



Local sportsman's club gets NRA foundation Grant. NYS FNRA Communications Director Bradd Vickers (Left) presents \$5,000.00 Grant Check to The Greene Rod & Gun Club President, Nick Freije.

Greene, NY - A small sportsman's club in rural upstate New York, with 94 acres of land, recently received one of the largest grants awarded this year in NYS by the NRA foundation. The local club regularly holds registered ATA shoots, trap, skeet and 5 stand leagues, as well as being the home base of the "Border Rangers," a cowboy action shooter competition. They also offer free use of the club to the Greene Police Department, Boys Scouts, North American Versatile Hunting Dogs of America (NAVHDA), hunter safety courses and youth educational projects. They annually donate to the Greene Lions Club, Rotary Club, and award a scholarship to the Greene High School. They also open their facility to the public for a fishing derby at the well stocked on-site pond for youth 5 to 10 years old.

A contractor recently purchased the land adjacent to the club with plans of residential development. This has forced the club to move 5 ranges so that they can comply with the "500 feet law". This involves clearing and grading land, building berms, and constructing a new shelter, shooting benches and a storage building. The grounds will also have to be limed and seeded. The cost of this project would be approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000. The Greene Rod & Gun Club President, Nick Freije said "We greatly appreciate the \$5,000.00 grant from the NRA Foundation, this will help offset some of the expense." "When Bradd Vickers, last year's local Chenango County FNRA committee chair, explained how important it was for us to participate in the Friends of the National Rifle Association (FNRA) fundraising banquet, we really didn't expect to see this much money come back to the community."

"Some of our costs will include purchasing shale, gravel, concrete, lime, hay, and hiring a bulldozer, excavator, and backhoe. However, we hope to complete the project with voluntary labor and many donated supplies. Our members have already removed trees and stumps, moved dirt, built some berms, and are working on building shelters" said Greene Rod & Gun Club Vice-President Ron Evanchof

Board member Jim Bromley said, "This Range Improvement Project allows many to participate in the shooting sport and will be an asset to the community and other organizations."

The Federated Sportsmen's Clubs of Chenango County also received a \$1536.00 NRA Foundation Grant for their "Kids to Camp" program.

For more information about the club you can contact President-Nick Freije at the Greene Rod & Gun Club, Inc. Foster Hill Road, Greene, NY 13778 - 607-656-8430 <http://www.greenerodgun.com>

NRA Foundation Grants benefit programs such as youth education, law enforcement training, hunter education, conservation, firearms and marksmanship training and safety, and much more. Through its grant support of eligible educational programs, The NRA Foundation carries out its important educational mission across the country. Foundation grants allow shooting sports-related programs to develop, expand, and enhance their educational curricula to deliver valuable services to millions of Americans. If you would like to get involved or attend an FNRA Banquet go to <http://www.fnranyc.org> for more information.