

2026 SPRING/SUMMER UPDATE

NEGAUNEE ROD & GUN CLUB

Greetings fellow Negaunee Rod & Gun Club members— While winter kept the snow flying, the Club stayed busy—projects, planning, and plenty of action behind the scenes. Now that spring is here, it's time to get outside and enjoy everything we've been working toward. Read on for timely updates plus a full slate of upcoming events, shoots, and get-togethers, and come join us as we head into spring and summer!

SUMMER HOURS: Clubhouse hours for the summer season are as follows:

- Wednesday: 4:00–8:00pm (Trap, Skeet, and various shotgun games)
- Thursday: 4:00–8:00pm (Sporting Clays)

2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: If you haven't already renewed, please take a moment to do so. Our online renewal option is fast, easy, and secure—use the QR code or visit the Club's website at www.negauneerodandgun.com.



Prefer to do it in person? You can also stop by the Clubhouse to renew during open Clubhouse hours.

Please be sure to have your guests complete the *Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement* before participating in any shooting sports or Club activities. This helps protect the Club and its members from liability associated with shooting sports and other Club events, and it's a standard practice at shooting facilities nationwide. When you renew your membership, you'll be asked to acknowledge and accept the updated agreement. For guest convenience, QR codes are posted inside the clubhouse and at the range gate so they can complete the waiver ahead of time.

RANGE FEES: Please always pay your range fees when you shoot. That \$2 member fee (\$5 guest) adds up quickly—and it directly funds the improvements, repairs, and day-to-day upkeep that keep our ranges safe, functional, and enjoyable for everyone. Thanks for doing your part to help keep our ranges in great shape and a place we're proud to call ours!

UPCOMING EVENTS: Want to stay in the loop? The Club's Calendar of Events is posted on our website (www.negauneerodandgun.com) and updated often. Check it regularly so you don't miss upcoming events—or any schedule changes.

RANGE CLEAN UP DAY: Please come lend a hand **Saturday, May 9th** at **9:00am** as we spruce up the facility and grounds for the season. Any help is appreciated—bring whatever tools you can (rake, shovel, wheelbarrow, gloves, etc.). Many hands make light work, and it takes a village to keep our Club looking its best. Lunch will be available!

COFFEE KLATCHES: From January through April, the Clubhouse was open every Thursday morning at 9:00am for good coffee, great company, and a little old-fashioned *yarn spinning*. It was a fun way to chase away the winter blahs and catch up with fellow members. Keep an eye out for the next Coffee Klatch—and if you can, swing by and join the conversation!

MEIJER WINTER GAMES: Once again, the Club participated in the Meijer Winter Games on Saturday, February 7th. Beginning this year, in memory of our dear friend, fellow shooter, and former president Brett French, our events are now known as ***The Brett French Memorial Shooting Sports***.

The .22 LR Rimfire Benchrest Rifle event followed the same format used for ARA-sanctioned matches and drew 32 participants. The shotgun event consisted of 50 Trap and 50 Skeet targets (100 total) with 15 participants.

Gold, silver, and bronze medals were awarded to our “hot shots!” Thanks to everyone who came out to compete and cheer on fellow members.

WILD GAME FEED & COOK-OFF: The Annual *Wild Game Feed and Cook-off* was held Saturday, March 7th—and the clubhouse was packed! Members sampled a great spread of wild game dishes, swapped stories, and enjoyed a fun night together. Congratulations to Jill Ansell, who earned the most votes for her Venison Fajitas and took home the top prize: a \$100 gift card to Wilderness Sports. A big thank-you to everyone who cooked, donated prizes, and pitched in to help—events like this are what make our Club so special.

HUNTER SAFETY: Ready to get started (or brush up) before hunting season? The Club will host a Hunter Safety class this fall for anyone interested in learning how to be a safe, responsible, conservation-minded hunter. This year’s class will be held over three days at the end of August. Registration is handled through the Michigan DNR website—please sign up online to reserve your spot, as space is limited.

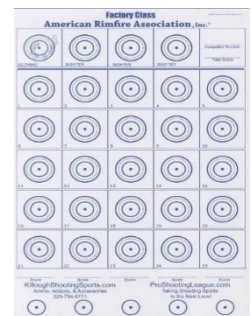
YOUTH DAY: Saturday, September 12th we’re teaming up again with the UP Whitetails Association of Marquette Co. for the 30th Annual Youth Day—and it’s always a blast! This FREE event is a great way to introduce youth to shooting and hunting in a fun, safe environment. It’s open to ages 8–16 and limited to the first 140 entries. Events include Air Rifle, .22 Rifle, Archery, Shotgun, and more. Keep an eye out for more details later this summer!

.22 LR RIMFIRE RIFLE & ARA EVENTS: We're excited to announce that the Club will host the ARA State Match this year—come out, shoot, and cheer on your fellow members!

- ARA 4 Card — 5.24.26 (Sunday), 9:00am
- ARA 6 Card — 6.7.26 (Sunday), 9:00am
- ARA 4 Card — 7.19.26 (Sunday), 9:00am
- ARA State Money Match — 8.14.26 (Friday), 5:00–9:00pm
- ARA State Unlimited Tournament — 8.15.26 (Saturday), 9:00am
- ARA State Factory Tournament — 8.16.26 (Sunday), 9:00am
- ARA 6 Card — 9.13.26 (Sunday), 9:00am
- ARA 4 Card — 10.25.26 (Sunday), 9:00am

[American Rimfire Association \(ARA\)](#) .22 LR Rimfire Benchrest shooting continues to grow under John Heikkila and the Rimfire Team's leadership. You can shoot "Factory Class," "Unlimited Class," or both—and you'll be amazed at the camaraderie and the fun on the line. Negaunee offered 30 official ARA targets throughout the 2025 season, including two 6-card tournaments, giving competitors plenty of chances to battle it out for top honors. Precision, consistency, and good sportsmanship were on full display all year long.

The ARA format is typically shot as "3-Card," "4-Card," or "6-Card" events. Each card is timed and consists of 25 targets (about 1.5" diameter for Factory Class and 1" diameter for Unlimited Class). Each target is fired with a single round of .22 LR ammunition and scored from 0 to 100 points, for a perfect card score of 2,500. Event scores are the sum of each card's score. A 3-Card event score of 7,500 is a unicorn—and will cost you several rounds in the Clubhouse.



ARA has something for everyone—regardless of age, experience level, or what type of shooting you've enjoyed in the past (rifle, pistol, or shotgun). ARA matches are a regular occurrence at NRGCC, so check the Club calendar or contact John Heikkila at jheikki65@gmail.com to learn more.

JUNIOR RIFLE: Our Junior Rifle program is led by coach and mentor Bob Haskett, who's proud to help develop the next generation of shooters through hands-on supervision, instruction, and encouragement. Junior Rifle meets Wednesday evenings from 6:00–8:00pm during the winter months.

Our junior shooters have been on a roll this past year, competing in several events—including the Meijer State Games and the ARA national tournament. Lacey Haskett took 1st place for females 18 and under at the Meijer Games and placed 3rd nationally; she will be competing at the ARA national tournament this fall in Texas. Way to go, Lacey!

PISTOL SHOOTING: The Pistol Committee has been busy improving the Club's pistol range and building out new events. This past year we added additional steel targets at distances of 10 to 25 yards, and we hosted several popular matches that brought a great group of shooters out to the range. We'll continue enhancing the pistol range throughout 2026—stay tuned!

- Firecracker 300 — 6.27.26 (Saturday), 9:00am–1:00pm
- Pistol Steel Match — 8.1.26 (Saturday), 9:00am–1:00pm

Interested in pistol shooting at the Club—or want to get involved with the Pistol Committee? Email Randall Mutter at nrgcpistolshooters@gmail.com.

F-Class 600 Yard NRA Sanctioned Matches: The 600-yard F-Class matches at the Club are back! F-Class is a long-range target rifle discipline where competitors shoot for accuracy and consistency at distance. It's a fast-growing sport that's suitable for shooters of all ages and ability levels. See the Club calendar for match dates and details.

Three years ago, the Club adopted the ShotMarker Digital Target System to record each shooter's shots during F-Class matches. This system has enhanced our NRA-sanctioned 60-round matches, and it continues to attract national-class shooters—so the competition can be fierce and is often decided by X-count. Spectators are always welcome, and you can follow the action live using the interactive ShotMarker display. If you're interested in learning more about F-Class, come out to watch a match during 2026, or email Greg Erkkila at gerkkila333@gmail.com.

- F-Class Dave Wilk 60rd — 5.30.26 (Saturday), 8:30am–2:00pm
- F-Class 60rd — 7.25.26 (Saturday), 8:30am–2:00pm
- F-Class Club Championship — 9.12.26 (Saturday), 8:30am–2:00pm

HIGH POWER RIFLE SHOOTING: This summer, the rifle range will be open for anyone who'd like to come out and try the Club's ShotMarker Digital Target System. If you're interested in shooting targets set as far as 600 yards downrange, come join us Tuesday evenings from 4:00–6:00pm. Tuesdays are a great chance to stretch your effective range, sharpen your skills, and get more familiar with F-Class shooting. We also have a consistent group of shooters who turn out weekly and are happy to help you learn the ShotMarker system and get you consistently ringing the X-ring.

To learn more about high-power rifle shooting opportunities at the Club, email Greg Erkkila at gerkkila333@gmail.com.

MILITARY RIFLE MATCHES: Have an old military rifle tucked away in the back of the safe—maybe something handed down from your grandpa or dad? Dust it off and bring it out to the Club! You'll find others with similar rifles and gear, and you can compete in fun, rifle-specific matches designed around these classic firearms.

CIVILIAN MARKSMAN PROGRAM (CMP): The CMP traces its roots back to 1903, when President Theodore Roosevelt recognized the need to strengthen marksmanship among civilians nationwide. NRGCC hosts a CMP match each year. Because NRGCC is a CMP-recognized club and hosts CMP-sponsored matches, qualified participants may be eligible to purchase U.S. Government surplus rifles, pistols, ammunition, and other shooting supplies—and have them shipped directly to them.

CMP Match (Civilian Marksmanship Competition)—**Saturday, September 5th.** This event consists of **35 rounds** fired on **electronic targets** at **200 yards: 5 sighters** and **30 shots for record.** The course of fire is designed to mirror events a shooter might encounter at the National Matches held at Camp Perry ANG in Port Clinton, Ohio.

Questions about Military Rifle matches, the Club's CMP match, or surplus ammo? Email Gary Stevens at sawyer94@aol.com.

MID UP CLAY CRUSHERS: The Mid UP Clay Crushers Youth Trap Team was created for youth who want to build their skills, have fun, and compete in the shooting sports. The team is affiliated with the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) and is coached by Mike Ansell, with assistant coaches Ken Goldsworthy, Terry Jandreau, Josh Hendrickson and Scott Jensen.

These young guns are currently practicing on Wednesday evenings. The team kicked off the season with its first event in Delta County, WI, on Saturday, April 11. If you're interested in learning more about the Youth Trap Team, contact Mike Ansell via email at mupcc906@gmail.com. And remember: it's never too late to join the team if you know of a teenager who might be interested!

SHOTGUN SHOOTING: The Mid-UP Shooters, “MUPS” have been busy turning clay targets into dust. Winter is a great time to sharpen skills in less-than-perfect conditions—and this year definitely tested everyone’s resolve! As the weather improves, grab your favorite shotgun, a few boxes of shells, and head out to the Club. We’re planning another Sporting Clays League this summer, so keep an eye out for details. The Club will also host two Registered Skeet events (**June 6–7** and **August 1–2**), and volunteers are needed—please consider lending a hand.

MUPS is always happy to help new shooters—of any age—get started, learn the games, and feel comfortable on the fields. If you’d like more information—or want to introduce someone (young or not-so-young) to the sport—come out to the Club Wednesday afternoons in summer. You’ll find MUPS members in the Clubhouse or out on the Skeet or Trap fields yelling “PULL!” They’ll show you the ropes and have you busting clays in no time. **Youth-only bonus:** to help young shooters get rolling, youth through age 18 can shoot up to **50 clay targets per week** (typically two rounds of Skeet or Trap) at no cost.

YOOPER SIDE-BY-SIDE CLASSIC: The Sixth Annual Yooper Side-By-Side Classic shotgun extravaganza will be held at the Club in late summer. This event is all about great guns, great company, and great shooting—an opportunity to share your passion for fine firearms and the shooting sports with like-minded sportsmen and sportswomen from across the nation. The Main Event will be held on **Friday, August 21st** and **Saturday, August 22nd** and features a 72-bird Super Sporting Clays course, a 72-bird Hunter’s Challenge Sporting Clays course, a 25-bird Pigeon Ring, and a 30-bird Upland Game Walk. The Main Event must be shot with a side-by-side shotgun (vintage and gauge are shooter’s choice).

A **Pre-event Fun Shoot** will be held on **Thursday, August 20th**. This shoot is open to all members and the general public, and it can be shot with any style of shotgun (side-by-side, over/under, semi-auto, or pump).

Mid-UP Shooters is also hosting a **Special Youth Division** event on **Thursday, August 20th**. The Youth Division is open to any young shooter age 17 or younger who is knowledgeable in the shooting sports. There is NO COST to participate; however, participants must provide the ammo and the shotgun they intend to use for the event, and they must be accompanied by an adult who is knowledgeable in the shooting sports and range etiquette. The Youth Division course will consist of 50 clay targets (25 Sporting Clays, 15 Upland Game Walk, and 10 Pigeon Ring). Lunch is included, and each participant will receive a prize! For more information or to register, visit the Club’s website at www.negauneerodandgun.com.



RANGE ORIENTATION & SAFETY BRIEFINGS: The Board-approved Membership Policy requires all members to complete the Club’s Range Orientation and Safety Briefing. After successful completion, each member will be issued a Range Access Card for their use.

In 2025, approximately fifty (50) members attended the Club’s Range Orientation & Safety Briefings—part of our ongoing effort to create a safe and secure environment for everyone. A special thank-you to the volunteers who host and support the briefings throughout the year: Gary Stevens, Dina Johnson, Mike Anderegg, Eunice and Mike Gronseth.

If you have not completed the briefing, please check the Club’s calendar for upcoming dates and plan to attend a session at your convenience. Briefings are typically held on the **second Saturday of each month, 10:00am-12:00pm**. Email Gary Stevens at sawyer94@aol.com with questions.

MEMBERSHIP POLICY AND BYLAWS: The Board-approved Membership Policy and the Club’s Bylaws are posted on the Club website, and printed copies are available at the Clubhouse. Please take a few minutes to review both so you’re familiar with membership requirements and expectations.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Mark your calendar for the Annual Membership Meeting on **Monday, September 28th at 6:00pm**. This is your chance to hear what’s being planned for the Club, vote on important items, and elect next year’s executive officers and Board of Directors. We hope to see you there!

FACEBOOK PAGE: Did you know the Club has a Facebook page? If you’re on Facebook, give it a follow to keep up with updates, event reminders, and photos from around the Club. And if you see a post you like, please “Like,” “Share,” or “Comment”—it helps us spread the word to fellow members and prospective members, too.

IN MEMORIAM: We are saddened to share the passing of our friend, fellow shooter, and Club President, Brett French (February 2025). Brett poured his heart into this Club—often behind the scenes—giving countless hours to planning, problem-solving, and the steady work that keeps a place like ours running strong. He was a trusted leader, a generous friend, and a true visionary who helped move the NRGK forward while never losing sight of what matters most: safety, sportsmanship, and community. Brett’s impact will be felt for years to come, and he will always be part of the story of our Club.

We also mourn the loss of members Marty Furlane and Mike Molby (2025). Their friendship—and their presence on the range, the sporting clays course, and in the Clubhouse—will be deeply missed.

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2026

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NEGAUNEE ROD & GUN CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM -- 2026

Your Negaunee Rod & Gun Club membership can be renewed utilizing the secure online feature that is available on the club's website (www.negauneerodandgun.com) or by using this renewal application form.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

The Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Board of Directors has adopted the Club's Membership Policy in accordance with the Club's Bylaws. All members are required to review and abide by the Membership Policy. Printed copies of the policy are available at the Club, and it is also posted on the Club's website for your convenience.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED:

I hereby agree to abide by the provisions of the Negaunee Rod & Gun Club Membership Policy, as approved by the Club's Board of Directors.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

NRA Membership No. _____ NRA Membership Expiration Date: _____

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_____ Annual Membership @ \$75

_____ Annual Membership @ \$65 after a \$10 discount is applied for NRA Members

_____ Senior Membership @ \$60

_____ Senior Membership @ \$50 after a \$10 discount is applied for NRA Members

_____ Junior Membership @ \$10

Note: To qualify for Senior Membership status, you must be 62 years of age or older as of January 1st and have been a paid member in good standing for the previous 5 years.

To qualify for Junior Membership status, you must be under the age of 18 as of January 1st.

Remit with payment to Negaunee Rod & Gun Club, 335 North Road, Negaunee MI 49866