

# Gopher Campfire Club

Founded in 1910 by Carlos Avery & Sam Anderson

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[www.gophercampfire.com](http://www.gophercampfire.com)

Club House Phone: (320) 587-4868

## Calendar of Events:

May	Sat 2	Sporting Clays Opening Fun Day	July	Sat 18	IR-50 Shoot
May	Mon 4	SC League 1 <sup>st</sup> Third starts	July	Mon 20	SC Last Third starts
May	Wed 13	Rifle League Fun Night Shoot	July	Sat 25	Ducks Unlimited Shoot
May	Thu 14	Pistol League Introductory Night	Aug	Sat 1	IR-50 MN State Match (tentative)
May	Sat 16	IR-50 10am – 1pm	Aug	Sun 2	IR-50 MN State Match (tentative)
May	Sun 17	Ladies' Day Shoot	Aug	Fri 7	Outing – 100 <sup>th</sup> Year!
May	Thu 21	Pistol League starts	Aug	Sat 8	Outing – 5 Stand
June	Mon 8	SC Last day of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Third	Aug	Sun 9	Outing – 5 stand
June	Mon 15	SC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Third starts	Aug	Sat 15	IR-50 Shoot 10am – 1pm
June	Sat 20	Schweiss Shoot	Aug	Mon 17	SC Last day of League
June	Sat 27	IR-50 Shoot	Aug	Sat 22	Youth Conservation Day
July	Mon 13	SC Last day of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Third	Sept	Sat 19	IR-50 Shoot

Monthly meeting held the second Tuesday of every month at 8:00pm at the Clubhouse.  
Meal prior to meeting beginning at 6:45pm. No meeting in November.

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:** Memberships admit member, spouse and children under 18 years of age.

**CAMPING:** Club grounds are open for primitive camping. Membership required by all that are camping on Club grounds. Camping privileges are limited to 14 days per year, no longer than 7 consecutive days without written permission from Club president.

**ACCESS:** Club grounds shall be open to member and their families 24 hours per day. Gopher Campfire Grounds shall be a wildlife refuge. No one shall hunt on the Club grounds, or use the Club grounds for access to other areas for hunting. Each member shall at all times conduct themselves as true sportsmen and women. Conservation of wildlife is a priority. Game hogs and poachers shall not be tolerated. We, as members, are equally responsible for the care and keeping of our Club grounds. Litterbugs will destroy our grounds.

2009 Officers		2009 Board Members		2009 Sanctuary Board Members	
President:	Rocky Lambert	Galen Carlson		Jack Clausen	
Vice President:	Tom Benson	Randy Flaig		Robin Dolezal	
Secretary:	Don Merkins	Jeff Micka		Leon Goldschmidt	
Treasurer:	Craig Schmeling	Jen Mohs		Jack Meyer	
		Dale Ross		Skip Quade	
		Jeremy Anfinson		Virgil Voigt	

Outing Coordinators: David (Goober) Ondracek & Reece Seefeldt

Newsletter Editor: Joleen Nowak

## Prose From Your President

Hello fellow campfire members. Well spring finally looks like it's here and another year at the campfire is well on its way, and so far it has been a busy one. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> we had the hundred year banquet. We had a wonderful meal, good camaraderie, and danced to the Empty Pockets band. If you weren't there, you missed a very good time. Big hand goes out to Dave Larson who chaired the event and all those who helped him make it successful.

On Jan 31 we had our Family Fishing Day contest. What a great day - the clubhouse was wall-to-wall people! It was fun to see the smiles on the kid's faces as you watched them catch fish. And once again this year we had the Aveyron Home residents out fishing Friday night. They look forward to fishing all year, and it's a great thing to be able to do. Of course this doesn't happen without a lot of hard work - big thanks go out to Craig Schmeling & Jen Mohs who co-chaired this event and the other hard working members who helped.

On March 21<sup>st</sup> we had our wild game dinner. Once again the kitchen was filled with cooks who for three nights & two days cooked and turned a huge variety of wild game into tasteful entrees and mouth watering hors d'oeuvres to serve to a sold out crowd. Thanks to Galen Carlson who chaired this event, and all those who helped him.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> we had our Bluebird Day where later in the day the club house was filled with the sound of many hammers as youngsters spent the afternoon building birdhouses. This year we had a special attraction as we had the people from the Raptor Center there. They were accompanied by an eagle, owl & two hawks that drew a great deal of interest to the whole crowd. Thanks Doc Voigt for chairing this event again & Jen Mohs for lining up the Raptor Center, and all the other hard working members who ran the kitchen and helped cut out bird house patterns. I would also like to thank Cash Wise who donated the hotdogs and the American Legion Post 96, who donated to this event.

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the kick off shoot for sporting clays and will be held with our leagues every Mon night.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> IR-50 shoot from 10:00 to 1:00 PM
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Women's Shoot
- June 20<sup>th</sup> is the Schweiss Shoot. This year we will have a 100 yr Raffle. Tickets should be out soon.
- 100 year Outing Aug 7, 8 & 9. We can use help so please help if you can.

We are also selling our 100 year book; if you would like to order one contact Dick Schweiss or Skip Quade soon.

The sanctuary project is moving along; we could still use donations. If you would like to donate to this project contact skip Quade or Virgil Voigt.

Until next time, your President, Rocky Lambert

### **Pistol League**

MAY 14<sup>th</sup> PISTOL LEAGUE INTRODUCTORY NIGHT

FREE SHOOTING. STARTS AT 6PM

REGULAR SHOOTING STARTS MAY 21<sup>st</sup>

PRACTICE AVAILABLE FROM 5:30 TO 6:00PM

SHOOTING STARTS AT 6PM

\$5/GUN/SHOOTER/NIGHT

\$20/GUN/SHOOTER/SEASON

2<sup>nd</sup> GUN/ADDITIONAL \$10/SEASON

Call Mark Bening @ 320-583-0954 or Randy Flaig @ 320-583-9209 with questions.

### **2009 Rim Fire (.22 LR) Rifle League Fun Night**

The 2009 Rifle League will hold a Fun Night shoot on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 that is open to anyone wanting to try some of the season's events (Note: children must be accompanied by their parent). The shooting will start at 6:00 pm and members will be available to answer questions about this year's events and rules. Please come out and enjoy shooting your favorite 22 rim fire rifle for the evening. Some of the basic information on the league:

- We will be shooting in the new rifle pit this year for almost all events.
- All League members must be Gopher members or the child, between 12 and 17 years old, of a member.
- League events are held several times throughout the year and they only have to be shot once for score.
- Shooting is every Wednesday night except the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week and runs from 6:00 PM to dusk or everyone is tired, which ever comes first.
- The league has several categories to keep it fair. The number of shooters in each group depends on how many shooters sign up for the league and the type of guns they bring.

For more information, contact Dan Calhoun at (320) 234-6585

### **Rules for New 50 Yard Range**

From the beginning over two years ago, the intent of this range has been two-fold; to improve safety while also providing members increased access to the various ranges. The Rifle League held those two important objectives at the top of our minds while generating the following rules:

- All shooting will be from the concrete pad. No firing will be allowed either in front of or behind the concrete pad.
- All shooting will be directed at the backstop. No firing may be directed toward the side berms.
- All firing will be directed through an area between 2 feet and 6 feet above the ground level. This is to prevent potential "skips" out of the range. No targets on the ground.
- No firing at targets closer than 25 yards (there are concrete markers imbedded along the sides of the range).
- No firing is permitted at target frames. Do not place target material in front of the metal posts. Be certain that your line of fire is between the metal uprights.
- Do not attach targets to the wooden cross members. Use the supplied cardboard backers.
- No glass target material is permitted.
- No alcohol is permitted to be consumed either before or during firing.
- No jacketed bullets are permitted. The 3" steel, if hit with a jacketed round will be damaged or destroyed.
- All targets and other trash are to be picked up from the range & pad and deposited in one of the supplied garbage containers. If you brought it, take it back home, or dispose of it.
- Pick up and dispose of your used brass.

The above list is meant to supplement the general safety rules established for the Gopher Range as a whole and were approved at the January 6, 2009 Gopher Campfire Club Board of Director's meeting.

### **Firearm Safety News**

The spring Firearms Safety Class sponsored by the Gopher Campfire Club finished up the weekend of April 18<sup>th</sup>. We had 43 student involved in this class. Another successful class! Thanks to all the volunteers and instructors that make this possible,

and to the Crow River Chapter of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association for again this year donating compasses for our students and to Gopher Campfire Club for donating the student's lunch on the 18th. The next Class will be in September, 2009.  
Gopher Campfire Club Firearms Safety Group

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**[schmloil@hutchtel.net](mailto:schmloil@hutchtel.net)**

to be added to the e-mail distribution list.

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**2009 Gopher Campfire Membership Application**

Annual = \$30.00

Lifetime = \$600.000

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone #: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

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