2016 Black Lake Fish and Game Club Annual Report

2016 was another great year at the Black Lake Fish and Game Association. Thank you to all of our members, supporters and volunteers that have helped us continue to grow. Over the past 4 years, we have grown from 150 members to 290 today. With your support we hope to continue to grow in membership and improve and expand the programs and opportunities we offer, especially youth programs in 2017. We sincerely thank you for your support and wish you the best in the coming year ahead. Without your support this would not be possible. Here are some highlights from the past year.

Wednesday Night Trap Shoots

Wednesday night trap shoots were a great success again this year. We enjoyed good weather, good times, and made good friends. Lots of youngsters, and a number of ladies participated this year, many for the first time. We think some lifelong shooters have been given a start. It really is becoming a family event. Anyone 12 years and older is welcome to come shoot. Women are welcome. Don’t be intimidated, just show up. We want to introduce newcomers into this sport. That is why we are here. Trap is open every Wednesday night at 7pm during the summer.

Sporting Clays with Jay Treat

Jay Treat, Dean Summers, and Gage Fox have finished out another year of sporting clays. Jay's young new protégé, Gage, has been shown the ropes of operating the course, and has done a bang-up job. They've worked hard to keep the grounds clean and neat, and Gage has added days to the shooting calendar! We are always willing to schedule special shoots for two or more people, corporate shoots, bachelor parties and any other events you may wish to hold on most any day or evening. So grab your hunting buddies and come on down for a challenge. For more information, please contact Jay Treat at 315-323-5585 (Summer), or Gage Fox at 315-323-9993 (All Year-Weather and Schedule Permitting). We are also looking for additional help operating the course. Please if you have an interest in volunteering do not hesitate to contact us!
New Storage Building Completed

As you may have noticed, the club constructed a new 21’x33’ storage building this year, with monetary assistance again from the FNRA. Materials were purchased at Morristown Fuel & Supply, with generous pricing discounts. These folks have been strong supporters of this club for decades! The structure was erected with all-volunteer labor, in one of the warmest, driest summers many of could remember. The building is used to house the lawnmowers, golf carts, clay targets, and anything else that needs storing. Jim Robinson constructed a world class super heavy duty workbench inside that should be there for generations to use and enjoy!

Robinson Hall Progress

Progress on Robinson Hall continued this Summer, with the addition of new dimmable LED lighting inside and out, outlets throughout, and a new service panel mounted on the concrete behind the trap stand. All labor, equipment, and materials for the work was generously donated by John Patterson, owner of Patterson Electric. The work is top-quality, and the lighting perfect for our uses! This next year we hope to complete the trim and finish!

Club President Michael Warren – Talking to SLC trappers Association at Rendezvous

4th Annual Outdoor Heritage Family Rendezvous

The Rendezvous was another success. It has turned out to be a great family event and a good fundraiser for the club. The Rendezvous included a pig roast done by Goodbye Earl’s, a silent auction, gun raffles, sporting clays, kids games, youth archery, trap shooting, shoot the string event put on by Marc and Bobby Bigelow. Wrights Marina had a nice display of boats on the grounds along with a Jon Boat they donated for raffle to the club. Blevins Brothers had new ATV’s on display as well. The Mud Run continues to be a huge draw for the day. Thanks to Larry Kring and his daughter Melanie Kring Flack. We also added a Redneck Challenge course where participants
had to saw a log, cast into a target, shoot a balloon with the bb gun, set tip ups, shoot a 3D archery target and hang a deer in a tree.

2017 Fishing Derby – Saturday, January 28th
The Club’s fishing derby is coming up on Jan 28th. Mark your calendars. You’re not going to want to miss this one. Top prize is $1,200 CASH. Tons of kids prizes and some new twists on luck of the draw. We’re raffling a 12 gauge 870 express magnum with the choice of a 20 gauge 870 standard grade for the beginners. 50/50 raffle also will be held in the clubhouse.

New and Improving Youth Programs
Youth archery continues to be a success. A special thanks to Dave and Penny Young, Glen Colby and Scottie Ritchie for volunteering a lot of time and effort in operating the new youth archery program. Thanks to them the club was able to hold youth archery under the new pavilion this past summer. We had upwards of 25 kids participating. The club was able to purchase new 3D targets, bows, arrows and had a lot of equipment donated by our enthusiastic supporters. It is safe to say that youth archery was a great success in its first trial year. There are plans in the works to have indoor shoots this winter. Stay tuned for more information on this.

Our plans are to expand our opportunities for youth this year! We have written a grant application to the NRA Foundation, and have asked for assistance in funding for additional archery equipment, youth trap shooting equipment, and youth air gun range equipment. The NRA Foundation has been very generous to us in the past, with funding applied to the construction of the pad and structure for Robinson Hall, as well as the new Storage Building.
NYS Youth Trap League
has begun making arrangements to
establish the NYS Youth Trapshooting League
here with Morristown Central School. We plan
to actively begin the program in the Spring this
year, with committee members Dave and
Penny Young, and Paul Montpetit working
through the required paperwork, and Allen
Langtry II as Chairman. The Gouverneur Club is
also pursuing this and we believe we will be the
first two.

Rick West, Master Falconer
The club again sponsored a program, free to the public,
funded by a donation from Stewart’s Shops from their
Holiday Match Program, with Mr. Rick West, Master
Falconer. Mr. West and his team brought a number of birds
of prey to Robinson Hall, and explained the features and
mechanics of each of the birds. The program was very
interactive, with participants invited to touch the birds, and
many questions answered. Refreshments were available
from the Brier Hill Firemen’s Ladies Auxiliary. The program
was well attended, and widely enjoyed by all!

NYSDEC Summer Camp Colby
Last year the club sponsored 5 kids to attend NYS DEC Summer Camp. This year
we plan to send a number of kids as well. Kids must be 11 – 13 years old. If any
kids out there would like to go, please contact Ryan Demick at 315-486-2210 to
get their name on the list ASAP. We ask that if you put your name on the list
that you 100% plan on going. The cost of the camp is nonrefundable to the club.
If for some reason they don’t go at the last minute, then we lose our money and
another kid that could have gone loses their chance to go to camp. See the
NYSDEC Conservation Camp website for information:
Wood Duck Nesting Boxes
The St. Lawrence Valley Waterfowlers donated materials for youth wood duck nesting box building at the club. We would like to thank them for this. This past winter on a Saturday, we opened up the club and constructed around 25 – 30 boxes with dozens of area youth. It was a great day and we are looking forward to it again this year.

Thank you Phil
Longtime member Phil Trivilino is retiring as Club Treasurer. We would like to thank him for his longtime service to the club. He has been an active member since the 70's and does a lot of work that may go unnoticed to the membership. Phil is our IT department, he keeps the website up, pays the bills, makes the membership buttons, keeps us on budget with projects and is always active with planning and working the fishing derby. He was a big supporter of the Blake Lake walleye stocking program. He started the sporting clays range, helped clear the trails which are now throughout the club. He did a lot of work on the clubhouse back when we rebuilt. He was a big part of the 3D archer range they once had setup and he is a big reason why the club is still here today. Either way he has outlasted every lawnmower and golf cart the club has owned and is going out on top with a lot to be proud of. Because of all this we have made him an Honorary Lifetime Member. We can't thank him enough for all that he has contributed over the years. Thank you Phil, you will be missed.

Raffle Tickets (Enclosed)
Please make an effort to sell or purchase the enclosed raffle tickets. If you want more tickets, please contact: Ryan Demick, 3847 State Highway 37. Ogdensburg, NY 13669; 315-486-2210, Kenny Cutway: 315-869-6051 or Mike Warren: 315-523-0298. The raffle tickets you buy each year help us a lot and we thank you for your support!
Membership Renewal – Please Renew!

Please be sure to renew your membership. Memberships expire on Dec 31st of 2016 and new memberships are required for January 1st of 2017. We are able to keep our membership fees at the current rates for another year. To renew your membership, simply enclose a check with a note for which membership you want to purchase in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. You can go onto the club’s website BLFGA.org and make a Pay-Pal Payment. Either way we will get your new 2017 BLFGA membership cards mailed to you right away.

Current membership fees are as follows:

Annual - Regular Membership — $35.00 Annual - Junior Membership (16 and under) —

Annual - Family Membership — $70.00
(Includes husband and wife, or partners, with children at home) (Available by mail or at the clubhouse during club activities)

Annual - Guest Pass — $15.00
(Purchased by member to use when accompanied by a guest) (Available by mail or at the clubhouse during club activities)

Life Membership — (depends on age)


Please return your Name, Address and appropriate fees to: The Black Lake Fish & Game Assn., Inc., 3847 State Highway 37, Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Please make checks and money orders payable to: The Black Lake Fish & Game Assn., Inc.

Please note the above address change for the Club’s Mail.

Thank you again for your continued support in making The Black Lake Fish and Game Club a success and keeping it operational year-round.

President: Michael Warren Vice President: Kenny Cutway Secretary: Liz Truskowski Treasurer: Ryan Demick