



# ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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## SEASONS GREETINGS

FROM THE FIN, FUR, & FEATHER

May Your Hunt Be Bountiful In 2020

# PRESIDENTS CORNER

Dear Members,

Greetings from the president. First let me start by saying thank you to all of our members for allowing me to serve as your President for this coming year. This club is growing each year, new shooting activities, and functions are happening all the time It takes a lot of people to run all of our events. The hunting season is winding down and I hope everyone had a successful season. The annual game dinner will be at the end of January. We are always looking for game from our members. I wish you all the best this holiday season and look forward to working with you all in 2020.

*Troy Quick, President*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- 24** Club's annual member's get together, please bring a pot luck for the food bar.

### JANUARY

- 7** Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.  
**14** Membership meeting at 7 pm.

### FEBRUARY

- 4** Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.  
**11** Membership meeting at 7 pm.

### MARCH

- 3** Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.  
**10** Membership meeting at 7 pm.

### APRIL

- 7** Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.  
**11** State wide Opening Day of Fishing season.  
**14** Membership meeting at 7 pm.

# 2020



## RAFFLE

### Prizes Increased for 2020 Annual Raffle

The amount of the prizes for the 2020 Annual Raffle have been increased to \$1000 for 1st, \$750 for 2nd, \$500 for 3rd, \$250 for 4th, and \$125 for 5th place. The prizes will remain gift certificates at the same places as in recent years. This is an increase of \$775 over last year.

Please be sure to fill out the stub at the bottom of the letter that will be in the envelope with your tickets and turn it in with payment, ticket stubs and any remaining tickets. This ensures that your ticket sales are recorded accurately.

Tickets will be available for pickup at the Game Dinner, if not picked up they will be mailed to you.

*Regards*

*Bill Neff, Raffle Chairman, [tbneff@charter.net](mailto:tbneff@charter.net)*



## BAR NEWS

Just to update the members on what is happening at the bar. First item is that the Club is looking into replacing those antique air conditioners, they certainly has served well over the decades, but one unit is down and the other is barely holding on, plus they consume tons of energy to run. The Club is obtaining prices for newer AC/heat pump style units, with anticipation of a April or May installation. The final approval is from the membership as this unit will cost upward to \$6,500.

Our hall has a capacity to host celebrations, parties etc., contact our permittee for open dates and costs.

Last note, if a member has the ability to upholster the bar stool seats with leather or another strong fabric. Please contact the Bar Chairman Ted Powell, there's probably about 18 stools that need to have the seat covers replace. If we don't we'll need to send them out to have them done commercially.

## MEMBERSHIP

The 2020 dues invoices were mailed in late November, if you have not received an invoice by now, please notify me ASAP. Payment must be made by January 31st, 2020. If you were billed for work hours in error, please let me know the function/event you worked so I can correct your file. Update any information on your invoice and return with your payment. When making payment at the bar, be sure that either your name or membership number is on your receipt. Please bring in your invoice so the bartender can apply your payment correctly. If you are mailing in your payment and want your membership card mailed, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Membership cards will be mailed out after the game dinner. Please pick up your cards in order to save on postage costs for the club.

If you are planning on not renewing your membership, please contact me so I can remove you from Club membership list.

*Bob Hruskocy, Membership Chairman*

## GAME DINNER IN SEARCH OF A CHEF

Members, every year the Club puts on a great Game Dinner which has been the last Sunday in January. Lots of members have donated game for this event, and others have stepped forward to create a menu for everyone. We need someone to step up and take the role as chef and organize this dinner again. You can bring your buddy, but we need someone to step forward to start the ball rolling. Please contact the President ASAP.



## 5 STAND WRAP UP 2019



I would like to thank everyone that participated in the 5 Stand shoots this year.

We had a great year! With the addition of our new Chondel trap, mixing up target presentations and a menu change, the course always held a challenge for everyone.

If you did not make it to the last shoot of the year, we threw a few flurry rounds,

just to add in a little excitement and fun. On the year we thrown 8,000 targets. Not a bad year at all!

Also, I saw a lot of new faces come down to 5 Stand and try it out in 2019. This is something we all welcome and encourage. If you have not tried the game out, please do not hesitate to come down next season.

Just let one of us know you are new to it, and without a doubt you will get a full walk through.

Look for shoots to begin Late April/Mid May 2020 weather depending.

Thank you again!

*David Jones, 5 Stand Chairman*

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## SPORTING CLAYS

Members, 2020 Sporting Clays dates has been selected, we'll continue posting in each newsletter as a reminder of those dates. Every spring we have our Set Up work party, this year it we'll be May 2nd Saturday at 9 am. This is when we take out all the traps, place them at the stations for the season. We always have great turn out for this, easy work hours, and May 2nd is a Saturday.

<b>May 17th, Sunday</b>	First shoot. Registration starts at 8:30 am. Shooting at starts at 9 am.
<b>June 14th, Sunday</b>	Registration starts at 8:30 am. Shooting at starts at 9 am.
<b>July 12th, Sunday</b>	Registration starts at 8:30 am. Shooting at starts at 9 am.
<b>August 9th, Sunday</b>	Registration starts at 8:30 am. Shooting at starts at 9 am.
<b>Sept. 12th, Saturday</b>	Ducks Unlimited is hosting their Annual Sporting Clays shoot. Registration starts about 8:00 am. A shotgun start about 9 am.
<b>Sept. 13th, Sunday</b>	This is the Club's last Sporting Clays shoot of the year. As in the past extra help is needed as we pick up the course, clean and put away all the traps.

As in year's past, we need trappers for each shoot, minimum of 7 members are needed. A lot of you have email or text me your desire to work these events. You can continue to do so by calling or texting Dick Palmer at 860-933-4768 or e-mail rpalmer12@snet.net. I keep a list for each shoot with members name and kick out a reminder a week before the shoot. These are easy work hours, and fun to work. I need your email address when you notify me, and you must sign up.

Start accumulating your ammo, and we'll see you on May 17th.

*Matt Halloran and crew*



# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

September 21st saw 43 shooters come out and try for the position of Club Shotgun Champion. Over 5 different clay target presentations total 125 targets, with 25 each from Skeet, Modern Skeet, Trap, 5-Stand, and Sporting Clays, shooters worked hard through these 5 courses of targets. At the end finishing in 5th Place was Matt Nowak with a 100 targets dead, 4th place was Chris Moore with a 100 targets dead, 3rd Place Doug Vonasek with 100 targets dead. To determine the winner, they went to the score cards and started down the events, Matt got 5th, Chris and Doug went down through 3 events, Chris was 4th, and Doug 3rd.

For 2nd Place Matt Halloran with a 101, and the Champion was Mike A. Sobol with a 107. Junior shooter winner was Brandon Jones with a 90. We also had 3 women shoot this event the most ever.

David Jones organized this shoot, and a great meal afterwards, the weather was outstanding, as was David's organization for this fun shoot. Thank You David.



*Left to right, Mike A. Sobol 1st Place, Matt Halloran 2nd Place, Doug Vonasek 3rd Place, Chris Moore 4th Place, and Matt Nowak 5th Place.*



*The Ladies shooting was left to right are Mandy Moore, Lea Macha, and Nancy Davidson. Lea is one of the upcoming young shooters.*



# HUNT

The season is winding down, and as such. A big Thank You, to our members who came out to help catch, and to stock the birds. Without these members stepping forward, the hunting program wouldn't work. Thanksgiving Day Hunt was a great success for the Kids Fund which netted \$210. There were 8 turkeys donated for this shoot, unfortunately 2 of the birds must have come alive as they went missing from the kitchen freezer. Members, if someone is on difficult times and needs a meal, just come to the Board, this was for the Kids Fund. We'll donate a bird to you, you don't need to steal from the Club. Thanksgiving Day results were, on Club property Eric Mathewson, Pig Farm was Emma Flavell, East Field was John Mosely, West Field was Ted Powell, Tomecko's was Justine McBride, and the Green Barn Field bird was taken by a Hawk. So a Big Thanks to everyone who participated in this shoot.

## ARCHERY 3D

Members the 2020 3-D shoots have been selected. We need help to set up on Saturday the day before the shoot and to take down on Sunday after the shoot. Easy work hours. Please watch the e-mails as to when the set ups are. **Jim needs your help.**

2020 schedule is:

- March 29th
- April 5th
- May 31st
- September 27th

Any questions please contact Jim Dowl at 860-537-2986

*Fish!*

*Upper Pond has been stocked.*

*With weather permitting- I am looking for someone to run an Ice Fishing Derby.*

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# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVE GET TOGETHER

The annual Club Christmas Party is on December 24 from 12 noon to 5pm this year. Bring a dish to share, Club will have appetizers out and your first drink is on the club. Set back will be back end January if you have miss the first 3 you have miss a good time with other members. Erin has been making some great soup on Friday come on down and try some. This is your bar if you have any idea on how to make it better let us know.

Thank You

*Ted Powell, Permittee*



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