



Letter from the President

As you all know, this will be my last letter, as my term as president is over. I would like to thank all the officers, board members, committee chairmen and everyone who so generously donated their time and efforts over the last three years to help make the Fin Fur & Feather Club the great club that it is today. In the last few years the club has grown considerably with the new skeet and trap fields, sporting clays, 5 stand, the land purchase and also because of the tremendous responsibility that some members take upon themselves to organize and run committees like archery, the shooting sports, and the hunting and fishing sports. Also let's not forget all the work that goes into the publishing of the newsletter, and how much time is spent calculating the work hours, dues and assessments, the kitchen, and all the children's activities. All these functions are done by members who are trying to keep the club moving in the right direction. I am very confident that our new officers and chairpersons will continue to do so as well. We are very fortunate to have these people; so let's help them out not burn them out. I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to be your president for the past three years, and I will continue to work for the club as much as I can.

Donald A. Bajger
The Iceman

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Club Annual Family Picnic Becomes Hurricane Party

Special points of interest:

- Pistol Report
- Hurricane Party a Blast
- Recognizing Members Who Helped with the Annual Picnic
- John Postemski Will Return

With hurricanes by the dozen whipping up disaster in the Caribbean and threatening life and limb all the way up here to comfy New England, the 2004 Fin Fur & Feather Club Picnic this August went on with even greater gusto than in previous years. Bob Thereault, our Picnic Master of Ceremonies, was undaunted. All of the delicious food was served: steamers, clam chowder, hamburgers and hotdogs; plus plenty of tasty sides and condiments. Additionally, there was cotton candy, cow chip contests, treasure hunts, and other gaming events for kids and sporting adults. Another monster lobster was the subject of a raffle and then the hot pot. Topping it all off, Bobby T turned in a handsome profit of \$1,073.25 for the day's activities. Please congratulate him and all the hard working members and spouses who made the 2004 Family Picnic a great success!



Troop 34 Returns for Shooting Sports Weekend

The FFF Shooting Sports weekend was such a great success that the Scouts of Troop 34 have made plans to repeat the event this year. The date for the campout by the shores of the Fly Pond are October 22-24. The boys will set up camp on Friday evening, enjoy some snacks, build a small campfire, tell stories, and hit the sack. On Saturday morning, after breakfast, they will receive instruction (reminders for most) of firearms safety rules and also discussion of the afternoon's events. The focus this year will be on rifle, pistol, and black powder. Pete Mathewson's team will demonstrate high power shooting on the Rifle Range. 22 caliber, pistol, and black powder shooting will take place on the pistol range. On Sunday, the boys will pack up their gear and head home in time for lunch. Thanks in advance for any assistance and encouragement you may provide the boys for the shooting sports. —Charles Bruckerhoff, Troop 34 Scoutmaster

2004 Election of Club Officers

At the September 14 regular membership meeting, the FFF members received a report from the club's Nominating Committee for its annual elections. Also, at that time, the committee called for nominations from the floor. The comprehensive list of members who have been nominated for election to these important club positions appears below. Please make arrangements in your schedule (only regular and lifetime members can vote) to attend the October 12th Annual Membership meeting at the FFF when the formal election will be held.

Steve Davis is the nominee for President, **Charles Bruckerhoff** as Vice President, and **Tom Hoagland** as Treasurer,

unopposed. **Dick Palmer** will be Secretary, unopposed. **Don Bajger**, our outgoing president, will continue as required by Club By-Laws.

The slate of board members from the nominating committee includes **Bob Hurskocy, Ron Mott, John Pawelec, Joe Pirollo, and Bob Theriault.**

Nominations from the floor include the following individuals: **Keith Morehouse, Alan Richter, and Rick Turcotte.**

At the October 12th meeting the regular business will be attended to promptly, in order to keep the meeting to the shortest time period.

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2004 Children's Christmas Party Scheduled

The Club's 2004 Children's Christmas Party has been scheduled for Sunday, December 5, 2004, starting at 12:00 noon.

This special event is open to Fin members, with their children and grandchildren, up to age 11.

Lunch will be served: pizza!

Also, there will be entertainment and gifts handed out by Santa himself.

Food donations are needed. Also, we need volunteers to help with setups and cleaning afterwards.

Members who are interested in helping to make our annual Children's Christmas Party as wonderful as ever in the past years, should contact John or Laura Pawelec at 429-7033.

Membership News

The 2005 invoices will be mailed in late November. Payment is required by 1/31/05. If your email address has changed, please forward me your updated address to bhruskocy@finfurfeatherclub.com If you wish to receive the newsletter via the website, please let me know. I will take you off the mailing list.

Thank you,

Bob Hruskocy

Membership Chairman

Remember: if you bring in a new member, your work hours are completed for the year. Help the Club, recruit new members now.

Fundraising Benefit for Jason Perry

Saturday, October 9 there will be several fundraising activities for Jason Perry at your club. There will be five stand shot-gun from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and a ham and bean dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are limited and are on sale at the clubhouse or from several skeet and sporting clay individuals.

Jason, the son of life member Alan Perry of Scotland, was seriously injured in an auto accident several years ago which left him with fused knees. After years of opera-

tions and physical therapy, Jason made the extremely difficult decision to have his legs amputated above the knees. Having this procedure done has given Jason new vitality and drive.

Through the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF), Jason has received a hand cycle and has been entered into the "CAF Triathlon" to be held October 31 in San Diego, CA. This three-part event features celebrities and challenged athletes taking part in swimming, running, and cycling. Jason will

do the 56 mile cycling event for his team.

Your support is truly needed to make this dream a reality for Jason.

Please—won't you help?!!!

Thank you very much.

(Please use the form below to indicate your preferences.)

Donation Form for Jason Perry

In the event that you are not able to attend the above events scheduled at the club regarding the fundraising effort for Jason Perry, I cannot be present but nonetheless want to help by supporting Jason with the following amount.

\$5.00 _____ \$10.00 _____ \$15.00 _____ Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Kindly enclose the donation in an envelope in the name of Jason Perry and turn this in to the bartender at our clubhouse bar. Thank you very much.

2004 Hunting Rules & Regulations

OBSERVE ALL STATE HUNTING LAWS

500 Foot Zone: It is prohibited to hunt with, shoot, or carry a loaded firearm within *500 feet* of any building occupied by people or domestic animals, or used for storage of flammable material.

Hunting Near Roads, Buildings, People, and Domestic Animals: Hunting or shooting from or across the traveled portion of any public roadway is prohibited. Shooting toward any person, building, or domestic animal when within range is prohibited.

Sunday Hunting Prohibited: Possession of hunting implements on Sunday in the open is prima facie evidence of violation. Sunday hunting is allowed on licensed private shooting preserves when the operator has permission from the town.

Motor vehicles: Hunting or shooting from a motor vehicle is prohibited (except under Handicapped Hunting Opportunities, see *2004 CT Hunting and Trapping Guide*)

Firearms in Vehicles: It is prohibited to carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

Fluorescent Orange Requirement: During the period September 1 through the last day of February, hunters are required to wear at least 400 inches of fluorescent orange clothing above the waist and visible from all sides (for exceptions applied to archery deer and archery and firearms turkey hunters and others, see *2004 CT Hunting and Trapping Guide*).

Legal Shooting Hours: Do you know when it is legal to start and stop hunting? It is your responsibility to consult the *2004 CT Hunting and Trapping Guide!*

OBSERVE ALL CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

Field Dress Game Only. Hunters are allowed to field dress game (remove entrails) only. Do not completely dress your game animal until you reach home. Also, dressing of game animals at the Club is prohibited.

1. Hunting will start at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and Wednesday, and in accordance with State Law during the week.
2. Members are allowed two (2) pheasants per day. A Junior member may pick his/her own A, B, or Wednesday season, but must hunt with a Club member who has a valid CT hunting license and is over 21 years of age. Members may bring a guest, but the guest may not hunt or carry a gun, only observe. Members may bring spouse who also hunts when pheasant hunting, but must split daily bag limit.
3. Hunting or training of dogs near or around the pheasant pens is prohibited.
 - ◆ There shall be no hunting on the Clubhouse side of the rifle/pistol range access road.
 - ◆ All dogs must be leashed on the mowed grass area on the clubhouse side of the driveway.
4. 400 inches of fluorescent orange clothing must be above the waist and visible from all sides at all times while hunting.
5. No hunting waterfowl, turkey, or deer on Club-owned property.
 - ◆ Turkey and deer hunting is allowed on Club-leased property only, with a Club Permit and a valid CT hunting license and tags. Junior members may apply for deer and turkey permits to hunt on Club-leased property and must hunt with a Club member who has a valid CT hunting license and is over 21 years of age. All season and bag limits are in accordance with CT state laws and regulations.
 - ◆ Bow hunting for deer/turkey is allowed on Club-owned property with a Club permit and a valid CT hunting license and tags.

- ◆ Waterfowl hunting is allowed on Club-leased property. All state and federal hunting regulations and bag limits in addition to Club rules must be observed, with the exception being on Saturdays. Waterfowl hunting on Saturdays during the upland bird (pheasant) season is not allowed before 1:00 p.m. on Club-leased land. There will be no permanent blinds or dug pits allowed.
6. No parking in the skeet field parking lot until 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays during the hunting season, unless you have a handicapped permit vehicle.
 7. Parking is allowed only where directed.
 8. All pheasants must be signed in immediately after hunting.
 9. Rifle & pistol ranges and skeet fields are closed on Saturdays and Wednesdays until 10:00 a.m. Use extreme caution when hunting near these areas.
 10. Pheasants shot on Club-owned or Club-leased property do not have to be tagged with state tags, but must be signed in.
 11. No shot size larger than #6 chilled shot shall be used while pheasant hunting on Club-owned or Club-leased property. Ammo to be checked at sign-in.
 12. All dogs must be kept on leash or must come to heel after your party has taken its limit of pheasants.
 13. Observe all state rules and regulations when hunting.
 14. Use of motorized ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) is restricted to Club-owned property, with Executive Committee approval. For more information on this option, please consult "Rules for use of ATVs," 1998.
 15. On Thanksgiving Day fields will be stocked. All hunters are welcome.
 - ◆ All hunters must check in before hunting.
 - ◆ Hunting starts at 8:00 a.m.
 16. Pheasant harvest record weekday sign-in book is located inside the Clubhouse at the bar entrance.
 17. No hunting on Wednesday until 10:00 a.m. on any Club-owned or Club-leased property, except by allowed Wednesday morning hunters and Turkey and deer hunters.
 18. Observe Red Zone signs without exception.
 19. This year, Arm Bands are mandatory, must be purchased before hunting, and must be worn when hunting pheasants and upland small game on Club-owned and Club-leased property.



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Deer, Turkey, & Waterfowl Hunting 2004

This year (2004) your Club will have spring and fall turkey, waterfowl, small game, and deer hunting on Club Leased property. All seasons and bag limits are in accordance with CT State laws and regulations.

For instance, if you wish to hunt goose on Club-owned or Club-leased land, you must use steel or bismuth shot only. Lead shot is illegal on waterfowl. Thus, if you are caught with lead shot on your person while goose hunting, you will be subject to DEP rulings and may face fines or worse punishment.

All applicants must be members in good standing with all fees paid and work requirements completed by **September 30th**.

Waterfowl/goose hunting is open to all members. There will be no permanent blinds or dug pits allowed. At least 400 square inches of hunter orange must be worn above the waist and visible from all sides while walking to and from your hunting area.

Spring and fall turkey hunting will be open to all members. At least 400 square inches of hunter orange must be worn above the waist and visible from all sides while walking to and from your hunting area.

Fall deer hunting by archery, shotgun only, and muzzleloader will be open to all members. At least 400 square inches of hunter orange must be worn above the waist and be visible from all sides at all times while hunting during the shotgun only and muzzleloader deer seasons.

In order to fairly distribute the required permits for turkey and deer hunting, members had to complete the application form and return it to the Club no later than **March 31, 2004**—in care of Hunting Committee.

A lottery system by hunting area and species may be necessary, depending on the volume of hunting application forms received from members.

Permits were available for pick up at the Club on or after **April 21, 2004**.

Anyone who joined the Club after March 31, 2004 and who has completed their work hours or paid fees for non-completed work hours and wants to obtain a permit to hunt deer and turkey this fall season must complete the 2004 Application to Hunt Turkey & Deer form which is available at the Clubhouse Bar. Then, they should contact Don Bajger, Hunt Committee Chairperson to obtain land owner consent forms for Club-owned and Club-leased properties. Call Don Bajger at 860-423-6693.

John Postemski was instrumental in arranging for the purchase of the additional 26 acres for the Club.



John Postemski Will Be Missed on the Board

For personal reasons, John Postemski has chosen not to run for the Club's Board of Directors this year. I don't know how many years John has served on the Board, but it is a very long time and his service has always been exemplary. He comes to every meeting fully prepared, with documentation stretching back into the decades to help clarify a position or justify some kind of action that is important to the Club. Indeed, the number of Lifetime Members who have contributed great things to this Club is relatively small—all should be recognized at appropriate times—and John Postemski is without question among them. We will miss his direct involvement in the momentous questions we must answer and the directions to take during '04 Board meetings, however, I have assurance from John himself that he will continue to help the club.

—CB

Pheasant Hunting 2004 Request Form

Thanksgiving Day November 25, 2004

Notice: In order to hunt pheasant and upland small game on Club-owned or Club-leased property, please complete and return this form to the Club by October 2, 2004. **Members can turn in this form at the Clubhouse bar, or email Don Bajger at dbajger@finfurfeatherclub.com with the information, or call him at 860-423-6693.**

Places for Group A, Group B, and Wednesday hunters will be determined prior to signing up on Thanksgiving morning.

Name: _____

Member Number: _____

CHECK ONE

- Group Choice: Saturday (A)
- Saturday (B)
- Wednesday

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If you checked hunting group A or B on Saturday, your starting schedule is as follows:

<u>Date—Starting Group</u>	<u>Date—Starting Group</u>
October 16, A	November 27, A
October 23, B	December 4, B
October 30, A	December 11, A
November 6, B	December 18, B
November 13, A	
November 20, B	

Wednesday Starting Schedule is:

October 20	November 17	December 15
October 27	November 24	
November 3	December 1	
November 10	December 8	

Saturday Hunting Group

The hunting time for the starting group is 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The second group will start at 10:30 a.m. and hunt until 1:00 p.m.

All hunters may hunt after 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday Hunting Group

The hunting time for this group is from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

All hunters may hunt after 10:00 a.m.

Mandatory Arm Bands for 2004

This year armbands must be worn at all times while hunting pheasant on upland small game on Club-owned or Club-leased property. There will be three different arm band colors, of which each color will represent a different hunting group (Saturday A or Saturday B or Wednesday). This policy will help to identify club members and ensure they are hunting in the right group, and will also help in spotting non-members or trespassers. Only one arm band will be available per person for a fee of \$5.00 to each member in good standing with all fees paid and work requirements completed by September 30, 2004. To purchase an arm band you must complete and return the 2004 pheasant hunting form by October 2, 2004. A list of hunting groups (A, B, and Wednesday) will be at the bar by October 4. This list will determine your specific group and the color of your arm band. Your name must be on the list in order to purchase an arm band. If your name is not on the list and you sent in your application or you have any questions, please contact me anytime. I will revise the list every week, as there are always late arrivals. Arm bands can only be purchased at the bar during BAR HOURS. Note: You will not be able to purchase an arm band at 7:00 a.m. on opening morning, the bar will not be open at that time. Don Bajger

First FFF Hurricane Party a Blast

The Fin's Family Picnic (1st Hurricane Party) held on Sunday, August 15 was a great success. Games for the kids and cotton candy, horseshoes, raffles and so on. I would like to thank all who attended. I would like to thank all who worked, collected money, and helped in general.

Gary Charron

Brian Sutcliffe

Ray Crosthwaite

Jim Davidson

Nancy Davidson

Bill Koennicke

Wayne Landon

Kevin Segar

Arthur St. Lawrence

Gary Mahew

David Rogoz

Ron Mott

Connie Mauri

John Pawelec

Laura Pawelec

Mark Peters

Twig Peters

Peter Rich

Kevin Theriault

Joseph Uhouse

Chip Baumann

Bob Kinne

Wayne Mckinney

Paul Brodeur

Bob Salois

Arnie Postemski

Carolyn Postemski

Ginny Savoie

William Lucier

Don Warren

Paul Sobol

Sharleen Sobol

Gary Enos

Manuel Enos

Mark Hacku

Bob Bolton

Eugene Plympton

David Morawski

Joan & Glen Johnson

Ross Saylor

If I have left anyone's name out, I am truly sorry.

Again, thank you all for your help.

—Bob Theriault

Pistol News

Well shooters, its the end of summer already, and everyone will be getting out their muzzle loaders, shotguns, and rifles. Please remember that port # 12 is to be used in sighting in your muzzle loaders, and shotguns ONLY, before moving up to the rifle range. Center fire rifles are not to be sighted in at the pistol range. I'm still finding casting brass that indicate this. Please don't loose your privilege by breaking the rules. USE THE RIFLE RANGE. The Summer Pistol League only average about 6 shooters per night. This isn't a strict NRA match, we want you to have fun, regardless of your scores its an enjoyable evening trying to get your shoots into the black and even into the "X".

I'll have the scores for everyone in the next newsletter. Please keep the range clear of your brass and target paper.

The Summer League finish the season by having shot 18 out of 20 evenings. We only average 5 shooters per evening with eleven shooters joining in. The following list is those shooters, matches shot, number of shots, number of X's, and average.

Jim Davidson	15 matches	900 shots	87 X's	478 average
Nancy Davidson	14 matches	840 shots	29 X's	408 "
Dick Palmer	14 matrches	840 shots	106 X's	528 "
Kevin Segar	13 matches	780 shots	17 X's	396 "
Dennis Knowlton	14 matches	840 shots	112 X's	500 "
Laura Pawelec	8 matches	480 shots	6 X's	316 "
Gary Berman	6 matches	360 shots	89 X's	554 "
John Pawelec	4 matches	240 shots	16 X's	447 "
Marco Cruz	3 matches	180 shots	23 X's	512 "
Jo Palmer	2 matches	120 shots	1 X	289 '
Eric Roy	1 match	60 shots	3 X	401 "

Please remember to pick up your brass, and targets once your done at the range, and remember to use port # 12 for sighting in the shotguns, and muzzle loaders.

Hunt safe, and enjoy your club. Until next time "Keep-em in the ten range" Dick Palmer

Visit the Club's website at finfurfeatherclub.com for great photos of the 2004 Picnic.

FFF Junior Pheasant Hunter Training Day

On October 09, 2004, the Fin Fur and Feather Club will conduct a Junior Hunter Training Day for Pheasant.

This will be a great opportunity for you to teach your Junior Hunter about pheasant hunting, ethics, and firearms safety in the field. With any luck, you just might have a delicious pheasant dinner that night too!

There will be CT Conservation Education and Firearms Safety Instructors at the event to lend guidance if needed. There will also be club members with well trained dogs to assist those without one of their own.

To participate in this program, hunters must follow these rules:

1. Participation is open to all FFF Junior Members **and lineal descendants (son, daughter or grandchild) of any club member.**
2. The Junior Hunter must be 12 to 15 years old and have a valid CT Hunting License.
3. He/she must also have valid CT Pheasant Harvest Tags. Although the Junior Hunters must have these tags, they will not have to use them since the club has a pheasant tagging exemption.
4. The adult mentor must be a club member, at least 21 years old, and must accompany the Junior Hunter. The adult mentor is not allowed to carry a firearm. Mentors will be provided for those who need them.
5. **You must pre-register** your Junior Hunter so that we know how many will participate. This will allow us to know how many birds to stock and assure that the hunting area is not over-crowded. We want this to be a high quality and SAFE hunt. **The sign up list will be located in the bar and you must register by October 1st.**

**IF YOU CAN ASSIST WITH A DOG OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE CONTACT PATRICK ENRIGHT AT 429-0172.**

Tribute to President Don Bajger

Our By-Laws specify that a president may serve only three years consecutively. Don Bajger is one of those FFF Presidents whose high quality leadership has earned him the respect of a great many members and, thus, accounts for his continued reelection for a full three-year term. I had the pleasure of serving as his vice president throughout this time and, although I did miss a few meetings, I was present for the great majority of his formal and official activities on behalf of the Club; and watched him grow into the position. He is a remarkable man, blessed with personal qualities that are the envy of weaklings. Generosity is perhaps his greatest strength. He will give help to those who need it, and keep on giving help until the work is done. He has an incredible knack for spotting things that are especially shoddy in appearance or workmanship. Perhaps that trait explains why his workmanship is so highly prized by those who hire him for carpentry. Meticulous, he is, with an artistic flourish. He's thoughtful and cares about other people, which comes through so clearly when the Club mourns the loss of one of its members or someone suffers an illness or personal tragedy. I watched him playfully encourage the silver dollar-sized pheasant chicks to break huddle. Don is fair and expects others to measure up to the same high standard of personal conduct. He has a gift for seeing the humorous side of things, sometimes in a way that is quite shocking, but nevertheless poignant. And he is not the least bit squeamish about pointing out to some clodhopper that he's doing something he shouldn't be doing, and if he keeps it up he will cost the club dollars or damage the Fin's reputation. He could easily knock some sense into the ill-informed ones, if his term was 1804 instead of 2004. While President, he also continued to head up the Pheasant Committee, guided the Hunting Committee, and kept his eye on every other committee and club function that occurred during his 1,095 days in office. The list of accomplishments for the good of our Club since 2001 is very long, full of significant developments—and Don Bajger had a careful hand in every one. Thank you Don; and I'll look forward to your continued helpful influence on our Board this next year. —Charles Bruckerhoff

Fish

The fishing ponds have remained in excellent condition this summer due to the rains we have had. They are full and have not developed too many weeds with the exception of water lilies. These pose a problem of removal that shall have to be addressed next spring. Trout have been seen rising and some have been caught and returned in the lowermost pond as recently as August 8th. The middle pond has been yielding some nice bass, as has the lower pond. All the ponds have good populations of Bluegills. They can easily be caught using small foam bug-like lures propelled by a small bobber if using a spin rod or directly using a fly rod. The Bass will hit these as well but they really like poppers on top or long wriggly lures such as rubber worms on the bottom. The fly pond will be open to ice fishing once safe ice is present and there is a reasonable population of trout in the pond so the fishing should be good.

A suggestion has been made that the Fin sponsor an ice fishing competition on Mansfield Hollow Reservoir for the purpose of catching Northern Pike. Let me know what you think of this at: frankm@toast.net or a 1-860-9741425.

We will be stocking the ponds next spring at ice out. A spring fishing derby, open to all, is planned so that we can defray some of the cost of our fish program. The derby will be held in the Fly Pond. Two large, tagged fish will be stocked as well as a goodly number of 12 – 14 inch trout. Last years derby earned us about \$500 and we hope to top that in 2005. The derby will be held the first Saturday of April if ice is out. The annual Kid's derby will be held the first Saturday of May as usual. This event is also held in the fly pond. Help is needed for both events.

Our harvest of fish has been in excess of 70% and fish remain in the lowermost pond and the fly pond. Next spring I shall run some fly fishing clinics for those who wish to learn to fly fish. It is relatively easy and in about an hour of practice you should be able to make casts long enough to catch fish in our fly pond. Also I plan some fly tying clinics in the spring. If you're interested contact me. Provide me your name and we'll set up dates and times.

Don't forget to fish in the fall. Even though the birds are flying there's lots of fishing left and can fill out the day after you get your two pheasants.

—Frank Mauri

The 2004 Registered Skeet Season

On August 8, 2004 the Fin held its third and final registered skeet-shooting event of the year. This year we hosted our Northeast Open in June and Fin Open in July as well as the just completed Cool Hand Luke.

The Northeast Open, our premier shoot, was a 5 gun; 500-target event held June 4-6, 2004. A total of 165 entries were recorded. The Fin members who posted wins in this shoot are as follows: In the .410 event, Steve Krukoff – Runner-up & AA1, John Mathewson B1, Bill Dixon B2. In the 28 Ga. event, Paul LaChance was Runner-up & AA1, John Mathewson B1. The 20 Ga. was won by John Mathewson who posted his first ever 100/100 score in that gauge. Steve Krukoff was Runner-up & AA1; Jasen Somers won B2. The 12 Ga. saw Steve Krukoff as AA1; Paul LaChance as AA2 and new comer to competition Dick Palmer captured D1. Mathewson and Krukoff shot off their 389/400 scores and John won and became the High-Overall champ.

The Fin Open, a 200-target shoot, was held July 11, 2004. It featured competition with the 28 Ga. and the 12 Ga. Paul LaChance won the 28 Ga. with a perfect score (100/100). Charlie Connell Jr. won A2, John Mathewson A3, Bill Dixon B2. The 12 Ga. winners were; Winfield Danielson AA2, John Mathewson A2, and Jasen Somers B3.

The Cool Hand Luke held August 8, 2004 featured the .410 and 12 Ga. Charlie Connell Jr. was Runner-up & AA1 in the .410 while Winfield Danielson took B1 and Jasen Somers B2. The 12 Ga. was easily won by John Mathewson who shot a perfect score (100/100). Winfield Danielson was Runner-up & AA1; Charles Connell Jr. won A1 and Dick Palmer took C1 shooting a fine 96. The High-Overall Champ was Charlie Connell Jr. with a 192/200.

For these shoots we had some major help. Frank Decker cashiered the shoots all five days of them. This is a very responsible job because all the money for entries, money for winners and final club profits are funneled through his hands. Anne Kvados helped him for the Fin Open. Referees for the events came from the club and were: Bill Dixon, Dick Palmer, Charlie Connell Jr., Bill Spears, Elmer MacCluskey, Ed Novak, Mike D'Amato and Doreen St. George. Workers were Art St. Lawrence, Ted Naumec, Dave Fromath, Tom Rossing, Augie Pompel, John Jacobus, Randall McKinney, Mike Southwick, Rick Holzshu, Charlie Hill, Goose Gower, Rich Rustman, John Mathewson, Jasen Somers, Sean Spears, Tom Potter and Bob Frankland. Andre St. George helped maintain the machines. Special thanks must go to Joe Pirolo, Don O'Neill and Dick White who manicured our grass areas and swept the concrete. Nancy and Jim Davidson provided us with many hours of help mostly in moving targets from the truck to the houses, never an easy job and always a dirty one.

Next year we will again host three shoots. Members are invited to come and enter the events. They are especially invited to come and help. The work is not too difficult, the shooting can be fun to watch, the camaraderie is very good and over the five days getting your 10 hours is pretty easy.

—Frank Mauri

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- October 9: Junior Pheasant Hunting Day
- October 16: Beginning of Pheasant Season at Club
- October 22-24: Troop 34 Shooting Sports Event
- November 25: Thanksgiving
- December 5: Children's Christmas Party
- December 15: Last pheasant stocking day

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