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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Dear Club Members,

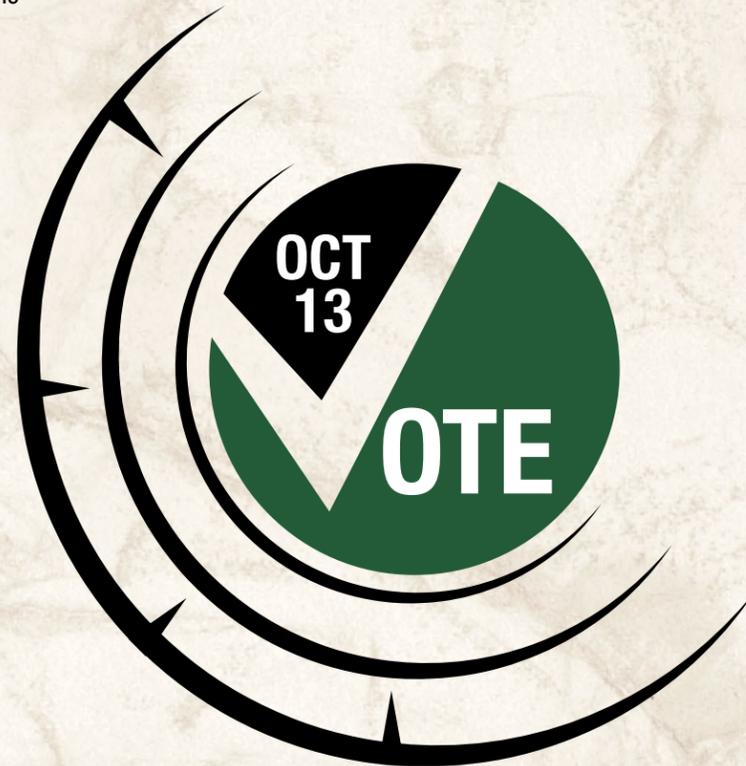
Members, it has been a great pleasure working with you all this past year. The Membership meeting on 10/13/20 will be holding elections. Please make it a priority to support your club and members come out and vote! We appreciate all efforts large and small.

Covid 19 has put a tight hold on many of our events and activities. As President, I want to assure you all that the club has prevailed and is in good standing. I want to thank the Executive Board for all their hard work throughout the year.

Let's bring in the New Year with positive thoughts and support!

Thank you,

Troy Quick, *President*



ELECTIONS OF CLUB OFFICERS, AND EXECUTIVE BOARD DIRECTORS

On Sept 8th the Nominating Committee place into nominations the following for the Club Officers, as President Troy Quick, Vice President Dick Palmer, Secretary David Jones, and Treasurer Tom Hoagland. There were no further nominations; these will be your Club Officers for 2021.

For Executive Board Directors the following names has been place by the Nominating Committee; Wayne Mather, Glen (Huff) Heinonen, Matt Halloran, Bob (Rojo) Mullins, Corey Curtis-Gray, Paul Cardinal, Gary Charon, John Mathewson, and Ted Powell. Nominations from the floor were Dudley Brand, John Finch, and Bob Chalifoux. Only 9 members can be on the Board and will be voted for on October 13th which is the Regular Membership meeting at 7 pm. During this meeting, elections will be held for your 2020/2021 year.

The Executive Board needs seven (7) full Board members, and two (2) Alternates, total of nine (9). Please make sure you have your membership card with you as only Regular and Life members can vote.

Please bring your face mask, maybe some bug off as the meeting will be under the pavilion.



THE CLUB'S WEB SITE

Members, the club's website has been updated. Please check out the new website at www.finfurfeatherclub.com. The Events Calendar is updated and we are finalizing the Classified section so members can post items for sale. There will be a team of 5 members who will keep the site updated with current news.

There is a lot of new information in the "Member's Only" section. To access that section, the user name is `ffclub` and password is `chaplin`.

Any questions, please direct to Dick Palmer or Bob Hruskocy

MEMBERSHIP

So far to date the club has added 95 members. Generally the club adds about 70 members a year. The club's membership categories are as follows: Regular 335; Associate 2284; Junior 17; and Life 166.

For those that have not completed your 10 hour work requirement, you have until September 30th to do so. If you have not completed your work hours and are planning on hunting, you need to pay for your hours at the bar. You can email me to see if I have your hours recorded.

Also if you did not purchase your Spring Raffle tickets, you need to pay for those before you will be issued a hunting badge. I will be mailing the 2020 invoices in mid-November. If there are any discrepancies, please let me know.

Regards

Bob Hruskocy, *Membership Chairman*



2020 HUNTING BADGES

Please mark your calendars, as you will need to purchase your 2020 badge prior to October 1st, from the bar. After that date, no badges will be issued, unless you are a new regular member. You also must fill out your permission slips, select the type of hunting activity you would like, as well as choosing your fall hunting group: (A, B, Wednesday), and finally, purchasing your badge.

Come September 30th, if you have not completed your work hour requirement, or paid your Raffle obligations, you will be notified. Failure to meet the required work hours, and any outstanding obligations, will result in the loss of your hunting privileges and your badge. A tremendous amount of work goes into this program from permission slips, organizing forms, verifying information on the permission slips, notifying members that information was incorrect or left out, cross checking work hours, obligations paid for, and finally issuing badges. This is to ensure that everyone is eligible to hunt, after meeting these requirements.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Happy hunting!

HUNTING COMMITTEE

Hunting season is fast approaching we need to have help with stocking of birds. If you can help, I need to know what Saturday A, B or Wednesday you are willing to commit to, and what fields you want to stock. I already have returning stockers but would like some possible alternates just in case. We will be catching birds every Tuesday and Friday as usual the more hands the better.

Thank you,

Bob Chalifoux. *Chairman.*

TRAP

All too often the machines are being left empty. This is unacceptable. Please fill the machine after you are done shooting. Also, DO NOT adjust the height of the targets. They are set at a specific height for a reason. Reminder: Field 5 is set for trap doubles; Field 6 and 7 are for regular trap; Field 4 is set for "Skap".

The 2020 CT State Trap Shoot was finally held at the Hartford Gun Club on Sept 11-13. Generally the shoot is held in June but was postponed due to Covid-19. Club member, Alan Gnann was high gun in his Class for the Sunday Doubles event, with a score of 90. He also won the Sr. Vet category with an 87 in the Sunday Handicap Championship. Nice shooting Alan! Club member Kevin Hahn shot well in his first State Shoot, hope to see you back next year!

Regards

Bob Hruskocy, *Membership Chairman*

PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE BAR.

FIN FUR FEATHER CLUB HUNTING/FISHING APPLICATION

You Must Purchase a Hunting Badge to hunt any game on Lease or Club Property.

Hunting Pheasants? YES NO

If hunting pheasants, please select one group: A B or Wed

Please check off all that apply:

Method of Hunting: Shotgun Archery Muzzleloader

Lease Land: Pheasant Deer Turkey Waterfowl Other

Club Land: Pheasant Turkey Archery Deer ONLY Fishing ONLY

Fill out the information below. Please Print.

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Club Membership # _____

License Plate # _____

Connecticut Conservation # _____

Telephone # _____

Signing this form means you have read and understand all the Club and State Hunting rules.

Signature _____ Date _____

You must have a current up to date State of Connecticut Hunting license to purchase your badge. All state laws apply.

SPORTING CLAYS

By the time you all are reading this article the sporting clays season has come to an end which is a bit odd as I am currently deep in the process of preparing for our grand finale weekend consisting of two back to back 100 target shoots, not something we have ever done before. I expect to throw somewhere in the neighborhood of 16,500 targets in just two days.

The 2020 season got off to a slow start. Covid forced us to cancel our first shoot due to all the uncertainty early on as our state was one of the first to deal with the virus. However, we decided to push forward with the rest of our schedule rather than write off the season, too many of our other favorite activities were and continue to be canceled. We are all very fortunate to have the club as an outlet and a hub of activity at our disposal.

Sporting Clays is a very profitable activity for the Fin as well as being a bunch of fun to shoot. We expanded the course this year and continuously tweaked it with the goal of bringing up the scores of the shooters. Let's face it, its way more fun when you break more targets. We did not see some groups of our regular shooters but we saw a whole lot of new shooters, many of them were our youngest members shooting with their friends, something that is great to see. I am excited to see what happens next year when these two groups come together and really drive the success of the program.

The sporting clays program saw many new faces this year as new and old members alike chose to help out the sporting clays program this year for the first time. I would like to thank you all as the program is labor intensive and cannot run without trappers. I wanted to recognize a couple of trappers that work the most and have historically so thanks to Gary Carlin and Ralph Strickland. I also have to recognize the core crew of the sporting clays program Dick Palmer (my mentor), Mark Holland, Bruce Macaro, Mike Fromerth, guys I could not have done it without you. Most of these guys are life members that don't need the hours but do it for the betterment of the club. Thank you!

Thanks for a great season - I hope to see you all next year.

Matt Halloran, Sporting Clays Chairman
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SUMMER SKEET LEAGUE

A big shout out to Corey Curtis-Gray, for organizing and managing the Fin's 2nd Summer Skeet League. Twenty six shooters shoot a total of 16 rounds; the top men's shooter was Ted Neumac. Top female was Erica Oliver. Top Junior was Noah Curtis-Gray.

SHOTGUN/SKEET REPORT

Skeet and Trap are alive and well at the FFF during this Covid-19 event. Everybody for the most part is following the proper protocols of safe distancing, being courteous, and responsible. Please keep doing so.

The Winter Skeet league organized by the Eastern Connecticut Skeet Club will jump off the first weekend in October. The Fin currently is well represented with eight(8) teams competing. Good Luck to You All.

Work continues on the field, with two new MEC skeet machines installed on Field One (1). Please use care in using all skeet/trap machines. Make sure you are well versed and checked out on the safe operation of these machines. Please report any malfunctions, damage, or improper operation immediately to any skeet committee member, Club Officer, or the person in the bar when it gets back into full operation.

No one is allowed to adjust any of the Skeet or Trap machines. If there is a problem, report it, don't go adjusting.

A Reminder to all, please remember to exercise strict firearm safety on or off the fields/ranges. Watch that muzzle direction, and remember no gun shall be loaded until it's time to shoot and call pull.

The Skeet Committee has its monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome.

The Skeet Committee wishes to thank all the FFF members who participated in work details, projects, or maintenance during the summer.

Thank you

Skeet Committee

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