



## Portage Rod and Gun Club Newsletter

The board has been busy with projects trying to prioritize them and get them started. We have put in a Natural Gas line to help with the costs of heating the club house in the winter. We will now get a line run to each furnace. The furnace in the West End of the club House is not in good shape and may need to be replaced yet this year.

We have poured the concrete slab and put up the shooting house on the rifle range. We will put shooting benches in there this spring. The cost for the Concrete slab and shooting house has been kept down due to the donation from Simonson Concrete for the labor and Lycon donating part of the concrete that was used.

We have gotten timbers from an old bridge to be used to divide the Pistol Range into shooting lanes this will be done in the spring. We will have fill dirt brought in and the berm will be raised before installing the timbers. We have painted the Fence and Trap houses this year and are looking at installing a light on the skeet range for night shooting and looking at setting up a 3D target range for Archery east of the clubhouse.

**Due to the cost of running the club we need to raise the membership for the club to \$50.00 from \$35.00 as of January 1, 2015.**

**Membership applications can be found on-line, purchased at the Club or at DW Menswear in Portage.**

Here is a list of items that the club pays each year:

Accounting	Electricity	Snowplowing	Insurance	Newsletters/Fliers
Phone/Satellite	Licenses	Property Taxes	Sales Tax	Heating/Cooking

Here is a list of projects the board has established:

- 1.) Gas line run for furnaces and appliances
- 2.) New furnace if needed
- 3.) Shooting House and concrete
- 4.) Raising the berm of the Pistol Range:
- 5.) Run power for lights to Skeet Range:
- 6.) Targets for a 3D Archery range:

The reason we are able to keep the membership dues as low as they are, is that all of the labor required to run the day to day activities and manage the club business is volunteer. We could always use some extra help as we have few volunteers. Remember this is your club as much as anyone else's.

When you fill out your new membership card and you have skills that would help with these projects and are willing to help put down the skills and the best way to contact you.

Also if you have an e-mail address that we could mail newsletters to and any upcoming events.