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Letter from the President

The summer months are finally upon us here at the Fin. We endured a very rainy spring which hampered a few of our events but people came to them none-the-less. Our club and its fine members continually put forth a tremendous effort to showcase various events for all different clientele. We cannot control who or how many may come but we still try. It's been a trend and not just here that shooting sports in general are down. The economy and rising costs of fuel, lead, targets, etc... have all had an effect on all clubs throughout the region. Here at the Fin we try to do everything in our power to provide all our members and their guests a great time at a reasonable cost.

The executive committee and I continually give support to anyone who wants to try and promote an event here. Some

of the best events I have seen here do not even involve a firearm and some do. This spring, Pat Enright organized one of the best children's events ever put on here. The junior's weekend which coincided with the kid's fishing derby had nothing but proud parents, grandparents etc... thanking me for all the club did. This one event showed me the true meaning of what the purpose of a place like ours is. Without new events we cannot shape our future. I can foresee 50 or more children here next year.

As the summer continues, work is still progressing at the club. From the survey results that were compiled by Paul Sobol earlier, two places that need attention are the clubhouse and the pheasant pens. Well, work is underway at both. But help is needed to complete the jobs as they are

not small tasks. Every little bit of help goes a long way in keeping our facility one to be proud of. Please take a few hours and call Arnie Postemki Tom O'Niell, Don Badger or myself and see where you can put in your hours. Some tasks are small but other people do not have the time to get to them, so you may be the one to do it. Please do your part and be an active member of our great place here in lovely Chaplin.

So as the summer rolls on don't be a stranger. Summer skeet/trap league is just underway and this is a fun and great way to meet people. The summer picnic is coming as well as I hear rumors of a Hawaiian style luau. So enjoy the weather, have some fun and enjoy some time at our wonderful club.

—Steven J. Davis
President

Club Annual Family Picnic

Just the other evening Bobby Theriault gave me a special phone call to make sure this issue of the R&GG has an announcement about the Club's 2006 Family Picnic. He has assured me and everyone that the event, on August 20th, will be just as fantastic as at

any time in the past. He and his team of loyal FFF members are planning a schedule of events for the kids and the adults that guarantees good times and great food for all. Beer will flow as usual and soft drinks will be available to quench the thirsts of hearty

members. Please make plans to attend this very special annual event. Also, Bobby always needs helping hands to make the Club's picnic so special for all. Thus, contact Bobby and volunteer your time and work at the 2006 Annual Picnic on August 20th. —CB

Trap News: Summer League

The summer league started the first week of June, unfortunately the weather has not been cooperating for those that want to shoot on the weekends. It seems like it has been raining every Saturday and Sunday. If anyone still wants to join, there is plenty of time. You need to shoot 20 rds by the end of the summer. You can shoot ahead or make up rounds.

The cost is \$20.00, (you still need to pay for your rounds) the fee is applied to the picnic and prizes

at the end of the season. There will be a picnic, most likely in September.

It is a non-competitive league, therefore, it does not matter on your ability. Just show up and have some fun. If you are interested, please call or email me.

Shoot safe

Bob "Moon" Hruskocy

Trap Chairman

Results of Registered Trap Shoot

On June 18th the FFF held a registered Trap shoot. There were 26 shooters that shot the event. The number of the shooters was down from last year. Not sure if the 95 degree heat kept them from showing up. It was an extremely hot and humid day. There has been a definite decrease in shooting this past year. The combination of high fuel and ammunition prices is having an effect on all shooting sports.

However, even with the low turnout, the shoot made a profit. After all expenses were paid (including targets), the club made \$373.38. The kitchen took in additional \$47.00. A lot of hard work & SWEAT was put forth to make the shoot happen, thus, I would like to thank the following people for their help. Without their help, the shoot could not have been possible.

Bob Cooper, Mike Ford, Rick Drasch, Greg Vincek, Tony Kubasek, Don O'Neill, Dan Gutt, Steve Davis, Tom Hoagland and his daughter Ally, Al Perry,

Ron Mott, Jeremy McWhorter. Non Members, Kevin Cloutier for helping with the squading, and Marshall Lussein from the Hartford Gun Club for the use of one of their trap machines.

And a special Thank You to Dan Eaves for making sure that everything went smoothly during and after the shoot. Without his help, I'm not sure what I would have done.

If I forgot to mention someone, I apologize, it was not intentional.

Hopefully, in the future, more members will step up to help out with events. All money generated from these events goes into the General Fund to keep YOUR club operating. Hope to see some new faces in the future.

Regards

Bob "Moon" Hruskocy

Trap Chairman

Please join the editorial staff in welcoming Ron Mike Sr. and Jr. to the list of sponsors to the FFF's newsletter. "Thanks Ron and best wishes!"

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Calendar

- July 9 Sporting Clay League Shoot
- July 16 Rifle Match
- August 5 FFF Hawaiian Luau; 5 to 11 p.m.; \$20
- August 12-13 Skeet Shoot, Zone
- August 20 Family Picnic
- September 1-3 State Skeet Shoot
- September 10 3-D Archery
- September 16 Polish Dinner; 6 p.m.
- September 17 Rifle Match
- September 24 Fun with Your Gun Shoot
- September 30 CT Trappers Convention; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Requiescat in Pace

This spring we lost two dear friends and members of our Club.

On March 13, 2006 Charles Washburn passed away.

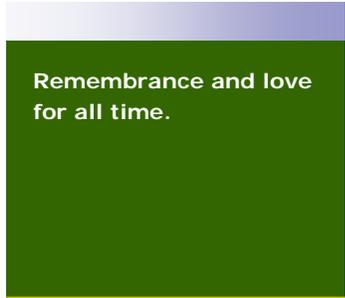
On March 20, 2006 Cal Nelson passed away.

I am sure that these men have touched the lives of many members, friends, and their family over the years. Their loss is surely to be felt for a long time.

We wish all who knew Charles and Cal the best

and we promise to hold them and all they did for us in our memory.

Rest peacefully gentlemen and may God bless you and keep you in his loving everlasting mercy.



Pistol News

Notice: the Club's Pistol Range will be closed from July 24th through July 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day for the Explorer Scouts. Members are asked to plan their pistol shooting

around these times. Thank you very much for your consideration. — Dick Palmer



Membership News

There is a signup book at the clubhouse for upcoming events. Please look through the book and see what events you can help out with.

This information helps the Committee chairperson know what they can expect for help. If you do sign up, please show up!

It takes a lot of time (VOLUNTEER!) and effort to put on events, the last thing the committee chairperson needs to worry about is not having enough help.

If you are new to the club, please get involved as soon as possible. Your help will be appreciated. All Committee phone numbers are in back of the newsletter.

Make sure when you work an event, that you give your name and membership number to those running the event. If you write your own name on a signup list,

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY! I want to make sure you get proper credit for your efforts.

If you are bringing in a new member, make sure they are aware of the new dues structure! All new members pay \$300.00/yr, (includes dues, Assessments 1-3). All new applicants, must provide a background check, regardless if they hold a current CT pistol permit. Forms are available at the clubhouse, or I can email you one.

If you have not been receiving any emails from me, regarding club functions and events, please call me!

Regards
Bob Hruskocy
Membership

If the newsletter is not arriving in the regular mail and you want it delivered to your regular mail box, let Moon know ASAP.

Trap News: CT State Shoot

The CT State Trap shoot was held on June 23-25th at the Hartford Gun Club. For the first time, the FFF was responsible for manning a bank (2 fields).

We brought up two of our Pat Trap machines for which we received \$2400.00. Our responsibilities were to score and load the houses for our two fields.

A representative from Pat Trap services the machine for us and lets us know of any repairs that are needed. The FFF machines operated perfectly during the entire event.

I would like to thank the following people for helping out with our two fields: Bill Dixon, Dick Palmer, Dave Fromerth, Dan Eaves, Don O'Neill, Mike Ford,

John Lonergan, Alan Fissette, our two 80+ yr old helpers, Dale Hammon & Bernie Wichrowski.

A special thank you to Dan Gutt on getting our machines back and forth from the club.

Regards
Bob "Moon" Hruskocy
Trap Chairman

Juniors' Weekend Extravaganza

The weekend was run for kids aged 6-15 geared towards introducing them to numerous outdoor activities. They participated in the following events: Archery, Black Powder shooting, Tomahawk and Knife throw, Air Rifle, .22 Rifle, Shotgun, Fishing, Fly fishing, Fish Stocking, a Hunting Dog Demonstration and a Campout. The kids and their family were also treated to lunch, courtesy of the Club.

A total of 36 kids took part in the day's events and 29 of them camped out with their families for a total of approximately 75 campers. Those who were quick enough to get tickets were treated to a fantastic, and sold-out Chicken Dinner put on by John and Laura Pawelec and crew.

I want to thank the Committee, President Davis and the Executive Board who were extremely supportive of this event.

In addition to those folks I need to thank the following people for their donations and/or help to instruct the clinics:

Dennis Oparowski

Kevin Segar

Mike Sobol

Arnie Postemski – Archery Targets

George & Jane Sippila, who are not club members, volunteered to come and teach and also brought all the youth archery and air rifle equipment.

Joe Pirillo – 20 gauge ammunition

Steve Davis - .410 ammunition

Charlie Hilton and Dick Palmer – loaned youth shotguns

Jon Zemzars – Photographer

Marcellino Family – donated everything for smores at the campfire

Dan Eaves – All the eye and ear protection

Bob Leach – quail for the hunting dog demo

Jon Oliver and Scott Childs – Black Powder equipment, Ammunition and ‘

Pete Cafazzo – Targets

Alan Gnann, Jon Guarinno and Steve Pike – Fly Fishing equipment

D.E.P. – loaned .22 Rifles

Al Miffett and Gary Brummett – Fishing Rod donations for derby

Though the intent of this event was not to be a moneymaker for the club, we made out OK. Along with the above donations the Club also received \$450 in cash donations by those who participated. Two of our members generously donated \$100 each. My best guess is that after expenses – we broke even or made a little bit of money.

The most important thing is that every kid here this weekend had a smile on their face and went away saying they had a good time. Most could not decide what their favorite clinic was. All the instructors did a great job with them and I think we made some future members.

The Club truly came together to make this a successful event and I look forward to doing it again next year.

—Pat Enright



Air rifle shooting on this memorable weekend in May. Great Job Pat!

Stan Polomski, Jr. Wins Bass Tournament

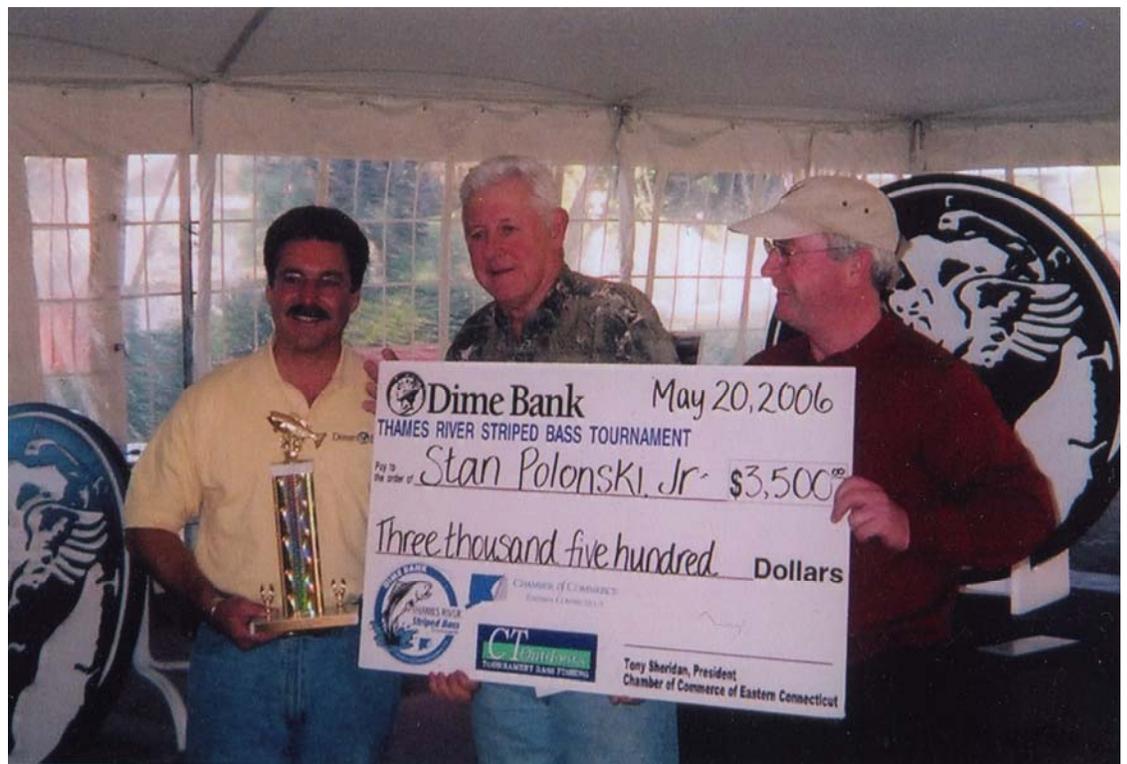
Earlier this spring the Dime Bank Thames River Striped Bass Tournament was held with intrepid fishermen from all over the region trying their skill at landing a record-setting fish.

According to accounts widely posted in the area's newspapers, no one really came close to the monster that our own Stan Polomsky of Canterbury caught—weighing in at 32 1/4 pounds and stretching out to 45 inches. Wow!

Thus, Stan took First Place. However, not only did he land a very large striped bass, he took in the winnings for a grand total of \$3,500!

Congratulations Stan on showing how striped bass fishing should be done.

In case you missed it in the local newspapers, here is the official photo of Stan accepting his prize money for that 45 inch beauty.



Treasurer's Report

Each month, I read the financial report to the executive board and then to the members at the membership meeting. I announce how we are doing with our loans. For those who don't know the Fin has two loans. One loan was obtained so we could rebuild and improve the skeet and trap fields. As you all know we have a great skeet and trap facility. Our club is one of the best facilities in the State. The other loan was obtained so we could purchase a parcel of land we call the Murray Ostrager property.

The Fin pays monthly payments on these loans. The skeet field loan has \$156,815.48 remaining to pay as of May 31, 2006. As a club, we pay a monthly payment of \$845.57 in interest and \$296.05 in principle. As of yet, the Fin has not paid ahead on this loan. The Ostrager loan is paid directly to Murray himself. We pay the current payment and one additional month's principle each month which is about \$403.76 in interest and \$693.08 in principle. The club has authorized an additional \$10,000 payment each year to reduce the principle of this loan.

Everyone dislikes interest payments. However without the use of

someone else's money the club would not have been able to purchase the land or improve our facilities. So, when you read or hear me say how much we have spent and how much we still owe, I want you to remember we would not have been able to purchase the land or make the improvements without using someone's else's money. Every business in the world has loans under which they operate. The important thing to remember is that when a business has a loan they need to earn enough money to pay off the loan and interest. This means that we need to charge enough for the skeet and trap rounds so we can pay the skeet field renovation loan. The loan on the land purchase is paid for with our dues.

I can't say this any stronger. Everything we do to help earn money will make paying these loans easier. Please hold activities and programs that will bring in some money. Dinners seem to be our biggest non-shooting money makers, especially steak dinners. Use your creative think skills and organize a function.

—Tom Hoagland
Treasurer

All right guys and gals: heed the call. Put your heads together and create a schedule for new events or revitalized old events that brings fun and much-needed dollars to the Club—your Club.

See below for an example of the great fun kids have when we do our part.



Northeast Open Skeet Shoot Winners June 2, 3, & 4, 2006

A photograph of the champion, Ed Prest, would look great right here, wouldn't it? We could also include photos of the champions: Steve Krukoff, David Held, and Dean Anniser—and our other members showing off their stuff.

According to Frank Mauri, the NEO Shoot was held in the "pouring rain." That is indeed unfortunate. However, we will recognize our members, families, and friends for getting out there and doing their best nevertheless

DOUBLES – JUNE 2 – 9 ENTRIES

CHAMPION	ED PREST	96
RUNNER-UP	JOHN STROPPARO	95
A-1	DON COSSETTE	94
B-1	RICH CIVITELLO	94
C-1	ALTON McDONALD	93

12 Ga. – JUNE 3 AM – 26 ENTRIES

CHAMPION	STEVE KRUKOFF	100
RUNNER-UP	WILLIE CLARK	99
AAA-1	GEORGE GIANNOTTI	99
AAA-2	DEAN ANNESER	99
AA-1	TOM FISHER	98
A-1	JOHN MATHEWSON	99
A-2	LARRY SHEWOKIS	98
B-1	BARRY RICH	91
C-1	ED PREST	93
D-1	MICHAEL CATHCART	86
E-1	BEN BURDICK	88

20 Ga. – JUNE 3 PM – 25 ENTRIES

CHAMPION	DAVID HELD	100
RUNNER-UP	STEVE KRUKOFF	100
AAA-1	TOM FISHER	99
AAA-2	DOUG BRITT	99
AA-1	PAUL DUGAN	99
A-1	DON COSSETTE	99
A-2	FRANK LUCIBELLA	96
B-1	LARRY SHEWOKIS	97
C-1	ED PREST	90
D-1	BEN BURDICK	92



Northeast Open Skeet Shoot Winners June 2, 3, & 4, 2006 (continued)

28 Ga. – JUNE 4 AM – 23 ENTRIES

CHAMPION	STEVE KRUKOFF	100
RUNNER-UP	WILLIE CLARK	99
AAA-1	DEAN ANNESER	98
AA-1	RAY GILBERT	96
A-1	JOHN STROPPARO	96
A-2	TOM FISHER	95
B-1	MARK RICHARD	96
C-1	ALISON FISHER	87
D-1	PAUL CARELLI	92

.410 – JUNE 4 PM – 24 ENTRIES

CHAMPION	DEAN ANNISER	99
RUNNER-UP	STEVE KRUKOFF	98
AAA-1	WILLIE CLARK	97
AA-1	RAY GILBERT	96
A-1	DAVID HELD	97
A-2	DOUG BRITT	97
B-1	MARK RICHARD	93
C-1	ED PREST	91

HIGH OVERALL – HOA – 4 GUNS

CHAMPION	STEVE KRUKOFF	398/400
RUNNER-UP	DEAN ANNESER	394/400
AAA-1	WILLIE CLARK	391/400
AA-1	RAY GILBERT	383/400
A-1	DAVID HELD	386/400
A-2	FRANK LUCIBELLA	384/400
B-1	LARRY SHEWOKIS	378/400

“Congratulations to all of the NEO Shoot winners!”

Now, it’s about time someone in the organization starts getting high tech and takes a few digital photographs to showcase the action and shooters.

Come on!



2006 FFF Family Picnic

Sunday, August 20th

Starts at Noon — Runs until 6:00 p.m.

Nobody misses the FFF Family Picnic!

It's a truly great time for all our members: men, women, and children.

Fees:

Kids ages 0 to 11—enter free.

Kids ages 12 to 17—\$5.00

Adults 18 and older—\$10.00

There will be games, music, and dancing.

Menu for the day includes the following:

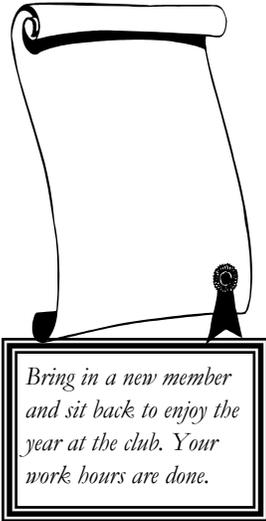
- Hamburgers
- Hotdogs
- Kielbasa
- Watermelon
- Steamers
- Cherry Stone Clams
- Clam Chowder
- Soda
- Beer

The 2005 FFF Family Picnic promises a fun time event for all. Mark your calendar.

Make plans to attend now.

Also, help is needed. Get your work hours in and have fun doing it with Bobby T.

So, call Bobby Theriault at 860-456-3431 or leave a message expressing your interest in helping out at the clubhouse bar. See you there.



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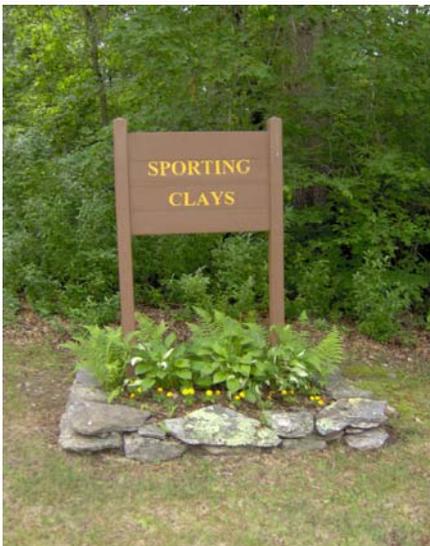
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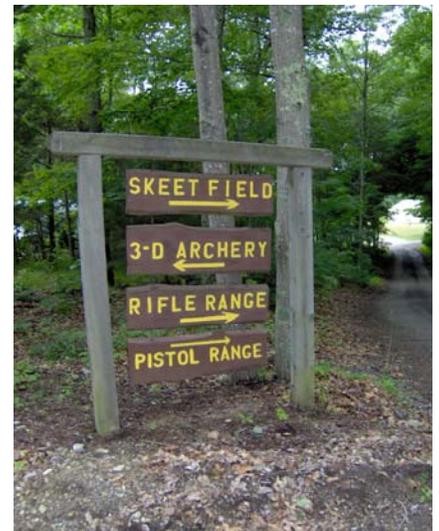
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