



# Beaverbrook Tri-County Sportsmen's Club Newsletter



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As the days are getting shorter and the mornings are darker longer, we all know that fall is fast approaching. With the coming of fall many of us also turn our thoughts towards the upcoming hunting seasons. Many of our members are hunters but there are some just like shooting clays, punching holes in paper or the classic ring of the steel plates at two hundred or even three hundred yards if you come out for the 300-yard shoots.

This is a reminder for all the members that with starting the first weekend in October through the end of the month we will have deer rifle sight in. During the sight-in R1, R2, and R3 are reserved and will be closed to members on Saturdays and Sundays. Previous years we have had members come out and want to shoot at the rifle ranges and complain they are members, and they pay their fees every year but cannot shoot. Please remember this is a great opportunity for us to serve the surrounding community and allow nonmembers to come into the club and be helped by volunteers to make sure they are shooting as best they can for the upcoming hunting season.

This year the board of directors focused on finishing projects that we had started but had not finished yet. Below is a project we did finish this year including new concrete and grading around the updated pavilion.



Another update we did this year is the rifle range house now had card access to it. Just a reminder that if you swipe your card just pull the door to release the latch and then push the door open.

The club is also seeking a licensed painter. If you have a painting company and would like to know what we are looking for please reach out to [info@beaverbrook.us](mailto:info@beaverbrook.us).

**One piece of housekeeping is the clubs burn pile is for club use only. This is NOT for members to discard any personal refuse including brush, lawn waste, household items, appliances, and especially furniture as these items are NOT allowed to be burned. You get the idea!**



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We have the board of directors' elections coming up in October. Please take the time come out to vote in the annual elections for members of the board of directors. You can cast your vote on one of the following days --- Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> between noon and 4:00pm, or on Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> between 5:00pm and 7:00pm, then stay for the club's Annual Member Meeting.

Below are the candidates that are running and their information.

## **Don Severson Jr. – Incumbent - President**

### **How long have you been a Beaverbrook Member?**

*13 years.*

### **Have you held any other positions on the Executive Committee?**

*Yes.*

### **What shooting sports do you enjoy?**

*Pistol, Rifle, IDPA, and Trap.*

### **What would you say are your priorities for Beaverbrook's future?**

*Facility Improvement. Documenting the key functions for the operation of this large facility. Working to develop additional activities and expansion, based on what the members would like see happen.*

### **Please detail your vision for the club's future and what talents you personally bring to the administration of the club.**

*Beaverbrook is in a good position to become the best shooting range in the north metro area, the land they now possess, with the recent expansion, will make room for more members to enjoy this great facility. Without having to wait for shooting bays or trap fields to open-up. My background is in Precision Sheet Metal Design and Custom Manufacturing (46 years). Currently I am a Senior Manufacturing Engineer, creating new designs and improving old designs to help my customers realize a better return on their investment / product.*

*I am an NRA Life Member, NRA Range Safety Officer.*

### **Skills that would be a benefit to the operation of our club.**

*Metal Fabrication / Repair, Small Motor repair, Electrical work, Carpentry...*

### **Please list any club work activities, work credit items, participation in club events or planning, etc.**

*Planning the monthly meeting agendas, conducting board and committee meetings. Defining and organizing club policies and procedures. Helping with developing documentation to aid with future leadership teams to ease the transition process. Pheasants forever youth event.*

### **Have you attended three or more general or board meetings in the past year?**

*Yes.*





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## **Dave Roehler – Incumbent - Secretary**

### **How long have you been a member of Beaverbrook?**

*I have been a member for 28 years.*

### **Have you held any other positions on the Beaverbrook Executive Committee?**

*Director on the Board for several years before stepping up to Secretary many years ago.*

### **What shooting sports do you enjoy?**

*Pistol, Rifle, Trap, Muzzleloaders, Cowboy Action, and Archery.*

### **What would you say are your priorities for Beaverbrook's future?**

*Make our club the premier shooting facility the members want.*

### **Please detail your vision for the club's future and what talents you personally bring to the administration of the club.**

*I would like to see the club move forward with all the planned improvements and range expansion. I also would like to see better communication with the members. Safety is paramount in the shooting sports and a priority for me. I am an NRA Appointed Training Counselor, Certified Instructor in all the disciplines as well as an NRA Chief Range Safety Officer. I have trained most of the club's NRA Certified Range Safety Officers. So how else do I serve the club, well I am on the Range and By-Laws Committees as well as chair of the Membership Committee and the webmaster.*

### **Have you attended three or more general or board meetings in the past year?**

Yes





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## David Olson – Candidate - Board of Directors

### How long have you been a member of Beaverbrook?

*Approximately 20 years*

### Have you held any positions on the Executive Committee?

*Yes, as Treasurer*

### What shooting sports do you enjoy?

*Hunting either big game, varmints, or birds. Trapshooting, Rifle and Handgun*

### Please detail your vision for the club's future. What are your main priorities? What experience and talents do you personally bring that would be beneficial to the administration of the club?

*With the build out of the trap lines and the pistol and rifle bays, Beaverbrook has become one of the premier facilities in the state that I see in my travels to ATA competition events.*

*First impressions and appearances are everything. To improve this, there are a few things that need to be worked on such as the lighting and the built out of the remaining shelters. The grounds need some improvements and underway already is the final grading and the planting of grass.*

*Then, it is all about the future of which the best days of the gun club are yet to come. In a few years Beaverbrook will likely be the only gun club left in the north metro area. We as a club need to be in a position to take advantage of this by*

- 1. Having facilities that will accommodate our growth*
- 2. Having facilities that people will want to come to*
- 3. Having products and pricing that will attract new customer*
- 4. Be willing to invest in new products that do not currently exist*
- 5. Etc.*

### Skills that would be a benefit to the operation of our club.

*CPA, I am currently retired but worked in private industry as a corporate controller for 45 years. That gave me a very good understanding of accounting and financial operations of business.*

### Please list any club work activities, work credit items, participation in club events or planning, etc.

*Initiated and continue to participate in the fund raising for the high school trapshooting teams educational scholarships. Looking into the future, Beaverbrook as an organization needs to continue to attract and retain these high school athletes as customers after all they are the future.*

### Have you attended three or more general or board meetings in the past year?

*No*

### Why are you interested in serving on Beaverbrook's Executive Board?

*To help take Beaverbrook into the future by making sure that the club is a destination for all that desire to use our facilities.*





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## Jim Townsend - Candidate - Board of Directors

### How long have you been a member of Beaverbrook?

*I have been a member since 2013. I am also a Life Member of the NMLRA and NRA.*

### Have you held any positions on the Executive Committee?

*No, I haven't.*

### What shooting sports do you enjoy?

*My passion is traditional Muzzle Loading, both flintlock and cap and ball.*

### Please detail your vision for the club's future. What are your main priorities? What experience and talents do you personally bring that would be beneficial to the administration of the club?

*I would like to see the club continue moving forward with currently planned improvements and improvements that are not yet foreseen.*

*Have served as an Officer at local Lodge level and District level with the Sons of Norway. Also, have held multiple Officer positions with Twin City Muzzle Loading Club.*

### Skills that would be a benefit to the operation of our club. (Carpenter, plumber, accountant, electrician, etc.)

*Twenty-five plus years of managing the physical operations of a school building. Staffing, supply budgets, daily and annual cleaning operations, maintaining the mechanical equipment. Have a current 1<sup>st</sup> Class Boiler License.*

### Please list any club work activities, work credit items, participation in club events or planning, etc.

*I have opened and filled trap houses, assisted with the building of shooting benches, and have worked the deer rifle sight-in.*

### Have you attended three or more general or board meetings in the past year?

*Yes.*

### Why are you interested in serving on Beaverbrook's Executive Board?

*To become more involved and active at continuing to improve this organization.*





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## Kent Griffiths – Candidate - Board of Directors

**How long have you been a member of Beaverbrook?**

*25 Years --- (From club records)*

**Have you held any positions on the Executive Committee?**

*Yes, President, Vice President and Director --- (From club records)*

**What shooting sports do you enjoy?**

**Please detail your vision for the club's future. What are your main priorities?**

**What experience and talents do you personally bring that would be beneficial to the administration of the club?**

**Skills that would be a benefit to the operation of our club. (Carpenter, plumber, accountant, electrician, etc.)**

*General contractor --- (From club records)*

**Please list any club work activities, work credit items, participation in club events or planning, etc.**

**Have you attended three or more general or board meetings in the past year?**

*Yes --- (From club records)*

**Why are you interested in serving on Beaverbrook's Executive Board?**





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## Jim Trossen – Candidate -Board of Directors

### How long have you been a member of Beaverbrook?

*I have been a member of Beaverbrook for 20 years, and I am an NRA certified Range Safety Officer. I have participated in many functions including 17 deer rifle sight ins. Participated in the 22-pistol league.*



### Have you held any other positions on the Executive Committee?

I have served on the board for 2 years. I had cancer so was unable to serve my full term. I am now cancer free and ready to become an active member again.

### What shooting sports do you enjoy?

*I shoot skeet trap, rifle, handguns both centerfire and rim fire. I have been interested into muzzle loading for years. I am an avid hand loader.*

### What would you say are your priorities for Beaverbrook?

One of my priorities would be to encourage current members to become active in the club *and more youth and females involved in shooting sports. Encourage all ages and genders to get involved in all opportunities that Beaverbrook offers.*

### Please detail your vision for the club's future and what talents you personally bring to the administration of the club?

*My vision for the future of the club is to continue all the various opportunities available within the club. Encourage all current members and all new members to participate more actively in the many activities available at our club. What I bring to the table is 26 years of experience in the USN. I was a Chief Petty Officer. I learned to work well with resources available. I also was an employee relations liaison manager. I would listen to both sides of an issue with an open mind and develop a solution that was acceptable for all concerned. Welcome input from all members they so feel included in all activities.*

### Have you attended three or more general or board meetings in the past year?

No.

### Why are you interested in serving on Beaverbrook's Executive Board?



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## Kyle Berens – Candidate - Board of Directors

**How long have you been a member of Beaverbrook?**

*11 years.*

**Have you held any other positions on the Executive Committee?**

*Yes, Board of directors*

**What shooting sports do you enjoy?**

*Mostly a trap and skeet guy. I have Shot leagues there since 1990 and now have 3 kids that shoot as well.*

**What would you say are your priorities for Beaverbrook?**

*I think the club is in a great location with the inner city moving out. I would like to see the club grow for members and the public as well.*

**Please detail your vision for the club's future and what talents you personally bring to the administration of the club?**

*With my kids and all the high schools shooting now, I'd like the club to be there in the future for us and them. I'd also like the club to be able to be open more for the public. I think this would in turn, build our memberships as well as put more revenue into the club. I don't mind trying to keep up with some of the maintenance around the grounds as well.*

**Have you attended three or more general or board meetings in the past year?**

*No.*

**Why are you interested in serving on Beaverbrook's Executive Board?**





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## **Matt Toth – Candidate - Board of Directors**

**How long have you been a member of Beaverbrook?**

*Two years.*

**Have you held any positions on the Executive Committee?**

*No, I haven't held any positions on the executive committee.*

**What shooting sports do you enjoy?**

*I am an avid deer hunter (rifle, archery and muzzle loader) I shoot trap, skeet and sporting clays. I also enjoy hunting waterfowl and grouse*



**Please detail your vision for the club's future. What are your main priorities? What experience and talents do you personally bring that would be beneficial to the administration of the club?**

*I am organized and task oriented, a hard worker and like to see Beaverbrook succeed.*

**Skills that would be a benefit to the operation of our club. (Carpenter, plumber, accountant, electrician, etc.)**

*I am a certified marine technician and have lots of experience in the construction industry.*

**Please list any club work activities, work credit items, participation in club events or planning, etc.**

*I haven't participated in many of the club events or work activities, but I am always willing to help*

**Have you attended three or more general or board meetings in the past year?**

*No.*

**Why are you interested in serving on Beaverbrook's Executive Board?**

*I'm goal oriented, I'd like find ways to improve the overall Beaverbrook experience and work with the other executive members to do so.*



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## **Ted White - Incumbent – Board of Directors**

**How long have you been a member of Beaverbrook?**

*9 Years*

**Have you held any positions on the Executive Committee?**

*Yes, Board of directors*

**What shooting sports do you enjoy?**

*Trap, Pistol shooting, Archery*

**Please detail your vision for the club's future. What are your main priorities? What experience and talents do you personally bring that would be beneficial to the administration of the club?**

*Making Beaverbrook all it can be for the shooting sports. Expanding the facility to better serve its membership.*

**Skills that would be a benefit to the operation of our club. (Carpenter, plumber, accountant, electrician, etc.)**

*Cabinet maker and handyman*

**Please list any club work activities, work credit items, participation in club events or planning, etc.**

*Mow trap and archery fields, general maintenance*

**Have you attended three or more general or board meetings in the past year?**

*Yes*

**Why are you interested in serving on Beaverbrook's Executive Board?**

*To help facilitate improvements*





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## Troy Smith (Smooth) – Candidate - Board of Directors

### How long have you been a member of Beaverbrook?

*League member since 2001 and Beaverbrook member for 3 years*

### Have you held any positions on the Executive Committee?

*No*

### What shooting sports do you enjoy?

*Mainly trap but enjoy all shotgun shooting and pistol and rifle as well.*

### Please detail your vision for the club's future. What are your main priorities? What experience and talents do you personally bring that would be beneficial to the administration of the club?

*I feel I have some good ideas for future events.*

### Skills that would be a benefit to the operation of our club. (Carpenter, plumber, accountant, electrician, etc.)

*I can help with upcoming events by planning and working them, like ATA shoots, jackpot and other events.*

### Please list any club work activities, work credit items, participation in club events or planning, etc.

*Have helped keep score for league, ATA shoots and other events at the club.*

### Have you attended three or more general or board meetings in the past year?

*I have been to one meeting so far this year.*

### Why are you interested in serving on Beaverbrook's Executive Board?

*I want to be a part of making Beaverbrook the best place for shooting sports in the twin cities.*





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## Wayne Jacobson – Candidate - Board of Directors

### How long have you been a member of Beaverbrook?

*I have been a member since 1995*

### Have you held any other positions on the Executive Committee?

*I have served on the board for 14 years. 4 years as Vice President. 2 years as membership director. Run a 22 Pistol league for 12 years, and open pistol shoot for 4 years. 5 years of a Deer Rifle league.*

### What shooting sports do you enjoy?

*Enjoy all the venues at the Club, with main participation in Rifle and Pistol shooting and events. Enjoy working with Rifle site in for the past 21 years. 6 years as the lead organizer.*

### What would you say are your priorities for Beaverbrook?

*We are in growing market for the shooting sports. Working to stand up (SASP) Scholastic Action Shooting Program. 12 to 14 High school students have enjoyed learning to shoot 22 Pistols.*

### Please detail your vision for the club's future and what talents you personally bring to the administration of the club?

*Beaverbrook a valuable resource for the community, providing facilities for Gun Safety training and other training to maintain proficiencies. I am a veteran with over 35 years of active and reserve service, in the logistical field. 17 years working in the defense industry with large caliber systems and missile launching systems.*

### Please detail your vision for the club's future and what talents you personally bring to the administration of the club

*Our current expansion is right on track with our needs, and we need to focus on keeping our members safe while they enjoy this club. Would like to involve more young people in all aspects of the club's activities.*

### Have you attended three or more general or board meetings in the past year?

Yes





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## Austin Seman - Incumbent – Board of Directors

**How long have you been a member of Beaverbrook?**

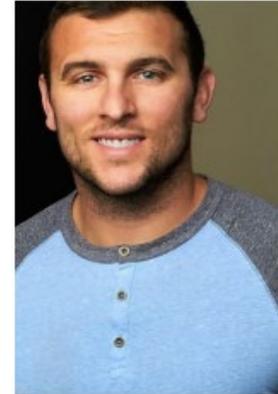
*5 years*

**Have you held any positions on the Executive Committee?**

*Yes, Board of directors*

**What shooting sports do you enjoy?**

*Trap Shooting, Use of Pistol Bays*



**Please detail your vision for the club's future. What are your main priorities? What experience and talents do you personally bring that would be beneficial to the administration of the club?**

*Main priorities: the continuance of providing committee members and local community a safe and welcoming place to enjoy the shooting sports. Also, the potential development of a youth mentorship program.*

*My experience as a small business owner in the private security sector has provided a unique appreciation of the industry and of those related. Other talents include the ability to; effectively recruit talented individuals for career development, clearly communicate organization goals and strategies, and emphasize a work life balance by creating opportunities that enhance health, wellness and knowledge outside of; but relative to the industry.*

**Skills that would be a benefit to the operation of our club.**

*Small business Owner and Engaged Community Member*

**Please list any club work activities, work credit items, participation in club events or planning, etc.**

*Member of Finance Committee*

**Have you attended three or more general or board meetings in the past year?**

*Yes*

**Why are you interested in serving on Beaverbrook's Executive Board?**

*I am interested in serving on Beaverbrook's Executive Board because I would like to see and encourage an increase in youth involvement in shooting sports and other outdoor recreational activities.*



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## **Logan Lachinski - Incumbent – Board of Directors**

**How long have you been a member of Beaverbrook?**

*3 years*

**Have you held any positions on the Executive Committee?**

*Yes, Board of directors*

**What shooting sports do you enjoy?**

*Trap, Rifle, Pistol*

**Please detail your vision for the club's future. What are your main priorities? What experience and talents do you personally bring that would be beneficial to the administration of the club?**

*Further expansion and improvements*

**Skills that would be a benefit to the operation of our club.**

*Carpenter*

**Please list any club work activities, work credit items, participation in club events or planning, etc.**

*I participated in board meeting and committee meetings and plan to help out with rifle site in.*

**Have you attended three or more general or board meetings in the past year?**

*Yes*

**Why are you interested in serving on Beaverbrook's Executive Board?**

*To continue its expansion and keep in the area for years to come.*