



ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

from the

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In 2018, 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

Hunting season is winding down at the club and I hope you all had a successful season. I am still looking for a member to become the Hunt Chairman. If you are interested please let me know. The club had a very successful year this year. We had several dinners that were well attended and plenty of shoots also this year. If you haven't made it to any of the dinners or shoots you don't know what you are missing. 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 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 you can donate to the club will help and you will get work hours for your donation. Our annual Raffle tickets will be available to be picked up at the game dinner. Remember you are required to sell at least \$40.00 worth of raffle tickets each year. In closing I want to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 9th | Pork Dinner. Tickets at the bar. Starts at 6 pm
- 17th | Annual Kids Christmas Party – noon till 2:30pm
You MUST sign up prior to this date, or your child will be missed by Santa. Sign up list in the bar
- 24th | Annual Members Christmas Party.
Bring Pot Luck plate. Starts at noon

JANUARY

- 2nd | Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.
- 9th | Membership meeting at 7 pm.
- 28th | Annual Game Dinner at noon. Bring something for the raffle table. Tickets need to be purchase before the last week of the dinner.

FEBRUARY

- 6th | Executive meeting at 6:30 pm
- 13th | Membership meeting at 7 pm

MARCH

- 6th | Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm
- 13th | Membership meeting at 7 pm
- 17th | Annual St. Patrick Day Corn Beef Dinner at 6 pm

APRIL

- 21st | Prime Rib Dinner at 6 pm

MEMBERSHIP

Bob Hruskocy, Membership Chairman

The 2018 dues invoices were mailed in November, if you have not received an invoice, please notify me asap. Payment must be made by January 31st, 2018. 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.

TABLES AND CHAIRS

As announced in the September newsletter, tables and chairs could not be loaned out to members because of the damage. We now have a small committee to oversee the loaning of the tables and chairs. You must contact Troy Quick for arrangements and there is a \$50 deposit for the loaning. When you return them and there isn't any damage you will get your \$50 deposit back. You must contact Troy for the use of the tables and chairs. There is also a limit as well.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENTS

In our Newsletter, you see advertisements. These advertisements help defray the costs of publishing our newsletter. This will be the last month for all the present advertisements. I do have a few renewals, and am looking for others to renew or new advertisements. You can scan and send me your business card, for 6 newsletters you can have your company business or personal business advertise for just \$50. Our newsletter gets out to over 700 members. My e-mail address is rpalmer12@snet.net.

Thanks, Dick Palmer

ANNUAL RAFFLE

Each year, the Executive Board looks at ways to run the Club, as our dues alone, do not make our Club run. We need programs and activities to supplement our operations. One of the ways not to increase our dues is to have an Annual Raffle. This Raffle helps bring into our operation a substantial income. The Board has established a requirement that each member must purchase or sell their Club Raffle tickets which 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 form slip at the bottom. When you turn in your tickets, please be sure to fill out this form and keep your receipt. All tickets must be turned in on the night of the drawing. The Raffle tickets will be available at the Annual Game Dinner. If not picked up, they will be sent by mail.

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PHEASANTS

The fall stocking is over; fantastic job by Paul and everyone who helped with this program. We are replacing the roof over the main block building come spring. Our intentions are a small patch job on the bad parts and a metal roof. We will be sending out emails to get members to come down and help. The more members the quicker the job goes. Thanks to Paul and to everyone who help make this program great.



STAINING THE PHEASANT COOPS

The Club purchased an airless paint sprayer to complete paint/stain jobs on our property. We also completed waterproofing the new deck on the brown skeet building. Our plan for next year is to start on the skeet houses again and apply another stain coat to ensure longevity. We'll be looking for members to step up and help stain the skeet houses, so watch your emails.



Mark Holland spraying one of the pheasant coops.

SPORTING CLAYS

Dick Palmer

The 2018 Sporting Clays are as follows. The Club's first shoot will be May 20th, then June 10th, July 8th, and August 5th. Saturday, Sept 8th, will be Ducks Unlimited shoot, and our last shoot will be Sept. 16th. So start stocking your ammo, mark these dates on your calendars. We do plan for a course clean up and set up on May 4th and 11th which are Fridays starting at 9 am. Please watch for e-mails. Easy work hours and most of all it's fun. rpalmer12@snet.net or 860-933-4768.



ANNUAL GAME DINNER

The Club's Annual Game Dinner this year will be held on January 28, 2018 at noon. Any member wishing to donate game items, like moose, deer, wild hogs, game birds, and anything else you can donate as game to this wonderful dinner, please place them in a bag with your name and type of game, and put in the freezer in the basement. Anyone donating game will get work hours. Please contact President Theriault. There will also be a raffle table. Please bring items you can donate for this raffle. As always, there are a limited number of tickets so please purchase them before the week of the dinner so the chef's know how much food to prepare.



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GREAT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

This night was certainly a big hit with both the kids and all the proud contest winners. Thank you to all those who brought pot luck dishes and thanks to all the kids, both young and old. Together, you helped to make this year's festival an overwhelming success.

2017 CONTEST WINNERS

BEST IN SHOW

Lucas McKusick

MAIN EVENT

- 1ST PLACE** Jim Hooper
- 2ND PLACE** Jim Hooper
- 3RD PLACE** Troy Quick

OPEN CLASS

- 1ST PLACE** Jim Hooper
- 2ND PLACE** Lucas McKusick

CARVING

8 YEARS OLD AND UNDER

- 1ST PLACE** Arron Phillips

CARVING

9 – 15 YEARS OLD

- 1ST PLACE** Fisher Jones
- 2ND PLACE** Brandon Jones
- 3RD PLACE** Sonnie Nixon

CARVING

16 YEARS OLD AND OVER

- 1ST PLACE** Amber Quick
- 2ND PLACE** Nancy Davidson.





HOUSE & GROUNDS

John Postemski, Chairperson

During the past months, we drain the fly pond to kill those weeds from the shore line down to about 5 ft. during the cold months. The bridge at the upper Fly pond needs repair, we need a couple of members to replace a couple of stringers which will straighten and strengthen the bridge. The Club had sold off some timber adjoining the power lines, for about \$17,000 and with this income, we replaced our existing 50 plus year old furnace. This new furnace cost \$8,000, also the road going through the lower skeet fields received millings which should prevent the spring thaw conditions and keep the mud off of the fields for \$6,000. The sale of the timber paid for these two projects, plus a couple other projects to boost our interstructure. We are mentioning this because a lot of members are not aware of what or how your Board works for the Club, and what they do each month. If anyone can help with those stringers please call John Postemski at 860-208-0353, or you like to help around the Club property in anyway.

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