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OPEN HOUSE

There have been several meetings as we look forward to our grand opening and membership drive. There will be plenty to do, and eat, so bring your friends. This is a good time to bring someone with you to see what we have been doing here over the past several months. There will be demonstrations, food, fun and games for the kids, 50/50 raffles, and 5 ongoing can raffles that will all be drawn on Sunday, September 27th after the breakfast. Friday the 25th the club will be open as usual with our regular Friday night snacks cheese and crackers and Nachos that Dan and Lori Allen provide. Saturday there will be vendors and demonstrators set up to show an assortment of hunting and trapping supplies and equipment as well as video pictures.

Throughout the day there will be activities for the kids as well, and several games and a bounce house. There will also be Corn Hole for the adults. Hamburgers and Hotdogs and other light snacks will be available for a small fee during the day. Keep track of that BBQ, at 4:30 the Pig Roast begins, so don't forget to buy your ticket. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children 4-12 under 4- Free. Have your dinner and listen and dance to the sound of Aiken Heart who will play from 7- 11. Then Sunday, the day starts with a trap shoot at 9, and the breakfast buffet from 8 -11.



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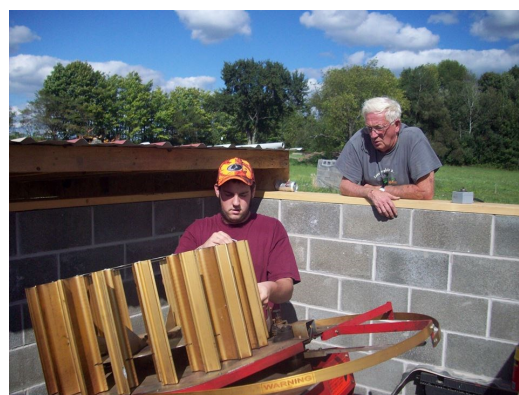
- Grand Opening
- Ticket sales
- Training
- Sunday Breakfast

Breakfast Crew

On September 13 we started our all you can eat Sunday breakfast buffet. We had a pretty good turn out for the first one of the season and look forward to serving many more people once we get closer to hunting season and the trap shoots begin. There is still more work to be done in the kitchen, but if you remem-

ber our first breakfast....well, we have come a long way and have made great progress and changes. Our menu changed slightly to include toast and fruit. If you are interested in helping with breakfast get ahold of the "Breakfast Crew" We will be doing breakfast every Sunday so come out and bring the family.

Mike Carroll admiring the job well done on the trap house as Tom Morse checks out the inside of the house.



Range Safety Officers

The Range Safety Officers (RSO) met on Tuesday, September 15. 4' X 4' signs displaying the safety rules for the shooting range and the grounds have been designed and have been complete, we just need to get them up and have them installed in the most appropriate locations.



Gun Raffle

Banning guns addresses a fundamental right of all Americans to feel safe.

Dianne Feinstein

The gun raffles have done very well. Thank you to everyone who is selling/buying tickets. The winners of the latest raffle were, Gerald Tracey, who won the gun, Rick McMullen, won the scope and David Edwards won the gift certificate. The raffle winners were drawn on September 8th at the regular monthly

membership meeting with several people there to be witness to the drawing. Tickets again were easy to sell and all 500 tickets were sold. After the printing of the tickets we made a profit of \$1367.00 on this raffle. Thank you to the guys who went to the gun shop and did the research on determining what kind of gun to raffle off. If you missed out

on this raffle, we have another one coming right up. Tickets are \$3.00 each or four for \$10.00. Drawing will be at the October monthly meeting.

Need a Place to Hold an Event

Town Supervisors will gather at the club on Thursday September 24th for their monthly meeting and breakfast. Some of our regular kitchen crew will be there to serve our regular breakfast.



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There's a lot of work to be done.

As they knew from the beginning the club was going to need a great deal of work to get it to the point of being open for trap shoots. John Morse and his son's have put in many man hours to get things done. From running equipment to move dirt for the berms to pouring cement to make the pads and build the trap stations.



With the hard work from John, Tom and Jon Morse, Garrett Stage, Rick and Brian Horner, the ground work is ready for mother nature to start watering our new grass seed



It's a Family Thing.....

On Sunday, September 20th the club held it's first open trap shoot. The picture below shows a generation of hunters the family of Jim and Dorothy Corl. From left to right, Greg DuBois, boy-friend of Corl's neice, Zack Corl—grandson, Jimmy Corl,

son, Jim Corl and their son-Kelly Corl. Even the score keeper in the back is a grandson., Josh. What a nice way to show how much this club has already begun to offer bonding and the competitiveness within the family. With all the time and energy that people have put into the club to get it where

it is today, the friendships that are growing and the new ones forming is the type of atmosphere we want to continue. It's a place for the beginner shooter to learn and the experienced to practice their skills. This is just one generation of families that are members of the club, and there are many more. Weather you hunt for sport or shoot for the sport we wel-



**A GUN IS A TOOL,
NO BETTER OR NO WORSE
THAN ANY OTHER TOOL:
AN AXE. A SHOVEL OR ANYTHING.
A GUN IS AS GOOD OR AS BAD
AS THE MAN USING IT.
REMEMBER THAT!**

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Hunter Safety course brings all ages to Blodgett Mills

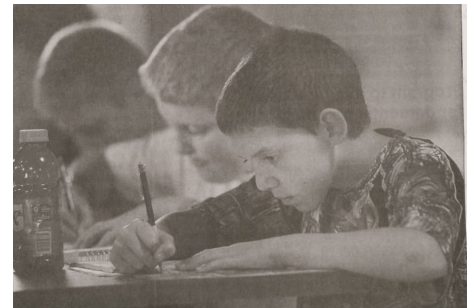
More than 40 hunting enthusiasts of all ages found their way to the Blodgett Mills Sportsmen's Club on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, September 19 and 20 to take their hunter safety course at the newly reestablished club. A Groton resident, Becky Martin came to the club with her son, Dakota, 12, who wanted to take the next step to getting his hunting license. Becky thought that it would be fun to do this with her son and be a part of this with her kids. Dakota noted that the shot guns kick back wasn't as much as he thought it would be. John Poplawski Sr from LaFayette captured memories, using his cell phone's camera to get a photo of his son John Jr. as he took a shot at the cardboard box target, during the shooting portion of the class. John Sr. just started hunting again within the last four years because it was something that he would be able to do with his son. Cortlandville resident Jim Bulger, 64 had finally decided to get his hunting license to be able to spend more time with his sons who hunt. Bulger mentioned that he would have hunted a long time ago, though he was in the Navy for 25 years and never had the time to hunt although he had used a gun plenty of times when he was over seas.



Photo by Bob Ellis—Cortland Standard



If you have anything you'd like to see in the News Letter , please let Dorothy know. If you don't have a computer, you can write out the information and leave it at the club, those who do have e-mail, you can e-mail your thoughts to: dotandron@frontiernet.net.



Dakota Thayer taking his hunter's safety course

There's always things to learn.....

On Monday, September 21st and Wednesday, the 23rd there will be the first trappers course here at the club. Remember if you or someone you know wants to get signed up for a class registration is done through the NYS DEC. Check the website periodically for upcoming training and locations.

website: www.register-ed.com

Our committee on education is still working on a bow course, though it is getting harder to get this done for this year since it is almost bow season and people will want to be out hunting. We'll see what we can do. Sam Morse is in the process of getting her instructor certification for hunter safety, while Dan and Steve Allen and Rick McMullin are looking into being pistol instructors.