

Gopher Campfire Club

Founded in 1910 by Carlos Avery & Sam Anderson
October 2009

www.gophercampfire.com
Club House Phone: (320) 587-4868

Calendar of Events:

Nov	Sun 1	Vikings Party (vs. Green Bay)	Jan	Sat 30	Fishing Contest
Please watch the website for future event dates.					
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 Coordinator: David (Goober) Ondracek
Newsletter Editor: Joleen Nowak

Prose From Your President

Hello fellow Campfire members. Fall is in the air and once again it's time to write another news letter. Well once again we had a busy summer. On June 20th we had our Arhardt Shoot which was a very successful event, due to the wonderful turn out and all the great volunteers that helped that day. THANKS to all those who helped. July 11th Ducks Unlimited had their shoot on our grounds that also was well attended. Aug 7th, 8th and 9th was the outing, and even with the 5" of rain we received on Friday and Saturday, it was well attended and a huge success. A big hand goes out to all those who helped and for Goober [Outing Chairman], Dick Schweiss [Raffle Chairman] and Craig Schmeling [Treasurer] for all their hard work with this outing. And once again a big thank you to all of you that worked; without your help this outing would not be possible. On August 22nd we had Youth Conservation Day at the club grounds and also ran a booth at the County Fair. September 26th Women of the Outdoors had their Outing at our grounds. And we had our leagues that ran all summer {Pistol, Rifle and Sporting clays}. THANK YOU ALL THAT HELPED RUN THESE LEAGUES and thank you Dick & Jeremy for keeping the lower club house supplied with food & drink. So, as you see, it has been a busy summer.

For those of you that haven't seen it, we have the 100 year book available for purchase. It is truly a great book, wonderfully done, a real masterpiece. You will want to purchase a copy of your own. The soft covers are \$30.00 and the hard covers are \$100.00. The soft covers are available for purchase at several local businesses such as Cash Wise, The Village Shop, Econo Foods, The Hutchinson Leader office, Schmeling Oil, Little Crow Shooting Sports and Clay Coyote. They can also be purchased off the Gopher website with an additional shipping fee. A big hand goes out to Skip Quade & Jack Clausen for a great job.

We also have the hundredth year print done and are taking orders on them. The print was done by famed wildlife artist, Dave Chapman, six time winner of the Pheasant stamp, winner of the Turkey stamp and so on. The print is of the sanctuary and is very nice. It will be sold unframed for \$75.00 and framed for \$150.00. There will only be 250 signed & numbered; more information will be available on our website.

Have you been by the sanctuary and seen the new improvements? We are still taking donations on this project; see the Gopher website for information.

Well, good hunting and be safe until next time, President Rocky Lambert

100 Year Outing Raffle Winners

Prize	Winner
Winchester SX-3 Automatic	Pierre - Mike Tydlacka
Ruger M77- RSI- .270 Caliber	Rodney Kirchhoff
Remington 700 bolt - .375 Caliber	Don Merkins
T/C Triump 50 Cal Muzzleloader	Donald Anderson
Browning Buckmark .22 cal pistol	Karen Mead
Ruger 10-22 Auto .22 rifle	Jeff Jensen
Remington High Grade 870- 20ga.	Mark Lietzau
\$100 Little Crow Gift Certificate	Sharon Ebert
\$100 Cashwish Gift Certificate	Ronald Bubany
\$100 Lamplighter Gift Certificate	Norm Bohn
\$100 Schmeling Oil Gift Certificate	Reid Jensen
\$100 EcoFoods Gift Certificate	Mark Henke
\$100 Cenex Gas Gift Certificate	Dave Telecky
\$100 Menards Gift Certificate	Mike Rathbun
\$100 Lang's Meat Gift Certificate	Mike Tydlacka
\$100 Runnings Gift Certificate	Steve Marek
\$100 Outpost Gas Gift Certificate	Chris Jahnke
Pheasant's Forever print of the year	Joe Kaczmarek
Deer Hunters Association print	Bill Schiebel
Gopher Campfire's 100 th Anniversary print	Dave Firle
Duck's Unlimited print of the year	Jim Peterson
Terry Redlin's McLeod Fish & Wildlife	John Donahue
10 bird guided Pheasant Hunt @ Major Ave	Goober Ondracek
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Brunton Etrna 18x38x50mm Spotting Scope	Rex Erickson
Gopher Campfire's 100 year Book- H.C.	Ken Anderson
NWTF Big Game Hunting Knife/ Flashlight	Dawn Anderson
Gopher Campfire's 100 year book, S.C.	Kathy Ludowise
NWTF Knife and Multi-tool Plies Set	Randy Petersen
NRA's Collectors Knife set of the year	Tom Carrigan
Gopher Campfire buckle set	Julie Messer
100 yr bonus drawing- 3M products & sausage	Todd Karg

IR50/50 in the 2009 Season

Again this year, Gopher hosted six regular season IR50/50 (USRA) matches. However, due to some attendance issues in June, we actually had seven matches. In June, due to a conflict with the North Central Regional match in Pontiac, IL, only three shooters came. That number did not meet the USRA minimum number of shooters, so we held a make-up match in September. In addition, Gopher Campfire hosted the 2009 MN State Championship. We were able to hold that important match, taking it from the Minnetonka Game & Fish Club range near Elk River, MN, because of the 2008 investment in our new 50 yard range. There were 19 shooters in attendance from MN, WI and IL. During the State championship matches, we shoot 50 yards on Saturday and 50 meters on Sunday. The 2009 MN State Champions were: YARDS: Sporter Class – Ron Gilsrud; 10.5# Class – Mitch Johnson; 13.5# Class – Bill Zaborowski; 3 Gun – Fred Wickstrom. In METERS: Sporter Class – Sporter Class – Herb Smith; 10.5# Class – Fred Wickstrom; 13.5# Class – Louise Wickstrom; 3 Gun – Louise Wickstrom. Congratulations to all. During the regular season, we vie for a coveted award; Shooter of the Year for our range. This season, Ron Gilsrud walked away with all but one of the awards. Herb Smith prevented the sweep by winning the Sporter Class trophy. Our new 50 yard range provided a very challenging place to shoot with difficult winds swirling over the berms. Within our shooting community, it has developed a reputation as the toughest range in the upper Midwest. We want to thank those who were actively involved in creating the new range and those who run our monthly matches. Have a great winter!

Ray Wight

2009 Rifle League

The Gopher Campfire .22 rifle league had another good shooting season testing their skills. The group that makes up the league is small but dedicated bunch consisting of youth, teenagers, and old timers that enjoy a little friendly competition.

The Rifle League started again this year with a fun shoot the end of May to introduce newcomers to the group and provide a little insight into how the league is run. This fun shoot is open to all at no cost so that they may get to know the group.

This year the league had 2 sections; Unlimited Scoped and Iron sight and youth. The Unlimited Iron sight was small group shooting peep sights and a modified rifle. The Youth class was primarily shooting Hunter class rifles that are basic hunting .22LR rifle. Unlimited is for the bull barrel, high magnification style of .22 rifles and was the largest group this year. Each year the classes change based on the types of rifles people bring to the league.

There were 8 events setup several times throughout the year. These events range from the 50 foot NRA standing, kneeling, prone to a standing 100 yard paper target shoot and include both paper and knock-down target events. We try to keep it interesting for both the novice and the experienced shooters.

The league shoots on Wednesday nights and shares the night with the local 4H club. This works well as they use the pistol pits to shoot at the 50 ft range while we use the 50/100 yd. rifle ranges. There is always room for more shooters.

There is also a more competitive league that shoots on weekends once a month called the IR50/50 League. This league draws people from around the region and scores are recorded and posted on the Benchrest Central Web site nationally. We have the honor to share our range with several shooters who rank in the top 25 shooters in the nation. This league also is divided into several different levels so that newcomers can shoot competitively as well as the seasoned shooter.

The addition of the 50yard range is this year helped increase the flexibility for other shooters at Gopher. Other members were able to use the 100 yard range without interfering with the league events. The new range worked great this year.

Overall, the rifle league had a successful year and we are looking forward to another one next year. Thank you to all the participants. If you have any questions concerning the Wednesday league, please feel free to contact Dale Ross (320) 587-9392 or Dan Calhoun at (320) 234-6585. For more information on the IR50/50 League contact Ray Wight at (320) 587-3870.

2009 Sporting Clays Summary

- 2009 had us shooting 2,746 rounds of 50 targets/round. In 2008 we shot 3,029 rounds of 50 targets/round. This was 9.4% fewer targets in 2009, but this was very good considering we had 25% fewer teams.
- Our labor costs were down to \$.87/round in '09. An excellent job of managing those costs by Jeremy Mohs.
- The league Championship team was "Cabin Fever" from Victoria.
- The league "Top Gun" award was won by Nate Brockphale of Cabin Fever.

Trophy winners from our last shoot of the year (Fun Nite) were:

- 12 gauge-Jerry Ceisla & Lanny Sanken (tied)
- 16 gauge- Dick Schweiss
- 20 gauge- Joe Opitz
- 28 gauge- Matt Richardson
- .410 cal- Dave Flink
- High Lady- Tammy Kirchoff

Top Gun is Nate Brockpahler with 551

Class A: Cabin Fever 1st
LC1 2nd
Yamaha 3rd

Class B: Pulkrabeks ducks 1st
Country Ins. 2nd
Tetra pak 3rd

Class C: Spectralytics 1st
Shootin Blanks 2 2nd
1 6 and under 3rd

In Summary, it was a great season highlighted by the Schweiss Shoot and the 100 year anniversary celebration. A special thanks goes out to the guys that do the work on the equipment, setup/take down the equipment and clean up the grounds after the shoot -Bob Williams, Jeremy Mohs, Duane Schmeling and Don Schroeder.

Submitted by Bob Schmit

Interested in Receiving E-Mail Communications from Gopher Campfire?

If you have e-mail and want to be kept up on what's happening at your Club, please send a note to Craig Schmeling at: schmloil@hutchtel.net

to be added to the e-mail distribution list.

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2009 Gopher Campfire Membership Application

(2010 Memberships available in December)
Annual = **\$30.00** Lifetime = **\$600.000**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: () _____

E-Mail: _____

Clip & Mail with payment to:

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426 Hassan Street SE
Hutchinson, MN 55350