newsletter

2023 Membership dues will increase.

Starting January 1st yearly dues for the Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club will increase to \$75. This still includes you, your spouse, significant other and minor children.

Annual Meeting

This year's Annual meeting will be January 26th at the Charlemont Restaurant. Dinner is available at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 6:30pm. All members are welcome. This is your opportunity to vote on a slate of officers and help set the direction of the club for the year to come.

Proposed By-Law Change

This eliminates sending out a costly newsletter by physical mail, which saves the club about \$1200-\$1500 per year.

Current Amendment as written underlined.

10. Article X - Amendments

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A Copy of the proposed amendment to the constitution must be sent by United States mail to each club member in good standing at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting. At the annual meeting a quorum of the club membership eligible to vote must be present and the amendment must be approved by an affirmative vote of those present.

Proposed change underlined.

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Club members in good standing must be notified by email, social media, and website, at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting of the proposed amendment to the constitution. At the annual meeting a quorum of the club membership eligible to vote must be present and the amendment must be approved by an affirmative vote of those present.

Primitive Biathlon – January 29 and 30 2022

After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, many brave competitors from all over Vermont and New England ran or walked the course despite wind chills of -35 degrees. Fires at each of the four stations and inside the clubhouse kept competitors and volunteers warm. Some costumes were elaborate while others were traditional.

Mark your calendar for the next Primitive Biathlon on Jan. 28 & 29, 2023.

2023 Lamoille Valley fish and Game Club Annual Gun Show

The Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Clubs Annual Gun Show will be March 18th 9-5, and March 19th 9-2 at The Champlain Valley Expo. Come and see over 200 tables of Firearms and Accessories.

Skeet

Thanks to the usual dedicated volunteers including Mike Mayo, Wyatt Tallman, Gus Elfer and Keith Ulrich for consistently maintaining and opening the range on Tuesdays and Sundays. Members and non-members are welcome. The Armed Women of America enjoyed an opportunity to experience a shotgun with instruction and use of equipment.

Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club's Annual Youth Fishing Derby

This year's annual fishing derby will be held June 18th 9-noon at Marble's pond in Morrisville.

NRA Family Day – July 31, 2022

The weather was perfect and over 50 people including kids with families participated. This year in addition to the usual disciplines such as high powered rifle, muzzleloader, skeet, 22 rifle, handguns and archery; Verdant Mountain Vigilantes, Cowboy Action Shooters offered attendees a chance to use firearms of the western era.

Thanks to the generous support of the National Rifle Association and more than 25 club volunteers, the event was offered free of charge and several new club memberships were sold. Next NRA Family Day will be on Saturday, July 29, 2023

LVFG Club Youth Target Sports – September 2022

The youth program resumed this year after the pandemic. Boys and Girls ages 11-17 participated weekly with a parent for instruction and extensive 22 rifle shooting. In addition, Verdant Mountain Vigilantes provided a hands-on experience of cowboy action shooting which was well received by both the youth and parents. Their enthusiasm inspired organizers to develop a track for youth competitive shooting next year starting in May.

Muzzleloader News

This year the Black Powder Poker will be held on March 25, 2023. Starting time is 10:00 am to 2 pm. The cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for 16 and under. Lunch will be provided. This is open to any muzzleloading firearm. Anyone 16 and under may use a .22 cal. firearm. In this event you will shoot at the back of playing cards to see who gets the best poker hand. There will be prizes for the winners.

The Woods Walk will be on April 29, 2023. Any Muzzleloading firearm may be used. This will be a nice walk through the woods where you have a sheet of questions. You must decide which of the targets is the correct one. It will be \$10:00 to enter and at the end there will be hot dogs (cut a stick and cook your own) and chips and drinks. There will be prizes for the top three. Hit the correct target to get points and the wrong one to take them away.

Help Wanted

The Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club needs more volunteers. The Archery Program needs a couple of people who would be willing to take it over. The Archery Program has been an active part of the club and was made successful by the hard work and dedication of Dan Fagnat and Richard Craig. They rebuilt the archery course and grew it to what it is today. Thank you, Dan and Richard, for the hard work you guys put into making it one of the best Archery courses in Vermont. They have taken a break from Archery and now we are in need of a new group to pick up where they left off and continue the program, and make it sustainable. If any one is interested in volunteering please give me a call. 802-371-7280

Armed Women of America

Another great year in the books for Armed Women of America (The Well Armed Women). We had quite a few ladies step up and help coach others this year, thank you Sandi, Jacqi, Carla and Cindy. Thank you to our instructors/RSO's, Darsey, John, Ray, Dave, José, Keith, Wyatt, Mike, Jennifer & Heather.

AWA exists to enable women to be their own self-protectors, creating freedom, peace of mind, and confidence in themselves. Our vision is that women have the skills, mindset, and training to defend themselves and those in their care. Chapters across the country offer a welcoming, non-intimidating place for women to learn more about the safe and responsible use of firearms, including firearms safety, personal protection, concealed carry, mindset and so much more.

The meetings offer classroom and range time, all under the guidance of certified women instructors who volunteer their time. Armed Women of America provides a safe and comfortable environment for women to gather, learn, train, and discuss issues important to women gun owners.

We encourage anyone who wants to join to come to one of the meetings to ensure this is what you want and go to www.armedwomen.org to learn more about the organization.

Just a Reminder.....

Your membership includes a one hour range tour and gun safety briefing for new and established members. Contact Keith Ulrich at 802 730 9340 to schedule.

The Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club has a Club House that is available to rent for family get-togethers, weddings, and birthday parties. Contact Ramel Kuney for more information. Day 793-7171, Evening 888-3490



LAMOILLE VALLEY FISH & GAME CLUB

Memberships run from January 1 to December 31 for \$75.00 per year.

Write neatly and allow 4 -6 weeks to process your membership, especially at the beginning of the year!

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
 _____ CITY _____
 _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ E-mail Address (Please Print) _____

Would you like a LVFGC decal for your car? YES NO
 Are you a member of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association? YES NO
 Are you currently a member of the NRA? YES NO

As a courtesy we offer you the opportunity to join or renew your membership with the NRA through the club.

Please join or renew my NRA Membership for an **additional \$35.00**
 YES NO

If yes we need your birthdate: _____ & renewal NRA membership# _____ (If available)

If you are joining/ renewing your NRA membership which NRA Magazine would you like to receive? **Digital or Print**

_____ American Rifleman _____ American Hunter
 _____ America's First Freedom

As a volunteer run organization we would like to encourage you to volunteer as well. I am interested in volunteering or participating on the following committee (s). Please let us know and we will contact you.

___ Archery ___ Club Clean Up ___ Fishing Derby ___ Gun Show ___ Pistol
 ___ Military ___ Muzzle Loader ___ Skeet

___ Range ___ Volunteer ___ Well Armed Woman ___ Clubhouse ___ Family
 ___ Day ___ Legislative

All Members Must Agree to:

- Abide by all Club and Range Rules at all times. If you bring a guest your guest must abide by all the rules as well.
- Agree to use safe firearm practices at all times.
- Members or guests shall not destroy or deface any club buildings or property.
- Be kind and courteous to other members and clean up after yourselves.

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New Members Please Read!

Welcome to Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club!

The Club strongly recommends an orientation to better ensure your time here is both safe and enjoyable!

Members can learn 5 things about the range in 60 minutes or less:

- Tour
- Range Rules and Etiquette
- Firearm Safety
- What to Expect
- Shooting Opportunities for You and Your Family

To schedule, please call or text Keith Ulrich at 802 730 9340

In order to become a new member one of the following is required:

- 1.) Be sponsored by a **current** club member.

Sponsor's Signature _____ Printed
Name _____

- 2.) Introduce yourself at one of the monthly club meetings. Meetings are held the last Thursday of every month except October, November and December. Meetings from January – March are held at the VFW in Hyde Park, all other meetings are held at the Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club Clubhouse.

If an application is received without a Sponsor's signature it will be returned to you. If you plan on attending one of the club meetings to introduce yourself please bring your application and check with you at that time.

All Members.

Please note that this membership is good from the date it is filled out until December 31st of the same year. Any membership received before December 1st will expire December 31 of the year it was filled out. There are no exceptions!

I, for myself and my family and on behalf of my heirs, personal representatives and next of kin,

HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS The Lamoille Valley Fish & Game Club, its officers, board members and volunteers liable for anything that occurs while using the club and its facilities including but not limited to any and all injury, disability, death or loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of the LVFGC or otherwise, to the fullest extent of the law. I acknowledge that the use of the facilities is at my own risk.

All Applicants

Signature _____ Date _____

Make your check payable to the Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club and mail it to:

Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club - P.O. Box 1493 - Morrisville VT 05661

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