

Taconic Valley
ROD AND GUN CLUB
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Winter 2005

Happy New Year!

Lots of progress is being made: the road has been kept open so far, and our January meeting was held at the Club for the first time in many years! February meeting is scheduled for Sunday 2/13 at 2:00 pm. Please try to join us.

WEBSITE: New member Mark Maloney has developed and is administering the Club Website: **WWW.TVRGC.COM** for those of you with Internet access. Late breaking news regarding work parties, materials needed for projects, successes, etc. will be posted there. We can give you better information, more timely and at less cost on the website than in these newsletters. We will still send newsletters, although maybe not as often. There is also a member's forum area where we can keep open lines of communication. Check it out, drop us a line with your e-mail address.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Speaking of new members, we're asking that each member try to bring in at least one new member during the year. The Treasurer reports that our budget is in pretty good shape, but a little extra will go a long way towards achieving some of the goals we've set for 2005. Thanks in advance to those of you who regularly bring in new members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report for 2004 is attached. As you can see, all the dues money is accounted for, and then some! Obviously, we can't spend more than we take in for long. A little left over from 2003 helped us out with some extras in 2004. Let's make 2005 an even better year!

MEETINGS: Scheduled meetings for the rest of the year are March 13, April 10, May 15, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9 and November 13. That's the second Sunday of the month, always at 2:00pm. I'm posting an alternate date for the May meeting, since the 8th is Mother's Day. The September meeting is the annual election of officers.

2005 DUES: If you haven't paid yet, please do so promptly. Deadline is the end of March. The gate will be locked beginning April 1, and the combination will be given only to those who have paid. You can come up and see us any Sunday

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afternoon, or mail your check to PO Box 18 Poestenkill, NY 12140. I've heard that some people haven't been receiving newsletters, due to out of date addresses, or problems with our mailing list. If you know of someone who isn't getting their mail, please help us (and them) out and let us know.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2005: Some of the jobs we're looking at for this year are a new roof over the rifle range, and new warming shed. Dates will be posted and any help you can provide will be appreciated. Continuing the Club tradition of never paying for anything we can get for free, we're looking for donations of 2 X 4s, plywood and corrugated metal roofing for this project. Please let us know if you have any materials (not junk!) to donate. Other details are listed on the website.

REMOVAL OF DEBRIS FROM PROPERTY: Over the years, several piles of debris have formed on the property. One of the work parties to be scheduled this year will be focused on removing these. Everything will be provided except muscle! We'll be asking for your help in that department.

BANQUET: The Rensselaer County Conservation Alliance banquet will be held Saturday March 19 at the Poestenkill Fire House. Tickets are \$20 each; parties of 8 may reserve a table. For information or tickets, please contact Gary Coyne at 283-8406.

Overall, we're going to set an ambitious agenda for 2005, to maintain the momentum set in 2004 and to continue building on previous improvements. Continued improvements will both encourage participation by current members and draw new members. There are many other Clubs in the area, all drawing from the same pool of firearm and outdoors enthusiasts. If we want to survive, we have to keep moving forward. With your help, I'm confident we can!

Closing for now:

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Taconic Valley Rod & Gun Club 2004 Budget and Spending

Taxes:	
County	\$ 722.22
School	1,525.34
Niagara Mohawk	376.61
Insurance	
Liability	642.23
Structure	736.75
Post Office (box rent, stamps)	207.02
Check printing	18.12
NRA dues	<u>35.00</u>
Total mandatory expenses	\$4,263.79
Donation	\$50.00
Lumber	62.76
Road grading/fill	600.00
Plow truck	625.00
Gas (tractor)	<u>72.00</u>
Total discretionary expenses	\$1,409.76
Total expenditures 2004:	<u><u>\$5,673.55</u></u>
Dues Income average 75 paid members @ \$60 per year	\$4,500.00
50-50-raffle	<u>500.00</u>
Total Income	\$5,000.00
<u>Operating deficit 2004</u>	<u>\$673.55</u>