



**HEIDELBERG ROD AND GUN CLUB  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
OFTERSHEIM, GERMANY**



**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Vice President called the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club Advisory Council meeting to order at 1900 hours, February 3d, 2010.

**II. ATTENDEES:**

Rich Ecsodi	Vice President / OGAHS Rep
Jenn King	Marketing & Advertising
Dom Knoll	Acting Secretary
Bob Owen	RGC Manager
Regina	Shooters Bar and Restaurant
Steffan Butz	HD Archers
Larry Taylor	Member at Large
David McDaniel	Member
Brian Demski	Member
Al Prucnal	Member

**III. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Vice President Rich Ecsodi welcomed everyone to the meeting. The **Minutes** for the month of February were read, approved, and seconded with one correction to Para VII. 5. OGAHS. DJV practice is scheduled to start the first Friday in March (No Year Needle Shoot scheduled that date). The Vice President, on behalf of the Advisory Council, then congratulated Bob Owen on his selection as Manager of the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club.

2. **Financial / Manager's Update:** Bob Owen noted that RGC preliminary figures for January indicate a gross of \$15,041. Bob stated that the January special sale was very successful, with sales in the store in excess of \$4000. Year to date, after an adjustment, is at +\$4000. Bob said they will inventory the store again and members can expect new items and another sale.

3. **RGC Update:** Bob noted that he has talked with DPW Environment about an ongoing problem with ways to rid the playground of the moles, as it is posing a safety hazard to the children in the picnic/playground area who may stumble and fall from all the mounds and holes. He was told to put in a service order and once the area dries up and they will come out and review for ways to rid the area of them.

4. **Shooters Update:** Regina noted no issues with Shooters, and after discussion of the Easter Program stated that Shooters will still be able to offer Easter Brunch (4 April) from 0930-1330, which will then allow enough time for the Easter Program setup. Larry Taylor complimented Regina on a very good breakfast he recently enjoyed with his wife.

5. **Reloading Course:** Jennifer King noted that she is working a new date for the Course, which must have a minimum of 10 participants. This has historically been the reason scheduled Courses get cancelled, by not meeting the minimum number of participants.

6. **Shooting Program:** Larry stated that coordination continues in setting up the SSV Rot Friendship Shoot, and a tentative date of 13 June has been set. Registration will run from 0900-1000 and all registered shooters will then shoot through to completion. The competition will include Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun events.

7. **Award Program:** Rich stated that the Awards Presentation will be held on 20 February, and that all invitations have been sent out. The OGAHS Jagdhorn Blasers will play a few tunes on their hunting horns to officiate the opening at 1530.

8. **Hunters Graduation Issues:** Rich noted that for the next Hunters Graduation a better system of collecting meal fees needs to be instituted. He then stated that OGAHS paid Shooters for the 17 meals that were not paid for at the last graduation. After a brief roundtable discussion, it was agreed that Shooters will issue tickets, paid for in advance, and meals will only be served to those with tickets. Discussion then ensued on the OGAHS Blasers invitation to play during Graduations. Larry stated that the Blasers as a group felt they were considered as an afterthought, generally just taken for granted, and not appreciated during graduations. The group felt they should be offered the same amenities as if a German Blaser Group were invited to play horns during graduations. The OGAHS Blaser Group would gladly play if they felt were appreciated and offered a meal discount. For the cost of meals, Rich noted that full payment of meals was not possible, but that he will check to see if half cost meals were possible.

9. **Chainsaw Course:** Jennifer stated that it appears there are enough participants to hold a Course, and will work with Rafael Wunsch for details on the course dates and location. It was also noted that the Course is open to both Germans and Americans.

10. **Chimney Problem:** Bob informed the Council that DPW has inspected the Chimney and found nothing wrong. They stated that it was not being operated correctly. Several members noted that the smoky Club was not their imagination during the last Hunters Graduation. Bob then noted that the fire pit is missing the heat shield, and that he will take another look into it. Once the fire is going strong and generates ample heat it appears to draw well, but getting it hot to draw the smoke up and out through the chimney is the main obstacle.

11. **Dog Issue:** Al requested an update or status on the exclusion of dogs from the RGC. Rich noted that the request for exception has been submitted to HQDA, but no action has been received back to date. This issue will be included on the monthly Agenda until resolved.

12. **Awards:** Vice President noted that the Awards Program will be held on 20 February at 1500, and he was informed that the invitations have been sent out. The Blasers will open the Ceremony at 1530 by playing a few tunes with their Jagdhorns. There were two award recommendations for Bronze Pins for Mike Sinnema and Ernest Daniels for their volunteer work over the past several years. Both recommendations were accepted and seconded. After a brief discussion on award recommendations, the Council concluded that the event coordinators will be required to keep a volunteer ledger for volunteers who work during events and submit it to Bob. Al Prucnal suggested this as a way to capture volunteer work for award recommendations with the intent of not missing those who deserve recognition, while at the same time noting how much volunteer work was done and what level award is appropriate.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Spring Hunting Course:** The Spring Course will start on 18 February with Final Testing on 10 April. The Graduation Date has been set for Saturday, 24 April.

2. **Childrens Easter Program:** Rich noted he is working final coordination for the Children's Easter Program (Easter Sunday, 4 April) and it will run as it has in the past. Rich will meet with the POC to get the eggs together and work with Bob on seeing if any Baskets were left over and placed in the basement from prior years. Margo Coleman has volunteered and will play the Easter Bunny again this year. Volunteers are scheduled to meet at the RGC at noon and help with getting things set up and placing the eggs out for the hunt. The program starts at 1500 and will include an egg hunt, baskets for the children, and an afternoon meal.

3. **Rhein Valley Motorcycle Club:** Rich informed the Council that the Rhein Valley Motorcycle Club would like to return and have their meetings at the RGC the first Saturday of every month. They also made it known that they would like to volunteer and support RGC programs. After general discussion the Council fully supports them and agreed to extend an invitation for them to participate in the monthly Advisory Council meetings to both stay abreast of events and offer suggestions for programs.

4. **St Hubertus Mass:** Rich noted that the annual St Hubertus Mass will be held on 23 October at the MTV Chapel.

5. **Classroom Name:** After a short discussion to have the Classroom named the "Frank Soares Room", Bob stated he will go through MWR channels to find out the procedure and if it is possible.

6. **Spring Clean Up:** The RGC and Council have agreed that on 22 May volunteers will meet to spruce up the RGC grounds with annual Spring Clean Up activities.

7. **Chili Cook Off:** Jennifer stated that the Cook Off is traditionally held the last Saturday in July, and the Council agreed to set 31 July for the event and for it to be controlled as an RGC event. A committee will be formed and a meeting set to coordinate the event through the planning stages.

8. **Marketing and Advertisement:** Jennifer noted that she will work several events with M&A now that the MWR M&A POC (Gia) is back on duty. Look for changes to website and Distribution List additions (currently 300+ members on DL). She will also get an updated Calendar out; some of the major events for 2010 are:

18 Feb, 1800, Thu	Spring Hunters Course Starts (HD RGC)
20 Feb, 1500, Sat	Awards Ceremony (HD RGC)
04 Apr, 1500, Sun	Childrens Easter Program (HD RGC)
24 Apr, 1800, Sat	Spring Hunters Graduation (HD RGC)
22 May, 0900, Sat	Annual Spring Cleanup (HD RGC)
13 Jun, 0900, Sat	SSV Rot / HD RGC Friendship Shoot (HD RGC)
31 Jul, 0900, Sat	Annual Chili Cook Off (HD RGC)
Aug, TBD, Sat	DJV Gross Gold Shoot (HD RGC)
Sep, TBD, Sat	National Hunting and Fishing Day (HD RGC)
23 Oct, 1700, Sat	St Hubertus Mass (MTV Chapel)

## V. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **DAF:** No issues. More information on DAF can be obtained from their website at: <http://www.daf-hrgc.de/>

2. **OGAHS:** No issues. Stammtisch information can be obtained at: <http://www.mwrgermany.com/HD/contentimages/ongoing/HD%20R&G%20Hunters%27%20Meeting%20100C.jpg>

3. **DJV:** Dom noted that a DJV Year Needle Shoot will be held this Spring, date tentatively set for 3 April. Additionally, he noted that the 2010 DJV Shoot Schedule will soon be posted on the Lobby Bulletin Board and sent out on the HD Distro List. Additional information for the Heidelberger Jägervereinigung can be obtained at: <http://www.hdjv.de/> or from the DJV website at: [http://www.jagdnetz.de/Jagdnetz/ DJV/index.cfm](http://www.jagdnetz.de/Jagdnetz/DJV/index.cfm)

4. **IPSC:** No issues noted.

5. **Archery:** Steffan Butz noted that the Archers had a very successful tournament in January with 168 shooters participating. The event ran very well and no issues were noted. Additional information can be obtained from the Archers website at: <http://www.heidelberg-archers.de/>

6. **Fishing:** No issues. The fishermen are planning several upcoming trips; details will be put out on the DL and at their monthly Stammtisch (last Wednesday monthly). Directory Resources at [http://www.mwrgermany.com/hd/contentimages/Dec\\_09/HD%20R&G%20Hunting%20&%20Fishing%20Resources%20Dec%2009.pdf](http://www.mwrgermany.com/hd/contentimages/Dec_09/HD%20R&G%20Hunting%20&%20Fishing%20Resources%20Dec%2009.pdf) and [http://www.mwrgermany.com/hd/rod\\_gun/fishing.htm](http://www.mwrgermany.com/hd/rod_gun/fishing.htm)

7. **Paintball:** No issues noted; additional information at: [http://www.mwrgermany.com/HD/rod\\_gun/paintball.htm](http://www.mwrgermany.com/HD/rod_gun/paintball.htm)

8. **Members at Large:** No issues noted.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:** Vice President thanked everyone for attending; motion to adjourn was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 2010 hours. The next Advisory Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 3d, 2010, at 1900 in the Heidelberg Rod and Gun Club.

*// Signed //*  
Richard Ecsodi  
Vice President  
Heidelberg RGC Advisory Council

RGC Website: [www.mwrgermany.com](http://www.mwrgermany.com) -- Click On '*Heidelberg, then Rod & Gun Club*'