

Allied Sportsmen

Of Western New York



Family event on Saturday, June 6 starting at 12 pm
Sign-up sheet at the March and April meetings and in clubhouse and trap house

If you have pictures to share for the anniversary event, send to Alice
If you have hard copy pictures, you can drop off at the club or send to:

Allied Sportsmen
PO Box 24
Alden, NY 14004
Attn: Alice Senko

Make sure your name and phone # on the back (they will be
returned). Special interest for pictures prior to 2011

Any additional volunteers for set up, assisting during event, and clean up are welcome

Board of Directors Election

Voting:

Saturday, April 4 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8 – 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Results will be announced at the member meeting which begins at 7 p.m.

There are four positions up for election this year. The bios of those running for election are found in this newsletter. Voting is in-person only. Please provide proper identification.

PLEASE NOTE: THE BIOS HAVE BEEN PRINTED AS SUBMITTED. They are printed in alphabetical order; those with (*) are incumbents.

SAM AUSTIN *

My name is Sam Austin, and I am your current Vice President and Interim Grounds Committee Chairman. I am interested in continuing to support Allied by remaining a member of the board to further the mission of our great club. I have been involved in just about every club enhancement and event that has happened since I joined the Board, to include, but not limited to hands-on work in the refurbishment of the floors, bathrooms and hallway. I also continued mowing the club lawn for about 8 hours per week.

My wife and I moved from Kansas to WNY in 2015 and settled in Elma. This was a homecoming for her as she is originally from South Buffalo and most of her family still lives in the area. I am originally from the Pittsburgh area. (Yes, I have been a Steelers fan since birth, but I definitely respect what it takes to be a Bills fan.) We have been married for 33 years and have a 31-year-old daughter. We both retired from the Air Force with 42 years of service between us.

During the first half of my Air Force career, I was deployed 24 times for a little over 1000 total days. Most of this time was spent in different African and SW Asian countries. For my last 10 years in the Air Force, I oversaw the base's small arms weapons armory and personal deployment gear. We stored and maintained over 9,000 weapons and protective gear, including body armor and area specific uniforms for deploying members. The last 6 years of that job, I was a Subject Matter Expert and was involved with a Pentagon Working Group. We met semi-annually to discuss better ways to serve our deploying and deployed members. Many streamlined rules and regulations were a result of these meetings. I was also solely responsible for a \$6M annual budget.

After the Air Force, I returned to school full time and received my BS in Management and Logistics. I used that degree for 5 years as a Purchasing Agent and Buyer for an Aerospace Valve Manufacturer in Wichita, KS. When we decided to move to WNY, we also decided I would remain retired.

I don't believe in trying to fix what is not broken but if a process is broken, it needs to be fixed using common sense and learned knowledge to benefit the largest number of the membership. If you trust me to continue to speak and make decisions on your behalf, you can be assured I will take that responsibility seriously and every vote will be done with careful consideration.

Thank you.

Additional bios on the following page -->

KITCHEN HELP NEEDED:

Please call Lynette 716-432-3500 to get your name on the list for kitchen duty! Greatest needs are:

5/30 two shifts; 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

6/20 two shifts 8 a.m. - 12 noon and 12 noon - 4 p.m.

8/2 two shifts 8 a.m. - 12 noon and 12 noon - 4 p.m.

9/6 two shifts 8 a.m. - 12 noon and 12 noon - 4 p.m.

Also, our Trap night will be on Thursdays so I'm looking for one person on each Thursday!!! Once per month on meeting night, I need helpers to serve and clean up! You may call or text me with your choices!

JOE TRUTY *

I am a former Club president and a four-term member of the Board of Directors. My membership in the Club started back in the 90s. Since that time I have been involved in many improvement projects and leadership activities. Some of those activities are listed below:

- Shot curtain project
- Trap chairman
- Trap house rebuild and replacement of all trap equipment
- Pistol range backstop replacement
- Club house metal roof installation
- Pole barn (trap building) project and funding
- Fund raising: Chicken BBQ, Gun raffles

I enjoy my time at the Club working with the Board of Directors and the members to make our Club the best it can be. I would greatly appreciate your vote to allow me to continue that effort.

Thank You,

FRED WEYMER *

Hi, I'm Fred Weymer, I have been an Allied member for many years. A very active member. All I want to do is be as active as I can be. That's it, this is my bio. Love me or hate me, if you've been around the club you know what I've been though and know I want to do as much as my body let's me. Thanks for considering me for re-election to the board

NOTE: ALL WORK HOURS MUST BE COMPLETE BY APRIL 30! You are required to complete 15 hours per year. Failure to do so results in \$6/hour added to your dues. There are SEVERAL opportunities listed in this newsletter. Trap, in particular, is in need of volunteers, and those work hours are doubled!

ARCHERY NEWS! ASA Qualifier will be held on June 13 and 14. Sign up at 9 a.m.; shoot at 10 a.m. both days. All archers are welcome to shoot the 20 3-D targets. Call John Floriano with questions at 716-725-5822.

Summer 3-D league will start in April. Date and time to be determined. Look for our flyer on the Allied Archery Facebook page, Club bulletin board, and our website.

Attic Insulation Work Event – Friday, March 20, 7 p.m. Three or four persons needed to help with this job. Contact Chris Farnsworth at 716-517-6426.

~ OTHER NEWS ~



BARTENDERS NEEDED! If you think you may be interested in getting in some work hours, please see Larry Goss, our Bar Chairperson. Specifically, help is needed on Tuesday evenings and during special events. This is an easy, fun way to get in your hours and meet fellow Club members.



Fundraising update

Gun Raffle: April (daily numbers from Penn evening lottery)

- All money and unsold tickets should be returned by March meeting
- Only 9 books available as of 2/27/26!!
- Drawing for members who have sold tickets at April meeting for \$50 in Club Vouchers – one entry for each book sold

BBQ Chicken Dinner: Saturday, May 30

- Tickets will be available at April meeting
- Volunteers needed for parking, dinner assembly, and distribution – Notify Alice if interested (716- 684-2034)

Meat/Basket Raffle: Oct 3

- Notify Alice if you have baskets, supplies, or new items to donate – never too early!
- Member support is greatly appreciated—due to your support, there were over 70 baskets last year!!

Did you know... it costs \$164.95 PER DAY to run the Club... and that does not include any repairs, remodeling, or updates. THANK YOU to all Club members who help us do the “extras” by supporting and working at our fundraisers.

TRAP NEWS: This year we have great opportunities to see the program grow with membership’s help. Open trap is Sundays at 11am and Thursdays at 6pm. If you or someone you know is interested in learning Trap, come on out. We intend to have seminars in the summer.

The Iroquois High School team will be practicing again starting the end of March. With warmer temps around the corner our spring league is starting April 9th. This is a 12-week, 5-person team league. We have spots available for sign up during open trap. Our club will be hosting three ATA dates this year on June 20th, August 2nd, and September 6th.

Given all the activity this year *we need more help than ever*. We are currently looking for 15-20 people to help on a rotation at the sign-up table and scoring. **Work hours are doubled for the spring league, ATA shoots, and high school shoot.** We have great fields with lots of capacity but need help to see its full potential. The goal is to get enough help so that a couple times a month is all we need to keep things running smooth. This would give everyone a positive experience when they come to Allied Sportsmen. Sign up in the clubhouse. Thanks, Neal Rainey