



# SHOOTING FOR ADVENTURE

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If you have never been to a Gun & Sportsman show, and you have often wondered what it was all about, you should take the time and visit this year's annual show. Their aim (no pun intended) this year is to have something for everyone.

The Grenville Fish & Game Club has existed for more than 60 years and offers shooting, hunting, fishing and archery activities to the young and young at heart. In the summer months, the club's pontoon boat is busy being used by groups such as 4H Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Palliative Care patients, and residents of retirement homes. According to Lynn Holmes, (special events chairman) the demand for the pontoon boat became so popular the club decided to give a different kind of experience and introduced kayaking. Their kayaks have been seen at such events as Kayaking for Cancer, Terry Fox Run and the Spencerville Mill Heritage Site.

"I want our club to be a family-oriented club. Hunting and fishing is far from a man's sport anymore. Last year we had a lot of women

join the club, which I think is fantastic because that is how you keep a club as a family-oriented club," Lynn added.

Another activity the club offers is a 10-week archery program which gives the participants an introduction to archery. The latest group that started in January has 25 participants and more than half of them are children. Nine year old Kaden Jessop of Roebuck has been taking this program for the last three years and recently competed in an Indoor 3D Archery Shoot Competition on January 11th. Similar competitions will occur in May and September.

The Grenville Fish & Game Club will be holding their annual Gun and Sportsman Show on April 4 and 5. The show runs from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday and from 9 am to 3 pm on Sunday. Admission fee is \$5.00. Ladies and accompanied children under the age of 16 are free. The club is located at 2596 Campbell Road North in Prescott. A \$5.00 breakfast will be served both days and the clubhouse will also be open for lunch during the show.

*Akina Ohlman, Kaden Jessop and Austin Malanka competed in an Indoor 3D Archery Shoot Competition on January 11, 2015*

More than 30 different vendors will have firearms, archery equipment, wood carvings, leather goods and general fishing and hunting gear available for people to buy, sell or trade. Tables can be rented for \$25.00 each.

One unique event at this show will be the 50 cent shot. This activity is good for people who want to try the experience of shooting a gun.

"For 50 cents you can try different types of guns. You can try a shotgun or a rifle on the rifle range or you can try your hand at a pistol. I think the Cowboy Action Group will also have guns to try," said Holmes.

The Cowboy Action Group are men and women from the club who dress in period costumes and demonstrate firearms typical of those used in the Old West.

There will also be a Goose Calling Competition. The judges will hide in a black ice shack while participants perform their calls. Children and adults can take part in this event. LH

**To learn more about the Grenville Fish & Game Club, go to their website at [www.grenvillefishandgame.com](http://www.grenvillefishandgame.com). If you would like more information about the Gun & Sportsman Show, or you want to reserve a table, you can contact Lynn Holmes at 613-925-3408 or at [laholmes@truespeed.ca](mailto:laholmes@truespeed.ca).**