

~Androscoggin Valley Fish & Game Association~

President's Podium

This is my third tour of duty serving as President of the Androscoggin Valley Fish & Game Association and I must say that I feel especially honored and privileged to serve as we will celebrate our 100th Banquet and 100th year of existence as a sporting club. Having survived many highs and lows through a century of change in the world speaks volumes about the character of all our members to carry on our hunting, fishing and outdoor sporting traditions in northern New Hampshire. As we cross the 100-year threshold together, our Association is as strong and active as it has ever been. The A.V.F.G. & A. has turned its focus to our youth to learn, experience and carry on our sporting heritage. We are sending 2 boys and 2 girls to Barry Camp each summer, we co-sponsor our Annual Kids Fishing Rodeo, and award a \$500 book scholarship to a student from Berlin High and Gorham High who pursues a degree in Forestry, Wildlife, Wildlife Biology, Conservation or Fish and Game Law Enforcement. As you read about our numerous Committee reports in this Newsletter, there leaves no doubt that this Association is active, alive and well.

While I have your attention, I want to remind you and invite you to attend our Special Celebration of our 100th Banquet. We have secured at least 9 "Grand" Prizes, sponsored by local businesses worth a \$1,000.00 ea. to be raffled off as door prizes on your entry ticket. The N.H. Fish and Game Department is also participating in this fabulous banquet. **Tickets are going on sale April 1st at the Berlin Market Place**, so get your ticket early due to limited seating. Don't forget to mark April 26, 2019 on your calendar to experience the Banquet of the Century! Tickets will be \$35.00 ea. Prior to the event. If there are any left they will be \$40.00 at the door.

In closing, I'd like to thank our present Executive Board and current Board of Directors along with all past Officers and Boards for their hard work and dedication to the preservation of the best sporting club in New Hampshire.

The Androscoggin Valley Fish and Game Association.
See you all at the 100th!

Bob Rodrigue, President

Barry Camp:

This has been a great year for our outdoor youth, there seems to be a greater interest in being outdoors and participating in various activities. We are pleased and almost as excited as our 2019 campers. We had a free raffle, (ads in the Berlin Daily Sun) and had a positive response with multiple entries for all age groups, from both genders.

So, as we write, the winners are registering for this year's camp. We have sponsored a boy and a girl for the mini-camp (ages 8-12). For the full camps (ages 12-16): The male selected "4-H on the Wild Side Camp" (canoe/climb a mountain/cook fish on an open fire etc.) The female chose to participate in the "North Country Adventure" (Track wildlife, survival skills, GPS and compass, etc.) Sounds like we should all go to camp 😊 We are fortunate because of our membership support and the support of the community (Road Toll, tickets sales, etc.) for making this all possible again this year. Thank you all,

Dick Lafleur, Barry Camp Committee Chair

Boat Committee:

Hope you had a nice winter (albeit long). Boats will be released once ice-out has been verified at the pond where each boat is located. There will no longer be a boat at Gord's Store due to the fire that destroyed the one we kept there.

Boat Passes will be available for purchase again at Gord's Corner Store in West Milan for \$35.00. We want to thank Janet and Gordy for the super job they do in handling the passes, keys and logbook for our boating program. We are asking our Associate Members to report any damage you might find to our boats or launching ramps to the store when you return the key. You may also contact Mitch Dumont at 752-2303 and leave a message. Please respect our boats and the land around our boat launches.

Don't forget to register your fish at Gord's Store for a chance to win a prize. The Fishing Contest runs from March 1st, 2019 through February 29, 2020. Good luck in the upcoming season. Be safe and take a kid fishing.

Mitch Dumont, Boat Committee Chair

Our Current List of Available Boats:

(All boats are Aluminum V-hull design)

Boat #1	Cedar Pond	12 foot
Boat #3	Millsfield Pond	12 foot
Boat #4	Big Dummer Pond	14 foot
Boat #9	Long Pond – (Millsfield)	12 foot
Boat #10	Big Dummer Pond	12 foot
Boat #11	Long Pond (Errol)	12 foot
Boat #13	Pontook Dam	14 foot
Boat #15	Munn Pond	14 foot
Boat #17	Sessions Pond	12 foot
Boat #19	Munn Pond	14 foot
Boat #20	Success Pond	14 foot
Boat #21	Big Greenough Pond	12 foot

Building and Grounds Committee:

Your volunteer directors on the Building and Grounds Committee have been committed to keeping the range kept up and clean. Projects included completely stripping, sanding and re-finishing our log fence, raking the grounds, picking up spent brass, grading the shooting range, mowing, changing target backers, etc. Many volunteer hours have gone into making our range a great place to hold events and maintain our marksmanship skills.

We have plans for several projects this year and we will be turning to you, our members, for some volunteer help. Projects will include, among others, picking up brush near our gate, re-dressing our safety berms, removing scrap metal, spring clean-up. We will post work party dates online as well as send out emails. We are fortunate to have a great venue to pursue our sports. Thank you for your continued support.

Ray Cotnoir: Building and Grounds Committee Chair

~ Hunter Education/Outdoor Safety ~
2019 Course Schedule: September 6th, 7th & 8th
White Mountains Community College, Riverside Dr., Berlin

The Androscoggin Valley Fish & Game Association's Hunter Ed Team, in cooperation with the NH Fish & Game Department, will be offering its Annual Hunter Education Course "as usual" the weekend following Labor Day. It will be held at the White Mountain Community College, 2020 Riverside Dr., Berlin, NH 03570

Friday evening, September 6th: 6:00 till 9:00pm.

Saturday, September 7th: 8:00am till 2:30pm.

Range Day will be **Sunday, September 8th**, 8:00am till 3:00pm, at the A.V.F. & G. Shooting Range, East Milan Rd., Milan, NH 03588 ***(Students must attend all 3 Sessions to be Certified)***.

All Registrations must be completed online at www.wildlife.state.nh.us

Minimum age to attend: 12

Cost: \$5.00 (Five Dollars)

Since 1962 (Berlin's inception of the Hunter-Ed Program) a total of 4,161 students have successfully completed Hunter Education in Berlin.

In 1989 the Androscoggin Valley Fish and Game Association, with the guidance of the Fish and Game Department, formed its own **all volunteer** "Hunter Education Team." From that point **2002** students have been certified through the efforts and dedication of the A.V.F. & G. "Instructor Team."

As Chief Instructor I would like to thank each and every Instructor and all the Support Staffs who were involved with our September 2018 Class.

They are the reason for the program's continued success.

It's an Honor to be associated with such a professional, knowledgeable and giving "Special People," for without these devoted "Team Members" there simply would not be a Hunter Education Program in existence in the Berlin area. Be Safe.... Get Certified!!

Listed alphabetically: Jason Coggins ~ Raymond Cotnoir ~ Ron Croteau ~ Robert Demers ~ Steven Fournier ~ Tim Hayes ~ Paul Lafleur ~ Eddy L'Heureux ~ Claude Martin ~ Bob Pelchat ~ Cheryl & Roland Pinette ~ Mike Riendeau ~ Leo Robichaud ~ Michael Turgeon. An added word of thanks to the following...White Mountain Community College Staff, the Berlin Police Dept., and from the NH Fish & Game Dept. C.O. Glen Lucas and Jim Cyr.

Roland R. Turgeon, Chief Instructor, A.V.F. & G. ~ "Hunter Ed Team"

Legislative Report:

Coming into the current Legislative Session we, the sporting community, were bracing for the anti's to put forth an aggressive agenda. Yes, there were a few Bills on the agenda that were of concern. But surprisingly, for the most part, once the dust settled only a couple still remain at the time this report was being written. Of primary concern was/is HB442, which seeks to impose a season on coyotes. Portrayed as a "hunter vs anti hunter" issue by the opposition, we made a very strong case defining it as a "predator vs. prey" issue. Of course, coyote pups are fed on new born fawns. Protecting the pups amounts to little more than our offering up this year's fawns as fodder.

Prior to the House Fish, Wildlife and Marine Species Committee holding a public hearing on this Bill it was viewed as likely to pass under a “feel good” campaign. So called “professional biologists”, as well as other “experts”, had been campaigning committee members on behalf of imposing a season. Fortunately, a sane argument won the day and the vote was 14-6 “Inexpedient to Legislate”. This generally is thought to be enough to have the Bill killed, but the anti’s will take their case to the entire house regardless. Sportsmen need to watch this legislation until it is formally killed.

Rep. Larry Laflamme (D-Berlin) is the Vice Chairman on this very important committee. All our members need to reach out to him so that he knows what priorities are important to you. We need to build relationships so that our reasoned requests become our representative’s priorities. Please speak with a loud (and polite) voice.

Representative Larry Laflamme ~ 474 Second Ave. ~ Berlin, NH 03570

Larry.Laflamme@leg.state.nh.us ~ 752-1861

I can only assume it is because their fur is generally silkier and more beautiful that the animal lovers seek to protect predatory furbearers at the expense of all our prey species. From deer on down to grouse on down to songbirds, predators kill as a matter of survival. Seems the pro-life critter crowd should be on the side of the defenseless prey. I believe that’s not what is most important to them. The real issue is politics. They want to protect coyote pups because they view it as a wedge issue. They will pursue any effort to divide loyalties within the hunting community. It is more or less what was expected after they employed the same strategy in successfully closing the bobcat season. Prey species can be sacrificed, if the end result is another restriction on hunting, regardless of how small. It is hard to reason with that type of opposition. Death by a thousand cuts my friends.

Thank you,

Douglas Gralenski, Legislative Chair

Newsletter Committee:

100 years of A.V.F. & G. Annual Banquets is an amazing accomplishment. A lot has changed over the past century, both in the City of Berlin, and in the woods and waterways that surround it. In 1920 when the first Annual Banquet was held, the population of Berlin was about 16,000. Today the population hovers around 10,000. In its heyday (1930) there were over 20,000 souls enjoying the beauty and diversity offered in Berlin in the midst of the Great North Woods of Northern New Hampshire.

“The City That Trees Built,” and “Hockey Town, USA,” has changed a lot over the years, but the tenacity of the people hasn’t changed. We have a tradition as folks who love the great outdoors and North Country Sports. Fishing, hunting, shooting sports, skiing, snowmobiling and hiking have been part of our lives for many years. Today we have added ATVing, mountain biking and more. I would encourage you and your family to take advantage of as many of these wonderful opportunities as you can. You will be making memories for future generations.

Our Association offers many opportunities to participate in outdoor sporting activities. Be sure to check out (and save) the events calendar attached to this Newsletter. All of our major events are listed there. Meanwhile, you are going to hear a lot of excitement concerning our 100th Annual Banquet. We are doing

something unique and special for this year's Banquet. There will be an abundance of large sporting prizes. (We expect to have as many as 10 major prize packages, to be given out as door prizes, valued at over \$1,000.00 each.) You will have to attend the Banquet to qualify for these drawings. Please set aside the evening of April 26th for the festivities and join us for one great and memorable event.

This annual Newsletter is being sent out in digital format only. If you know anybody who would like to receive our emailings, please send their contact info to me at: lambschapel@msn.com, or go online at: avfga.org and make your request. We expect to increase our contact with Associates as time goes on, to better inform you of legislative bills being introduced and any changes being suggested on the horizon.

Pastor Dave Canter, Newsletter Chair

Nomination Committee:

The Nomination Committee was formed to help recruit candidates for the AVF&G Association Board of Directors, whose values align with the mission statement of the organization.

*"We did not inherit this place from our Forefathers....
We are merely borrowing them from our Children"*

To be eligible, candidates must be an Associate Member. Becoming an Associate Member requires the purchase of a Range Pass, Boat Pass, or attending the AVF&G Annual Banquet.

Energetic individuals, who are passionate about promoting our sportsman heritage and willing to volunteer their time as a Director are encouraged to contact the Nomination Committee. You may do so by emailing (AVFGAsecretary@AVFGA.org). More information about becoming a Director can also be found on our homepage at: www.avfga.org.

Thank you,

Eddy L'Heureux, Nomination Committee Chair

NRA Basic Shotgun Course:

Androscoggin Valley Fish and Game Association will be hosting a NRA Basic Shotgun Course on July 20, 2019 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. The course will include basic fundamentals of the different types of shotguns to include breach/break action, semi-automatic and pump action. Students will learn shotgun safety, nomenclature and parts of the shotgun, cleaning the shotgun and basic shooting skills. Students will be shooting at both stationary and mobile targets. The cost for the course is \$125.00 and is limited to 12 students. If interested, please email the Range Committee chairman at shootingrange@avfga.org. More information can be found on our website under the Range section. This is a beginning of more courses to be offered, so please check our website regularly as events will continuously be updated.

Jason Coggins, Range Committee Chair

Range Committee:

To my Fellow Shooting/Archery Enthusiasts,

First off, allow me to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Jason Coggins and I am the Chairperson of the Range Committee for the Androscoggin Valley Fish and Game Association Shooting Range.

Beginning January 1, 2020, range passes will run from January 1st through December 31st. To adapt to this change we will be offering a range pass from May 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 at a partial cost. There will be a more formal range pass issued and mailed to all members once the applications are processed. All range pass holders will be required to have their passes worn visibly while on the range grounds. All members regardless of age will be required to wear a range pass. You will be able to print these applications from our website www.avfga.org, pick them up at the range kiosk located by the road, or request one from an AVFGA Director.

The new cost for the Range pass will be \$50.00 a year for adults (over 18), \$25.00 for Juniors (16-18), and free to all children (under 16). The increased cost of the range pass will help with rising costs of products and upkeep as well as help us bring about some major improvements. There will also be an option of a combined Boat/Range Pass for \$70.00 per year. (Boat passes are \$35.00).

We will be adding some safety and security changes as well. We will be transitioning the gate lock to a combination lock following our 100TH ANNUAL BANQUET. The combination will be mailed to you with your range passes. This combination will be changed yearly. The combination will also be changed through the winter months due to the range road not being maintained during adverse conditions.

As I am sure I have bored you with many words I assure you that we the Directors have you the Associate Members in our best interests and we hope you continue to enjoy what the range has to offer and will offer. We will be initiating new shooting/archery programs, bringing about new events and hoping to bring our youth up to enjoy what we always have enjoyed. We will also be holding our traditional programs to include Weekly Trap Shoots, Women's Firearms Familiarization, and hosting the Hunters Education Program.

I hope to see you all on the range and look forward to meeting all of you. If you have any questions or recommendations for improvements or programs you would like offered, please feel free to email me at shootingrange@avfga.org and I will respond as quickly as I am able.

Thank you for your continued support of the AVFGA.

Jason Coggins, Range Committee Chairman

Range Rules and Regulations

By purchasing an annual Range Pass, the Range becomes.....Your Range too!

Range Hours: 9:00 am until sunset! (No later than 8:30 pm. Please have respect for our neighbors)

NIGHT SHOOTING IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN!!!

ALWAYS Keep the gun pointed in a safe direction

ALWAYS Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot

ALWAYS Keep the gun unloaded until ready to use

Shooting Range Rules and Regulations

1. Paste all targets at the base of the 25, 50, & 100 Yard Range backstops only! This will avoid dangerous "ricochets!"

2. Alcohol or Drug use on Range premises will be Subject to Arrest and Prosecution!

3. Must have on your person and visible a VALID RANGE PASS while using Range Facilities! (Or risk arrest for Criminal Trespass under RSA 635.2 and/or loss of range privileges)

4. While on Range Premises, pass holders and their guests by Willful Consent agree to:

a) Use Range at their own risk!

b) Assume Full Liability for their Actions!

c) If injured...Hold Harmless the AVF&G Association and landowner, it's Board Members, Affiliates and agents.

4. Eye and Ear Protection MUST BE WORN while beyond the safe zone (Wooden Fence) during active shooting.

5. The Police Range is not part of our facilities. PLEASE STAY CLEAR OF IT!

6. You must be a minimum of 18 years old in order to purchase a range pass, 16-18 with a parent/legal guardians' consent. Youth under the age 16 are required a range pass however it is free and must be with a parent/legal guardians' consent. Youth under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult range pass holder.

7. Adults and Juniors (age 16-18) must have a state issued driver's license or state issued photo I.D. and a Range Pass present on their persons while utilizing the range.

8. Padlock Combinations will be issued to Range Pass Purchasers along with a Range Pass once applications have been processed through the mail. (Passes are good from January 1st to December 31st regardless of when the range pass was purchased) Range Passes for the following year may be purchased beginning in November.

9. It is the responsibility of the Range Pass Holder to keep the combination to his/herself and to not distribute the combination to non-range pass holders. Failure to do so will require a change of the padlock combination and loss of range privileges. This will also hinder other rule abiding members' access to the range as the combination gets changed and redistributed. PLEASE RESPECT THE RANGE AND YOUR FELLOW RANGE PASS HOLDERS.

10. All Firearms are to be discharged downrange only in approved firing points/stations, utilizing berm backstops.

11. FIRING OF ANY TYPE OF FIREARM IN FULL AUTOMATIC or ANY FIREARM WITH A FULL AUTMOTIC MODIFICATION, ie "bump stock" IS NOT ALLOWED!!!!!!

12. Paper targets only. Prior to leaving, carry out what you carried in (targets, brass, trash, etc.).

13. Leave the Range better then when you arrived....all members need to do their part to keep our range safe and enjoyable for all members.

14. ENJOY the RANGE but be SAFE

15. Each Pass-Holder will be allowed one guest as long as the Pass-Holder is present.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION SHOOTING RANGE MAY CONSITUTE A LOSS OF RANGE PRIVILIGES/RANGE PASS AND YOU WILL NOT BE REFUNDED FOR THE LOSS OF THE RANGE PASS.

IN CASE OF LOSS OF PRIVILIGES, REINSTATEMENT OF RANGE PRIVILIGES WILL BE DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND IF APPROVED IN YOUR FAVOR WILL ALLOW YOU TO PURCHASE A RANGE PASS THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

YOU MAY CONTEST RANGE LOSS PRIVILIGES BY WRITING/EMAILING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RANGE COMMITTEE (ADDRESS AND EMAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED ON THE AVFGA WEBSITE)

Jason Coggins, Range Committee Chair

Roland Chabot Annual Kids Fishing Derby

The Annual Kids Fishing Derby was held last year at Libby Pool in Gorham, in partnership with the Gorham Recreation Dept. Over 100 kids participated. The weather was great and plenty of fish were caught. We wish to thank Jeff Stewart of the Gorham Recreation Dept., along with local businesses for donating prizes for the raffle. Thank you to Remax for sponsoring the cookout, and to Jennifer Stewart for setting it up. Thank you to the AVF&G Directors for cooking and helping the kids during the Derby.

Again, we want to thank Jeff, Jennifer, Remax, the AVFG Directors and the parents who helped make this a day for the kids to remember.

This year's Derby will be held on **Saturday, June 1st** at Libby Pool in Gorham. Registration starts at 8:30 and is open to kids ages 5 to 12. The Derby starts at 9:00am and is followed by the cookout and raffle at 11:00am. You can obtain more info on our website, (avfga.org), or on the Gorham Recreation Dept. website.

Thanks again,

Mitch Dumont, Fishing Derby Committee Chair

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Jeremy Baillargeon Scholarship Fund provided two scholarships for 2018. One went to Travis Lamontagne of Berlin High and the other to Gorham High senior Lillian Couture. Over the past 9 years we have provided our area seniors scholarships of \$500 each to Berlin High and Gorham high School students who will major in the field of Wildlife, which includes Conservation Officers. Students should contact their guidance

counselor for qualifications needed to qualify. Our sportsmen have made these scholarships a reality with their kind donations at our annual Fish & Game banquet. This year's banquet will be held on Friday April 26th. We hope that you will be able to join us in the 100th banquet. We hope that you will continue to support our scholarships, and you can do that by sending your contributions to Androscoggin Valley Fish & Game Association ATTN: Jeremy Baillargeon Scholarship PO BOX 284, Berlin NH 03570

Thank you,
Paul C. Lafleur, Scholarship Committee Chair

Sporting Dog Committee:

On a cool frosty morning in mid-October we found a track leading out of a local farmers corn field. His crops had been damaged by bear badly this fall due to a lack of natural browse in the woods. The track was an above average sized male bear and the lead dog was turned loose on it at daylight. His low bawl mouth indicated it was fresher than we thought so we turned the other 5 in behind him. They made short order of getting him up and moving and after just under a 2-mile chase, their barks indicated they had him stopped and were looking him in the eye. We drove to a closer point but still had about 8-tenths of a mile straight up to get to the hounds and their quarry. We set off with frame packs and necessary gear. The dogs were on the backside of the top of the ridge, so we could not hear them until we came up over the crest. Their barks indicated they had him treed. We dropped our packs to lessen noise as we snuck into the base of the ledge. He was high above us. The noble bear sat three-fourths of the way up a medium sized spruce, with the focused pack barking steadily. I quickly and as discreetly as possible, leashed up the dogs out of harms-way in case he changed his mind and exited the situation. Once the dogs were secure, Nathan sighted in and harvested the beast. He died instantly in the tree. He did not fall until Nathan shot off the limb with his rifle. Not until then did we really know the caliber of bear he was. A true mountain beast. King of the forest! A real, backwoods grown, magnificent creature that is a once-in-a-lifetime-animal. There was no way we were dragging him anywhere. We tried but it wasn't happening. We proceeded to skin and quarter him while it started to snow. We built a small campfire, cooked up some bear meat, loaded our packs with all we possibly could, and then headed down the mountain. We brought out over 300 lbs. of bear and estimated his live-weight at 500lbs. It was a hunt that will last a lifetime in our memory book. A bear we all dream about.

Enjoy your hunts. It's not the size of the animal, it's the story that takes place that is the real trophy. Everyone dreams of these animals. They come around from time to time, but just remember, it's your hunt, and you make it as special as you want it to be. HUNT ON!!

Kelly Irwin, Sporting Dog Committee Co-Chair



Sporting Birddog Committee

Northern New Hampshire Bird Dog Club

The Northern NH Bird Dog Club was formed in the winter of 1988 at a public meeting in the Berlin Rec. Center by a group of local bird hunters who also owned bird dogs. These dogs were from a variety of breeds, from flushing dogs (Labs, Cocker Spaniels, etc.) to pointing dogs (Setters, Pointers, Britney's). Our first sanctioned field trial was held at Glover's Farm in Dummer in the spring of 1989. The club grew and also added trials on wild birds (grouse and woodcock). The club applied for and was granted a special use permit from The U.S.D.A. to conduct events in the White Mountain National Forest.

Today we host several regional and national events, including The Grand National Grouse Championship, which will be held this year in the Kilkenny Region of the White Mountain National Forest beginning Tuesday, November 5th, and should last 5 or 6 days; The World Series of Grouse Dog Competition, every three years; The New England Open Grouse Championships; The New England Open Britney Grouse Championship; The Northern New England Open Woodcock Championships and The National Amateur Grouse Championships. We also host a spring event at our Phillips Brook grounds (Paris Road, In Stark), on both wild and liberated birds (bobwhite quail). This spring we are running April 26, 27 and 28. All age classes of pointing dogs will be offered. Puppy, Derby, Shooting Dog and Gun Dog, both Open and Amateur. We will draw dogs from The Canadian Maritimes, plus all the New England States, and N.Y, PA and as far away as Michigan. We encourage folks to come and

watch and join in the fun. It is a very family-oriented sport. The club is also very involved in habitat improvement and bird dog legislative issues.

For more information please feel free to call the spring trial chairman, Lloyd Murray at 603-636-2959 or email him anytime at murraylt@together.net A.V.F.G.A also has a very active Sporting Dog Committee that includes, but not limited to, Bear Dogs, Rabbit Dogs and Bird Dogs.

Lloyd Murray, Sporting Dog Committee Co-Chairperson

2019- A.V.F. & G. Trap Range Schedule...

Every Tuesday Evening From

May 28th Thru Sept. 17th

5 PM to Sundown

Rain or Shine!

\$5 Dollars Per Round ~ Open to the Public

Trap Range:

We had a very successful Trap Season this past year, due in a large part to the dedicated, weekly Trap Shooters and attending Association Directors, and the generosity of our Associate members in supporting our club and attending the weekly Trap Shoots and donating to our various raffles at the Banquet.

This past season we were able to make numerous improvements to the Trap Range, with the help and dedication of our Trap Committee and Directorship.

We look forward to your support and participation once again this year.

We will begin our Trap Shoot every Tuesday evening at 5:00pm (Rain or Shine) beginning May 28th and ending September 17th. We will also offer 2 different "100 Bird Shoots" on two Sundays, one in July, the other in September (dates to be announced).

We are offering a NRA Basic Shotgun Course on July 20th. Information for that course will be on our webpage as soon as it is available.

Jason Coggins, Trap Shooting Committee Chair

Trapping Committee:

I started last year by thanking all of our members for your support, and once again, I thank you all. My monthly report is always well received by your Directors and acted upon when needed, but to all of our Associate Members, if you are interested in the sport of trapping or would just like more information about our furbearers, we can assist with that. Once again this year, my team and I, will be giving classes at the Barry Camp: one on 5/11/19 and the other on 9/7/19, please check on the NHFG website to register for either date. I will also offer a Furbearer Familiarization Course this summer at our Range on June 22nd. The topics that will be covered will be; how we use this outdoor sport, Furs/Responsibility/General Overview, or maybe you would just like to learn something new about the wildlife we have in our great North Country.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dick Lafleur, Trapping Committee Chair

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION
WOMEN'S FIREARMS FAMILIARIZATION PROGRAM

May 25 (rain-date, May 26) 2019

This six-hour familiarization program is designed exclusively for women over the age of seventeen who have little or no experience with the handling or use of a firearm. This is **not** a hunter education, self-defense, or marksmanship course.

The program consists of a two-hour classroom session from 9:00 to 11:00 AM stressing firearms identification, function and safe handling. This is followed by a four-hour range session from 11:30 to 3:30 PM which includes firing 22 caliber rifles and pistols, a 9MM handgun and a shotgun at paper and reactive targets. Firing the shotgun is optional. **All firearms will be provided by the Androscoggin Valley Fish & Game Association. No exceptions!** There will be one-on-one instruction during the range session, and because of this participation will be limited to a first come first served basis. Classroom and range sessions will be held outdoors at the Androscoggin Valley Fish & Game Association's range located on the East Milan Road in Milan, NH.

Pre-registration is required, registration **will not** be taken the day of the program. The program fills up quickly, so it is advisable that you register early.

The preferred method to pre-register is by email. Please use the following email address to pre-register: womensfp@avfga.org Leave your name, home address, email address and phone number. If you don't have email call 466-2429 to register. Participants will receive notification that they are enrolled in the program.

There is a \$10.00 charge for the program to cover the cost of materials.

Questions, Comments or Concerns? Please contact:

Eddy L'Heureux, 752-3863, WFFP Committee Chairperson

100th annual A.V.F. & G. Association Banquet
April 26, 2019
Saint Anne's Hall on School St.
Berlin, NH 03570

Tickets will be available at the [Berlin Market Place](#) (19 Pleasant St.) Beginning April 1st

This is promising to be a gala event. You don't want to miss this one!