

Androscoggin Valley Fish & Game Association 2019 fall Newsletter

President's Corner

I want to welcome our Associate Members to our semi-annual edition of the A.V.F.&G. Association Newsletter. We chose to revive this service for our members to keep you all better informed about past, present and future activities.

Speaking of past,... We hope you all enjoyed the celebration of our 100th Annual Banquet. We are already planning for our 101st, scheduled for April 24, next year. We would appreciate any feedback that you might have to help improve our program.

Also, under past activities,... The Munn Pond Dam Removal Project has been completed. The State of NH Dept. of Environmental Services, Fish and Game Dept. and the Town of Errol Forest Committee collaborated their efforts to ensure our ability to fish and enjoy the beauty of that special pond for years to come. Please respect their rules and regulations or we could lose our privileges in the future. If you have any questions concerning this project, feel free to call me (*Bob Rodrigue*) and I will tell you the whole story behind this transformation.

During the summer of 2019, we also had a group of Directors earn certification cards in First Aid, AED, and CPR. If an emergency arises at an Association sponsored event, we want to be prepared.

Our Range has been very active this summer. That being said, we are desperately looking for someone to chair our Archery Committee. We would like to find someone who could lead archers through our 13 lanes with 3-D targets for competitions or instructional use. Anyone willing to chair or get involved in some way can call me at (603) 449-2098. I hope to hear from you!

Well, as the summer fishing season is wrapping up, I want to wish you all good luck. The same goes for our upcoming hunting season, ice fishing season and snowmobiling. ***Have Fun / Stay Safe!!***

Yours in Sporting

Bob Rodrigue, President AVF&G Association

Don't forget to check out our Web Page for further information: AVFGA.org

ATTENTION:

The Androscoggin Valley Fish & Game Association is offering Souvenir mugs in celebration of our 100th Annual Banquet. These mugs are beautifully engraved and worthy of display, but they are also wonderfully stylish ways to serve cold beverages. We had 100 additional mugs made up and they are available at a cost of \$10.00 ea. These are being sold on a first-come/first-served basis. To order mugs, please send an email to Roland Turgeon at: roland@badgerrealty.com. They can be picked up at Badger Realty on Main St. in Berlin for \$10.00 each.

Kid's Fishing Derby

The annual Kid's Fishing Derby was held on June 2nd. It was a beautiful day and over 120 kids showed up, making it the most successful Derby we have ever held. Plenty of fish were caught and fun was had by all. The cookout was once again sponsored by Re-Max. The Raffle prizes, donated by local merchants, were collected and raffled off by Jeff Stewart, of the Gorham Recreation Dept. Thank you to Jeff and Jennifer and all our Directors who helped out with cooking and assisting the kids during the Derby.

This year, on the Monday morning after the Derby, several Directors volunteered their time to assist 8 residents from the St. Vincent Nursing Home to a day of fishing. It was great to see the smiles on their faces. Just being outside on such a day, and catching some fish to boot, was well received by all. After the fishing, the participants were treated to a lunch by Steve Binette, from Ray's Electric. A big Thank You to our Directors who took the time to make this day special for the residents who could come. Next year we are hoping to have the nursing home residents come out again.

Look for the date of our Annual Fishing Derby in our Spring Newsletter.

Derby Chairperson,

Mitch Dumont

Barry Camp Update:

Hi Association Members,

The Barry Camp season is over for 2019. In the last report that we gave you, I stated that, "Wouldn't we all want to go to camp?" – well I did – sort of... I was given parental permission to photograph our campers and watch them in "action."

My Thoughts:

Mini Camp-

Shooting 22 @ the Barry Camp
Range-Guidance was awesome
Camper-Great to meet other campers

On the Wild Side Camp-

Archery Range with both Compound and Recurve bows
I learned a lot. The campers were all smiles and high-fives.

North Country Adventure Camp-

Getting final instructions for overnight canoe trip
Skills focused on were- 1st Aid, cooking, working together, lunch before they leave.
"The food was awesome!" was heard from all groups.

Thank you so much for the support of our members, as the youth are our future. We look forward to the next lottery for the 2020 camps. With your support it will continue to be a huge success as it was this past season. Take a kid outdoors! **It pays untold dividends.**

Dick Lafleur

Barry Camp Committee Chair

Trap Range:

The trap shooting at the range is in full swing. We started in May and will finish in September. There has been a good number of shooters every week. We are seeing some familiar faces and a lot of new ones. Our first one-hundred-bird-shoot was a success. We had shooters from Vermont as well as some local shooters. There will be another one September 22nd. All shoots on Tuesdays are open to the public as well as our One Hundred Bird shoots. So, come on out and enjoy our range.

Leo Robichaud

Trap Range Committee Chair: