



# ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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Wishing you

Peace, Happiness and  
a Plentiful Bounty

**Come,  
Celebrate with us!**

Members,  
A Christmas Gathering  
at the Fin will be starting  
at noon on the 24th and  
will run until 5 pm. The Club  
will provide some food but  
those attending are asked to  
bring an item to share.  
First cocktail is on us so  
come on down and socialize!



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to start by saying 2021 was a prosperous year! Thank you all for all your hard work, the teamwork this year was outstanding! I wish all members and their families a peaceful, and healthy Holiday Season. I'm looking forward to serving and working with you in 2022.

Troy Quick, *President*

## ELECTIONS

October 12, 2021 was the Club's Annual election for Officers and Executive Board members. Nominating Committee chairman Eric Heinonen presented the list for the membership to cast ballots for these positions. This list was finalized during the membership meeting on Sept. 14, 2021 which was open for nominations. The results as follows, with the Secretary casting one vote and was approved for the following positions. President is Troy Quick, Vice President is Dick Palmer, Secretary is David Jones, and Treasurer is Tom Hoagland. Now for the Executive Board; the top seven (7) highest votes were for: Glen "Huff" Heinonen; Corey Curtis-Grey; John Fitch; Wayne Mather; John Mathewson; Jon Mosley; and Matt Halloran. For the Alternate Members Kevin Theriault, a re-vote for the second Alternate position between Shawn Covell and Gary Charron was needed, with Shawn Covell winning. The other members running didn't receive enough votes. A big Thank You for your interest.

## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENTS

Any Member wishing to place an advertisement in the Club's newsletter can do so, the cost is just \$50 for 8 issues, Normal ad size is 3.75" w x 1.75" h. Please contact Dick Palmer.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

Our Club has been harvesting a lot of those trees through the summer that died from the Gypsy Moth infestation over the past 3-4 years. There have been adjustments on your part to understand when the ranges were closed or open. As the end of October approaches the logger has finally reaching the goal of those trees being removed.

As you all can see the appearance of the tree line, and through the different courses it's unbelievable. The grass cutting season is closing and I want to give a big shout out to Gary Charron for doing a bang up job for making our Club and grounds looking spectacular. A big shout out to Jim Hooper and Rojo Mullins, for their help with equipment operation around the grounds. Oct 24th, the Club had a wood cutting and splitting work detail. Most of that wood around the wood shed has been split and stacked into the shed. Please no more wood. I need to give a huge Thank You to Bob Haggerty, Jim Kervin, Jim Noyes, Spencer Cohen, Jon Mosley, Jake Gomes, Joey Rijs, Dan Muzykoski, and Clinton Brennon for completing this work party, with their splitters, saws, and tractor. It was good weather and work party.

Thank You All.

Dick Palmer, *Chairperson*



# MEMBERSHIP

The club added 123 new members in 2021. Highest amount ever.

The membership categories are as follows:

- Regular: 362
- Associate: 321
- Life: 162
- Junior: 15

The 2022 dues invoices were mailed in late November, if you have not received an invoice by now, please notify me ASAP. Payment must be made by January 31st, 2022. 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. Please pick up your cards in order to save on postage costs for the club. If you are planning on not renewing your membership, please contact me so I can remove you from Club membership list.

Regards

Bob Hruskocy, *Membership Chairman*

# TRAP

The club has purchased two new Pat Trap machines, they most likely will be installed in the Spring. The plan is to have Field 4 set for doubles.

There will be a Registered Trap Shoot on May 22nd, help will be needed with scoring and loading the machines.

Fields 5 thru 8 will be set for regular trap shooting. The machine that currently is in Field 4 will be moved to Field 3.

Just a reminder, during the colder weather, please let the pump warm up on the trap machines. This will prevent the machine from throwing targets unnecessarily. Any issues with the equipment, please let me know.

Bob Hruskocy, *Trap Chairman*

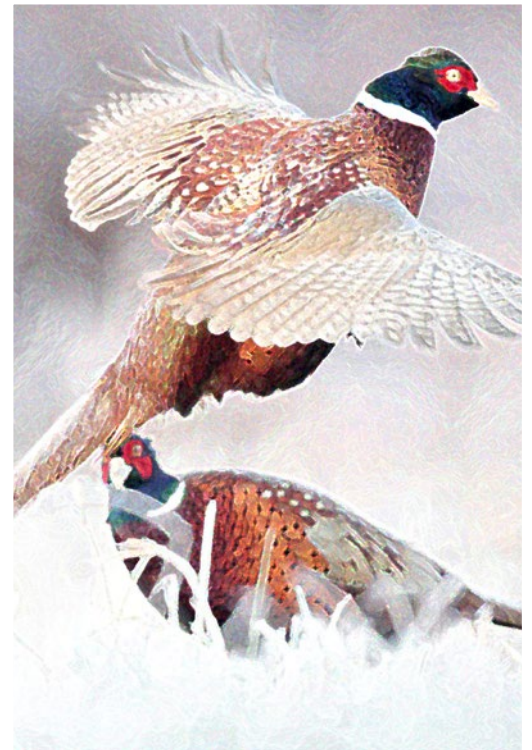
# LOGGING

Any member looking for firewood, anything that is front of the skeet fields and up on the power lines can be taken. All branches must be piled for habitat.

**THIS IS CLUB MEMBERS ONLY AND NOT FOR RESALE !!!!**

# SWAP MEET / TAG SALE

Members, the Club will be having a Swap Meet/Tag Sale on Saturday February 19th starting a 8 am until noon. This can be anything, please contact Huff at 860-428-0975.



# Paint Night

Heads up, Vickie is planning a painting evening, this is a great way to explore your skills in painting, plus it's a fun evening socializing. Planning stage right now, but looks like sometime in February. Continue to monitor Club's email and the Activities Board at the Club's bar.



# 5 STAND

Members,

The 2021 5 Stand season got off to a great start in late spring. We held 7 shoots this year, and all had great weather to enjoy the day. We were even able to hold 2 mid-week afternoon shoots, both of which were a great time! I plan on continuing that in the 2022 season. A great opportunity for shooters new to 5 Stand to get on the field and see the targets with less of a crowd behind them. The scores were, as always up and down, but we were able to witness a handful of 24's which is fun to see. Also, the new teal trap was a great addition to the field. Flawless all year. For those of you that frequent the 5 Stand shoots, the club has purchased a new rabbit machine. This is a great upgrade for the program. I wanted to thank all the members that help the program throughout the year, trimming the grass, staining the tables, shooting butts, buildings and fences. The field always looks great for shoot day. I am looking forward to seeing you in the spring of 2022 back on the field.

David Jones, 5 Stand Chairman



Members shooting 5-Stand

## SPORTING CLAYS

**Members the 2022 Sporting Clays season dates are as follows.**

These shoots are an easy way to get your work hours, report times are 8 – 8:15 am and goes through 1:30 pm on Sundays. Check your schedule sign up early which is a must, contact Matt Halloran at 860-428-1818.

The Ducks Unlimited group will again host their annual Sporting Clays Shoot here at our Club, on Saturday, September 10th from 8:30 am until about 2 pm. Easy work hours. This is a huge event for the Fin.

<b>May 14th, Saturday</b>	Set up date for the Sporting Clays course at 9 am. We'll need leaf blowers, snippers, maybe a chain saw or two.
<b>May 22nd, Sunday</b>	Members, these are a 50 target shoot, you can shoot one round or two, second round is less cost.  Registration starts at 8:30am, shooting starts at 9 am.
<b>June 12th, Sunday</b>	
<b>July 10th, Sunday</b>	
<b>August 7th, Sunday</b>	<b>Ducks Unlimited Shoot.</b> You must register through them, any member can shoot this event. This is a Saturday Shoot, and it's a 100 target shoot. Your registration gets you the 100 targets, a meal, maybe raffle tickets, but whatever it's a great way to support the Ducks Unlimited organization.
<b>Sept 10th, Saturday</b>	
<b>Sept 11th, Sunday</b>	Our last shoot. It will be a 100 target shoot.

Any questions or to sign up to work these shoots, please contact Matt Halloran at 860-428-1818.



## 5 STAND FIELD DEDICATION

Prior to the 2021 Club Championship the FFF Club Dedicated the 5 Stand field to Jim and Nancy Davidson. For many years Jim and Nancy's effort to first of all develop and build the 5 Stand Program at the club, and then continue to make the field and program the absolute best it can be cannot go unnoticed by members and friends of the club. The 5 Stand field and program at the Fin is one of the best in the area. Jim and Nancy started all of this on a wooded field, clearing and making what you all see today as you enter Davidson Field. The very beginning of the program as set up on field 8, and progressed with much effort to the field we have today. Without the Davidson's dedication and hard work, we would not have this today. A much-deserved honor to Jim and Nancy! Now when you make the drive down the skeet road, you will see the sign for Davidson Field. Congratulation's and Thank you to Jim and Nancy!



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## SKEET REPORT

Winter is upon us and so is the Eastern Conn skeet Club winter league. The Skeet league started the first weekend in October and runs through till the middle of April. We are well represented with seven (7) teams participating and all are doing well. Hopefully we will finish as well as we did last year. Good luck to all the FFF teams!

Special announcement, starting January 1, 2022 the cost for a round a skeet/trap will go to \$3.25 from \$3.00, and the cost of non-members will go from \$4.00 a round to \$4.25 a round. This is due to the steep increase of targets; in 2019 the cost of a case of targets was \$9.90 to today's cost of \$11.40. We don't have a crystal ball to forecast what the next increase will be. So please remember to pay for your rounds before leaving the Club property.

The Skeet committee wishes to thank all the Fin members who have worked and supported the Skeet/Trap program including the Executive Board and Officers for their continued support and guidance. Special thanks to the bartenders for their efforts in collecting and processing the skeet/trap payments. Thanks to you all.

Remember! Safety is of the up-most importance, keep the muzzle pointing in a safe direction!

Keep shooting and hit'em all.

Skeet Committee





## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2021 Fin Fur and Feather Club Championship were held September 25th. The weather was perfect for the event. We had 48 shooters competing for the top spots. 6,000 clays were thrown during the event. There were a lot of new faces to the game as well, which is great to see. There were 14 members who worked before, during and after to make the day a success for everyone. After all the shooting was complete, the shooters enjoyed a Steak lunch with sides and awaited the clay tally.

1st Place went to Randy Russo #106, 2nd Place Doug Vonasek #104, 3rd Place Don Badger #102, 4th JP Mucha #102, and Paul Prevost #102. Congratulations to these great shooters.

Thank you everyone that participated and hope to see you all back in September 2022!

David Jones, 5 Stand Chairman



*Few of the members shooting the Club Championship*



*Some of our members helping to feed those hungry shooters. Thank you folks*



# HUNT COMMITTEE

It's hard to think that the new year is approaching and with that another successful hunting season is coming to a close. I would like to thank each and every member who was a vital part of this past season. Without the continued support we wouldn't be able to run the type of program that we have. Many new memories were made this year and many old memories were shared over breakfast. Thank you to all who worked so hard in the kitchen each Saturday during the season. Although I am sad to see another season end I am just as excited to see what next season will bring.

Congratulations to all who were able to get out and enjoy the season.

Corey



*Junior Hunt Day Shooters*



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