X-Line Sportsman's Club

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To All Members:

It is hard to believe that it has been a month already since the last letter went out. Since the last letter, there have been a few things that have been brought to the Officers and the Board of Directors attention. One item is that someone has been taking rip rap (rock) from behind the pistol range berm and setting it on barrels and shooting at it. The other item is that last week while mowing the rifle range it appeared that a couple of rabbits had recently been shot on the range. With this being said, it was voted on that anyone shooting at rocks or deliberately shooting rabbits, etc. or hunting on the sportsman's clubs ground will automatically have their membership revoked from X-Line Sportsman's Club. There is NO HUNTING on the sportsman's clubs grounds.

Another thing that has been mentioned numerous times and is getting old, is that members are still setting targets on the ground and shooting at them. For your information a few warning letters have been sent out to members that have broken some of the rules, letting them know that if it continues there is a chance that their membership could be revoked. Remember all targets are to be 4' to 5' high with the berm behind your target.

All that is asked, is that all members follow the rules that are posted at the range and that you have signed off on when you joined.

On another note, the repairs that were started last year on the rifle building that included the downsizing of the sign in room, removal and replacement of siding, soffit, fascia, and rotten boards as well as the installation of plywood to keep the raccoons out of the over hangs, with the exception of a few boards that need to be installed on some of the benches, was completed this past week. A thank you goes out to Jerry McDowell for heading up this project, as well as to the following

members that brought their knowledge, expertise and bodies to the range to complete the construction:

2019: Reinhold Shields

Ben Shields (Deceased)

Jim Smith

Claudia Boothe Jackie Lehman

2020: Jim Serovy

Tom Rabourn Bob Anderson Jeremy Rettke Steve Roop

Tim Stoll

Dennis Rettke

Would like to also thank those who may have helped but were forgotten, as well as Rob Posing for obtaining a metal break in order to break some of the soffit material.

On Wednesday September 30th weather permitting, we will be replacing some of the boards that are on the seat benches on the rifle side, as well as wrapping the exposed wood on the 3 small trap houses. Every attempt will be made to have the benches completed by midday but there is no guarantee. If you could hold off using the rifle range until the afternoon it would be appreciated. Depending on what next year brings, the intent is to install new concrete shooting benches on the rifle range and possibly paint the interior wood.

We would also like to thank all the members for being patent during the construction on the rifle range.

A few of the members got together and removed some of the moss and cut the grass at the pond. Stain has been ordered for the fishing dock and as soon as it is delivered the dock will need to be stained if weather permits.

The gentlemen that mow the grounds on Wednesday are still continuing but probably could use some help for weed whacking (it is pretty much under control, but could use it again in some areas). If mowing is being completed in the pond area and you are fishing and parked inside the fence (and you do not feel you

need to help), at least have the decency to move your vehicle for they can get the area taken care of.

Jim Serovy with the help of Tim Stoll put a coat of sealer on the bear on the south side of the main building.

Floor mats for in the men restrooms in the main building and trap house have been ordered as well as a couple of American flags. The flag that was on the pole was pretty shredded so it was taken down and new ones were ordered.

A Hunter Education course was held at the club on the weekend of September 19th and 20th. Thank you to Gary Mathers, his assistance's and the Conservation Officer for putting this class on, as well as Leroy Smith, John Martin, Rob Posing and Dennis Rettke for manning the kitchen.

It was decided to wait until November to have a membership meeting. The meeting will be held on November 30, 2020 at 7:00PM for the election of officers. A short general meeting will be held and then the election of officers. Hopefully we can continue the membership meetings after November and get back to normal after the first of the year.

The monthly board meetings will continue as usual to conduct club business. Until we can get back to our regular membership meetings, an attempt will be made to let the members know of any business that will affect the club and members after the board meetings.

Everyone stay safe, healthy, come out enjoy and have fun at the club. We will see you soon.

Respectively yours.

Officers and Board of Directors X-Line Sportsman's Club