



# ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS

from the

FIN, FUR, & FEATHER

In 2016, let us continue to promote the conservation of fish, game, and other natural resources; practice and teach the highest degree of sportsmanship; and promote safe and proficient use of sporting equipment.

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Kevin Theriault, President*

Greetings, from your President. I would like to thank all the club members that make this club run day to day, without all this help the club would not be as great as it is. All of our programs have done well, many thanks to all the Chairmen and to the Club members who came out to help them. I look forward to continuing what Past President Dick Palmer and the rest of the board did to keep this club moving forward.

This club is growing every year, new shooting activities, and functions are happening all the time and it takes a lot of people to run all of our events. So make one of your New Year's resolutions to get out to the club more than you did this year to help out and enjoy everything there is to offer. The hunting season is winding down and I hope that 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 to enhance our variety of offerings. Whatever the game, speak with myself or our game dinner chef Skip Dillon.

In closing I hope everyone had a great hunting season and I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER

- 1st Executive Board meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 8th Membership meeting @ 7 pm
- 24th Annual Members Christmas pot luck dinner and get together 1 pm
- 25th The Club is closed

### JANUARY

- 5th Executive Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 12th Regular membership meeting @ 7 pm
- 31st Annual Game Dinner @ 12 noon.  
Tickets required.

### FEBRUARY

- 2nd Executive Board meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 9th Membership Meeting @ 7 pm

### MARCH

- 1st Executive Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 8th Membership meeting @ 7 pm
- 12th Annual Corn Beef Dinner @ 5 pm  
(watch for notices)

### APRIL

- 16th Prime Rib Dinner. Watch for notices.  
Limited tickets

## SHOTGUN COMMITTEE

The shotgun committee has been very busy in maintaining the machines in the skeet houses. The Club has purchased a rebuilt machine. We are finding that when a machine does go down it requires a lengthy time frame for parts to arrive. So not to have that field stand idle, it was felt that this was a great option to keep that field up and running. The Club also purchased another 23 pallets of targets as target prices are going up in the coming new year. Please remember to pick up your spent hulls after shooting. Please remember only to load each machine 2/3's full of targets. Please remember to release the arms on the machines after shooting and not leaving them cocked, which will cause damage to the machine. Any problems with a cord or machine, please leave a note with the bartender or call Bob Frankland.

## MEMBERSHIP

*Bob Hruskocy,  
Membership Chairman*

The 2016 dues invoices were mailed in mid-November, if you have not received an invoice, please notify me asap. Payment must be made by January 31st, 2016. 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.



# CLUB SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2015 Club Shotgun Championship to celebrate the end of the summer shooting season was held on Sept 27th. This event drew 34 brave shooters to vie for the top spot for the shooting sports. The top shooter for the third year running was Alan Gnann with a 105, closing fast was John Whitaker and Brian Scussel both with a 104, but matching cards put John in 2nd and Brian in 3rd. Phil Michaud with 100, and finally Randy Russo with a 99. At the end an excellent BBQ boneless rib eye dinner was served.



## 2016 SPORTING CLAYS

Folks, I know we're still manning the shovels and blowers but think positive, there will be spring and spring brings Sporting Clays. We have the schedule set and it is as follows; May 15th, June 12th, July 10th, Aug 7th, the Ducks Unlimited organization has reserved the date of Sept. 10th for their event, and our final shot is Sept. 18th.



## FISH

The stocking dates are set and will be posted in the March newsletter. If you would like to help or if you have questions, please contact Troy Quick.

## TRAP

*Bob Hruskocy,  
Trap Chairman*

The colder weather has caused some of the trap shooters to move to Florida in the winter and others have put their guns away until the Spring. For those that still want to shoot in the winter, remember to let the pump warm up for a while.

If machine throws random targets, shut off machine and let pump warm up some more. Any issues, let me know.

Colchester Fish & Game is using the lower fields during the skeet Winter League, try to work around their schedule to avoid any conflict. Generally field 5 is setup for trap doubles, that is not the case in the winter. You can shoot regular trap on field 5.

Congratulation to Bob Cooper for making the ATA All-American team. Quite an accomplishment! Bob had shot over 11,000 registered targets in 2015, he has over 118,000 lifetime registered targets. Can't imagine how many he shot in practice alone!

## CLUB NEWS

First, the driveway from Chewink Road down about 200 ft. was recently paved, leveled and finished surface paved. In doing this a new storm drain was installed and the old center post with sign was removed and installed on the side. The area outside the kitchen window and to the hall entrance was leveled and final surface put down. The road from field 1 through to the end at the pistol range was given a new road millings coat. We replaced the trap house roof on field 3, and will be renovating the brown skeet bldg. with new windows and come spring extending a new roof over the front deck. So there is a lot of infrastructure upgrading going on. We still have a way to go. When you see notices about work days or help needed for a project, set that day aside and come out. Not only helping the Club to grow but you'll meet other members as well.

Recently the Colchester Fish & Game Club lost the use of their only skeet field. They approached our Club to see if it was possible for them to use a couple of fields until they can correct their situation. We have eight fields, and only use 4 as we only have 4 winter league teams. It was not only doing the right thing, but it's another Sportsman Club in need. Colchester brings to our Club, their six teams to shoot their winter matches and practice. Our Club has shown a great welcome to them.

At the pistol range we have plate shooting on both sides of the range and will be installing a dueling plate tree for additional fun. As with ALL RANGES guns down range all the time, no handling of any gun while individuals are down range for target changes. The pistol range is for pistols only, only rim fire rifles are allowed, no pistol more powerful than a 41 mag are allowed on the range. All shotguns, muzzleloaders/black powder guns, hand guns more powerful than a 41 mag. and center fire rifles on the rifle range ONLY. All ranges required eye and ear protection all the time.

Please follow the rules that are posted.

**Wishing Everyone**

**Happy Holidays**





The Great Pumpkin Festival was a blast, with over 90 people attending as well as 28 kids, on a cold and windy evening. There were so many great entries from our seeds, and the open class. Thank you all for participating in this evening and look forward to seeing you next year.

**BEST COSTUME**

Caleb Lassen

**BEST IN SHOW**

Helene Potter

**MAIN EVENT**

- 1ST PLACE** Carol & Bill O'Hara
- 2ND PLACE** Josh Theriault
- 3RD PLACE** Kevin Theriault

**OPEN EVENT**

- 1ST PLACE** Hal Nelson
- 2ND PLACE** Jessica Grevin
- 3RD PLACE** Kevin Theriault

**CARVING**

- PEE WEE** Jeffrey Gebhardt
- YOUTH** Abby Green
- ADULT** Nancy Davidson

# ANNUAL GAME DINNER

Members, this year's annual game dinner is January 31, 2016. Tickets are available at the bar for just \$5.00. Members only, sorry no guest as it is limited due to space restrictions. Meal starts at 12 noon. There will be a raffle table with great prizes. Usually the Monday before is the cut off for tickets. Anyone wishing to donate game please contact the President.



## RAFFLE OBLIGATIONS

The Executive Board each year has looked at either increasing dues or making an obligation that each member must purchase or sell their Club Raffle tickets. The Executive Board felt that the raffle was a better solution. The raffle income has help keep our dues to where it is today. The Club requires each member who is eligible to either sell or purchase a minimum \$40 of the \$60 worth of tickets that are sent to you. Needless to say there are great prizes. Some members may be offended about selling or purchasing their tickets, which is understood. However you are still obligated to purchase/sell the required number of tickets. Inside your raffle package you will find tickets and a slip for when you return your tickets. Please be sure you keep your receipt. All tickets must be turned in on the night of the drawing.



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