



ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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*April showers bring
May flowers and
May flowers bring
out Don Bajger.
Thanks Don for all
of the time that you've
taken to beautify
the grounds!*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 27 Field Trials meeting in Peacedale, RI
- June 28 Safety Training for Rifle Pistol @12 pm
- June 28 Ducks Unlimited Sporting Clays Shoot

- July 11 The Fin Open
- July 12 Registered Skeet Shoot
- July 19 Sporting Clays
- July 25 Annual Luau Party
- July 26 FFF Registered Trap Shoot

- Aug 13 Scouts Introduction Skeet/Trap Field
- Aug 15 Registered Skeet Shoot
- Aug 15 Work day for Family Picnic
- Aug 16 Family Picnic
- Aug 23 Sporting Clays

- Sept 4 – 6 State Skeet Shoot
- Sept 13 Sporting Clays
- Sept 26 Connecticut Trappers Convention
- Sept 27 Club Shotgun Championships

- Oct 3 PRLRC Dog Trials
- Oct 9 3rd Annual Great Pumpkin Challenge Pot Luck Dinner

THANKS FOR THE FLOWERS

Tom Hoagland, Treasurer

The Club extends its gratitude to Mr. Bill Griswold for once again donating all of the flowers that have been planted around the Club's grounds. This generosity helps make our Club the envy of Connecticut's sportsmen's clubs.

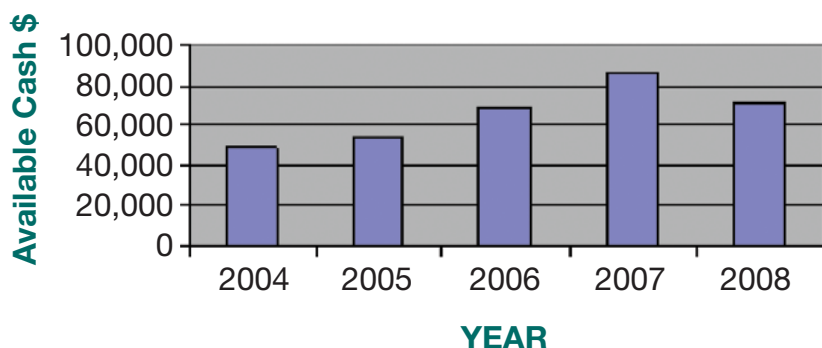


TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Hoagland, Treasurer

At the executive and member meetings each month, I report on the amount of available cash. This is the total of our four savings accounts and our checking account. Of course this amount varies from month to month. As we are collecting dues and assessments (our biggest money-making enterprise), the amount of cash on-hand increases. And as we spend money from our accounts during the year, the amount of available cash decreases. The Fin does not make enough money to pay all of our bills without taking funds from the dues and assessments. October is the first month of our new year and is an interesting time to look at how much cash is "available". The graph below presents the available cash on the last day of September for the years 2005 through 2008. In 2005, we had the lowest cash on-hand, and in 2007 we had the most cash on-hand. For the other years, cash on-hand approximated \$70,000. Of course, we would like to see this amount increase and everything that you do to assist the club financially helps make this happen. Attending and/or coordinating a function is the best way to help the club accumulate additional revenue. So, I hope to see you at the next club function.

Cash Available to the Fin for the Past Five Years on September 30



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Cameron Faustman, Newsletter Editor

Please note that the deadlines for material to be submitted for the next newsletter will be September 15th. Be sure to record your upcoming events on the bar calendar as far in advance as possible. The events listed on page 1 of our quarterly newsletter are taken directly from that calendar. Written submissions and photographs can be dropped off at the Bar and added to my folder.

\$ 50 REWARD!

It's time for the 3rd Annual FFF Family Picnic Bakeoff. Bake your favorite non-refrigerated dessert for the silent auction. The baker of the dessert with the most votes wins \$50 and bragging rights for the year! Congratulations again to last year's winner, Marie Bajger, for her cookie box. A sign-up sheet is in the bar, or you can call Nancy at 860-456-8782.

MEMBERSHIP

Bob Hruskocy, Membership

The club's current membership is holding steady despite some early concern that we might see a decline due to the economic downturn. Year to date, the club has added a total of 42 members (18 Regular members, 20 Associate & 4 Junior). The club's Regular membership stands at a total of 380, slightly below what we have been averaging for the past several years. The club's Associate membership seems to be growing at the greatest pace and we currently have 75 Associate members. Junior membership is holding steady at 29. Our current Life membership is 115 members.

If you know of anyone that you feel would make a good member, please bring them to the club and show them our facilities. I'm sure they will be impressed. If you need an application, it can be emailed to you or picked up at the clubhouse.

It was suggested at a recent meeting that the club's member list be posted to the FFF website. The member's name, phone and email address will be listed under the "Members Only" section which is password-protected. If you do not want your information listed, please email or call me.

Regards, Bob "Moon" Hruskocy.

NO SMOKING

As of June 1st smoking is no longer permitted in the Clubhouse (bar or meeting area).





OUT IN THE FIELD

REGISTERED SKEET REPORT

Frank Mauri

We held our annual NorthEast Open Skeet Shoot over the weekend of June 5 – 7, 2009. The weather was perfect except for the doubles event on Friday when it rained steadily. Our turnout for the shoot was only marginally acceptable and we certainly could use entries from more Fin members. Those that did shoot fared well. John Mathewson was the doubles gun champ, and he and Larry Shewokis won several other class events. The list of all winners appears below.

Club members served as referees which required them to take a test and be competent with pulling targets, scoring and ensuring that all shooters abided by the rules. While a shooter needs to be ready for only his targets, the referee must be prepared for each target from every shooter on the squad. A squad of 5 shooters requires the referee to be exactly right for all 500 targets. Thanks are expressed to our referees, Frank Decker, Bill Spears, Mike D'Amato, Tony Diccio, George Cirish and Bill Dixon.

The shoot required a good deal of help around the fields and at the kitchen. Most participants were non-members and their impression of the club was formed from the appearance of the grounds, the quality of the targets thrown, the amenities provided and the cost of the food served. Larry Shewokis ensured that the grounds were beautifully landscaped and the grass cut. Our targets were perfect due to the efforts of Larry, and Frank Decker who repaired and adjusted the machines. Helpers came Friday, Saturday and Sunday to provide water to the fields, keep the machines loaded with targets, cater to needs of the shooters and to help at the field kitchen. The helpers were Augie Pampel, Dave Held, Jim Santacrocce, Mike Ford, Jim Michaud (who helped Connie Mauri with the cooking on Sunday), Ray Nurme, Kevin Thompson, Tom Blatchley and Ralph Pittfield. I hope some of them can help at our other shoots and that more of you will come out and help us as well. I have to acknowledge my buddy, Elmer MacCluskey, for keeping me company, covering for me in the clubhouse when I needed to be elsewhere, and helping collect and distribute the money involved in the shoot.

PISTOL NEWS

Dick Palmer

The Connecticut Police Explorers will again use the Fin during their activity week at Eastern Connecticut State University. The pistol range will be closed each day from 9 am to 5 pm Monday, July 27th through Friday the 31st. Please adjust your schedule for range use accordingly.

SPORTING CLAYS

Dick Palmer

Hey members, our first shoot was May 17th. Unfortunately the weather didn't support us well, but we did manage to stay dry most of the day. A special thanks to members Rick Turcotte, Dave Fromerth, Matt Halloran, Bruce Macaro, Aldo Provera, Tony Kubasek, Paul Prevost, Al Perry, Fred Massini, Jon Paul Mucha who worked the event, and to Tom and Jim Skoglund for additional help in setting up. This event turned a profit of about \$800. Our biggest sporting clays event is the Ducks Unlimited shoot on June 28th. This event requires the assistance of a lot of members and there is a sign-up sheet at the bar for volunteers. Please mark this day down as well as the dates of the remaining Sporting Clay events (July 19th, Aug 23th, and Sept 13th). Helping with these shoots provides easy work hours, breakfast or lunch, and great comraderie. Without your help this program can't work, so please, step up and enjoy getting your work hours while working the shoot. Our new trap machine is in and operating well; it provides many different target presentations. Until next time, "Keep breaking those targets".

TRAP

Bob "Moon" Hruskocy

The club will hold a Registered Trap shoot on July 26th; help will be needed setting up on July 25th and also on the day of the shoot. Please email or call me if you can help with any of those dates.

RANGE SAFETY DAYS

Club policy requires that all members have knowledge of the rules and regulations on all of the ranges. A Range Safety Card must be obtained in order to use the ranges. Instruction will be given at the Skeet, Trap, Pistol and Rifle ranges. If you have extensive knowledge on any of these ranges a card can be issued to you by the appropriate chairman. The purpose of the training is to make sure that members know the rules in order to be safe and prevent accidents, and to minimize damage to equipment. We are hoping to hold at least one training session per month in order to provide members with some options and flexibility for attending. Depending on the number of participants at a given session, the training will take approximately 1 to 2 hours.

The following dates are **TENTATIVE** and may change due to weather and availability of instructors.

Tuesday, July 14th – 5:00pm (day of membership meeting)

Saturday, Aug 1st – 11:00am

As a given date approaches, please call or email me to confirm.
Regards, Bob "Moon" Hruskocy.

RANDOM SHOTS

Bill Gilligan used the nice weather at the end of May to practice his black powder skills!



NORTHEAST OPEN 2009 RESULTS

(*CLUB MEMBER)

DOUBLES: Fri. June 5, 2009
7 competitors

Champion and AA1	John Mathewson	98*
A1	Tom Fisher	93
B1	Geoffery Turner	88
C1	John Virgilio	83
D1	Raymond Stevens	87

12 GAUGE: Sat. June 6, 2009
22 competitors

Champion and AA1	Ray Gilbert	99
AA2	Larry Shewokis	98*
Runner-up and A1	Tom Fisher	99
A2	Winfield Danielson	98*
B1	Kate Burr	99*
C1	Alison Fisher	93
D1	Tom Skoglund	97*
E1	Carmen Lupoli	64

20 GAUGE: Sun. June 7, 2009
20 competitors

Champion and AA1	Willie Clark	100
Runner-Up	John Mathewson	100*
A1	Larry Shewokis	98*
A2	Geoffrey Turner	95
B1	Alison Fisher	95
C1	Greg Buonocore	95

28 GAUGE: Sat, June 6, 2009
19 competitors

Champion and AA1	Willie Clark	99
Runner-up	Tom Fisher	99
A1	Paul Jezierski	96
A2	Larry Shewokis	96*
B1	Charles Connell Jr.	97*
C1	Alison Fisher	91

.410 BORE: Sun, June 7, 2009
22 competitors

Champion and AA1	Willie Clark	100
Runner-Up	Ray Gilbert	96
A1	Geoffrey Turner	95
A2	John Mathewson	94*
B1	Ted Naumec	94*
C1	Raymond Stevens	89
D1	Greg Buonocore	83

THE FIN OPEN



**SATURDAY
JULY 11, 2009**

**FIN, FUR & FEATHER CLUB INC.
213 CHEWINK RD. CHAPLIN, CT 06256
WWW.FINFURFEATHERCLUB.COM**

2 GUNS, 200 NSSA/CSSA TARGETS

**EVENT #1 – 12 GA.
\$40.00 PER 100 TARGETS**

Flight times: 9:00am, 10:30am

**EVENT #2 – 20 GA.
\$40.00 PER 100 TARGETS**

Flight times: 12:30 m, 2:00pm

SHOOT-OFFS BOTH EVENTS:

To Be Held Following The Final Event Of The Day

DOUBLES 3, 4 & 5 MISS AND OUT BY STATION

BOTH EVENTS – \$13 RETURNED TO CLASS

\$2 per entry to Champ – guarantee \$10 over highest-class payoff
\$1 per entry to Runner-up – guarantee \$5 over highest-class payoff
1 – 5 entries in class – 100% to winner
6 – 14 entries – split 60/40
>15 entries – split 50/30/20

HOA: \$10 WINNER TAKES ALL

2 classes <. 900 Class 1- >. 900 Class 2

CONCURRENTS – NO CHARGE

**RESERVATIONS: CHARLES CONNELL JR.
860-889-4901**

Rotation #1 – 9:00am, 12:30pm

Rotation #2 – 10:30am, 2:00pm

**AVAILABLE AT THE
LOWER SKEET CLUBHOUSE:**

Ammunition

Coffee, donuts & bagels, 8:00am – 10:00am

Field Kitchen will have hotdogs, hamburgers & other items
10:00am – 2:30pm

The 4th annual FFF Hawaiian Luau will be held Saturday, July 25th beginning at 5 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Bar for \$20 each; food and music will be provided. That's a pretty good price to enjoy a bit of the south Pacific in eastern Connecticut!



FAMILY PICNIC

Kevin Theriault

The annual Family Picnic is scheduled to take place August 16th from noon to 6 pm. This is one of the most popular events each year and we encourage you to enjoy the day with folks that share your interests in the outdoors. There is a lot to prepare for and a work party will be organized for the day before (i.e., Aug 15) to get the grounds ready; workers are also needed for the day of the picnic. This is a great way to earn your hours and help the club.

THE NO-NAME OPEN

FIN, FUR & FEATHER CLUB INC.
213 Chewink Rd. Chaplin, CT 06256
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2009

2 GUNS, 200 NSSA/CSSA TARGETS

EVENT #1 – 12 GA.
\$40.00 PER 100 TARGETS
Flight times: 9:00am, 10:30am

EVENT #2 – 20 GA.
\$40.00 PER 100 TARGETS
Flight times: 12:30 m, 2:00pm

SHOOT-OFFS:
to be held following the final event of the day

DOUBLES 3, 4 & 5 MISS AND OUT BY STATION
BOTH EVENTS – \$13 RETURNED TO CLASS

CHAMPION – \$2 OF EACH ENTRY
GUARANTEE \$10 OVER HIGHEST CLASS PAYOUT

RUNNER-UP – \$1 OF EACH ENTRY –
GUARANTEE \$5 OVER HIGHEST CLASS PAYOUT
1 – 5 entries in class = 100% to winner
6 – 14 entries = split 60/40
>15 entries = split 50/30/20

CONCURRENTS – NO CHARGE
ties broken by long run from front or back

HOA: \$10 WINNER TAKES ALL
Class 1 >.900 – class 2 <.900, ties shoot-off

RESERVATIONS:
CHARLES CONNELL JR –
860-889-4901

Rotation #1 – 9:00am, 12:30pm
Rotation #2 – 10:30am, 2:00pm

AVAILABLE AT THE LOWER SKEET CLUBHOUSE:

- Ammunition
- Coffee, donuts before 10:00am
- Field kitchen, 10:00am – 2:30pm – Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and other items

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