



ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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Get Ready for

HUNTING

OPENING DAY – OCTOBER 15

SEASON



Purchase your Hunting Badge BEFORE October 1st!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The last 3.5 years have been challenging and rewarding. It has been an honor to serve as your President.

Together we have accomplished many projects and many updates to our club. The teamwork has been outstanding, nothing goes unnoticed or unappreciated.

Please keep on supporting the club, as you know there is always something to do.

I would sincerely like to thank my executive board for all their hard work and dedication and support of our club. I would also like to thank our members for all their support throughout the years.

Troy Quick, *President*

MEMBERSHIP

So far to date the club has added 119 members. Basically the same amount as last year. The club's membership categories are as follows: Regular 373; Associate 361; Junior 15; and Life 165.

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 2023 invoices in mid-November. If there are any discrepancies, please let me know.

REMEMBER: Effective Oct 1, 2022, the work hour amount will be \$20.00/hr. Hopefully this will entice more members to participate in club functions.

Bob Hruskocy, *Membership Chairman*

PRICE INCREASES

Members,

As you may be all aware, there are some price changes here at the Club. The first is the cost of targets; they have gone up almost \$2.00 a case since our last delivery back in March. Along with this increase, the power grid provider has a delivery fee which doubled or tripled the cost of usage fee. The cost of a round was discussed at the last Board meeting, as well as the cost of electricity. A decision was made to increase the cost of a round of Skeet, Trap, and Modern skeet member rounds to \$4.00/round, and all guest fees to \$5.00/round.

Please remember to pay for your rounds before leaving the Club grounds, either through the Bar, hours are Tuesday 1-5, Friday 12-8, Saturday and Sunday 9 through 5, or use the drop box in the door next to the bar entrance.

Another cost is items purchased over the Bar. During the past year and a half, all consumer products throughout the nation have increased sharply. We have seen this in our food, gasoline, etc. Here at the Club we are feeling this same increase for products consumed over the Bar. Upon recent discussions at the last Board meeting, a decision was made that effective Sept. 1st, that all products sold over the bar will need to be increase by \$.50 cents.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Members, there is still a lot of wood that members-only can take. There are logs out at the power lines and at the tree line in front of the skeet/trap fields. As a reminder, skeet/trap fields are open at 9 am, you'll need to get there early to cart off the wood. The logs by the wood barn and telephone are the Club's to support our usage, please do not take these. There are great trees down throughout the 3D range, pick-ups only, cars would not be able to travel through this area. Any questions, please contact Dick Palmer 860-933-4768.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 17	7th Annual Club's Shotgun Championship.
September 30	Last Day to purchase your Hunting Badge. All Obligations and Work Hours MUST be completed.
October 2	The Winter Skeet League starts.
October 4	Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.
October 8	Clam Chowder Cook Out, 4-7 pm. Tickets \$10/ea. Please read the instructions if you want to enter.
October 11	Annual Elections at 7 pm. You must be a Regular Member and have your card to vote.
October 15	Opening Day of Hunting Season. You need your badge. Please follow the Fin Regulations.
October 15	Fin's Adult Halloween Party. 6-9 pm. Drink specials. Dress up or not.
October 22	Annual Swap/Tag Sale. 8:30 am. Contact Huff at 860-428-0975 for table info.
November 1	Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.
November 8	Membership meeting at 7 pm.
November 12	Painting With Vickie. Limited tickets.
December 6	Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm
December 13	Membership meeting at 7 pm.

2022 ELECTION

ELECTION NIGHT OCTOBER 11, 2022

Members, during the September 13, 2022 Membership meeting, the Nominating Committee presented the following names for the Officers, and Executive Board. After their presentation, nominations from the floor were asked; there were no further nominations. Motion was made and seconded to close the nomination.

The October 11th Membership Meeting is at 7 pm. Voting will take place using ballots with those nominated members on it. Only the Regular and Life members are eligible to vote, please have your membership card.

- **President:** David Jones, and Donald Bajger
- **Vice President:** Dick Palmer
- **Secretary:** Corey Curtis-Grey
- **Treasurer:** Tom Hoagland

Executive Board:

There will be 6 as Board Members and 2 as Alternates from the highest votes received:

- Troy Quick (automatic as outgoing President)
- Glen Heinonen
- Wayne Mather
- Matt Halloran
- Jon Mosley
- Cory Curtis-Gary
- Kevin Theriault
- Shawn Covell
- Bob Frankland
- Steve Alexson

SKEET REPORT

The Eastern Connecticut Skeet Club Winter League is due to start October 2nd and run through April 23rd. The Fin is well represented with 2 teams in Division 1, 3 teams in Division 2, 2 teams in Division 4, and 1 team in Division 6. Good luck to all our Fin Teams.

A reminder to all members that skeet/trap rounds are now \$4.00 for 25 targets, non-member fee is \$5.00 per 25 targets. This increase is due to a very substantial increase in clay targets costs. Recent delivery cost \$21,229 for 23 pallets. If you shoot more than 25 clays, you'll need to pay an additional round fee. Our inventory/income control has been up and down this past year, so please pay for your rounds and additional cost if you shoot more than 25.

The Fin is running the 2nd Annual Larry Shewokis Memorial 50 bird non-registered shoot on September 25th. This shoot is open to anyone with a known average. So please come out and participate in this friendly and worthy shoot. There will be complimentary burgers and dogs for the shooters.

Always remember proper gun safety, shooting etiquette, and always wear eye and ear protection whether or standing around watching.

The Skeet Committee would like to thank all the members who have participated in the work days, different work functions, and support for the skeet program. Special thanks to Gary Charron and Dick Palmer for keeping the skeet/trap/5-stand fields mowed and looking great.

Shoot often and shoot safely.

The Skeet Committee

Watch for e-mails for updates, etc.

TRAP

I want to thank all those that have helped throughout the year with Trap. Want to welcome all the new shooters, hopefully you are enjoying yourselves.

Just as a reminder; when done shooting, please put all the equipment in the low house on each field. Each field should have 5 speakers, voice box and an on/off switch. If anything is not working, please leave in low house 5 with a note on it. The 4 lower fields (5-8) are for Regular Trap, field 4 is for Doubles, field 3 is for Skap.

With the Winter Skeet League approaching, there will be a lot of activity, please work together so everyone can shoot.

Regards

Bob Hruskocy, *Trap Chairman*

HUNT COMMITTEE

Please let me start and say a thank you for all who have been involved so far this year with the pheasant and hunting program. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed and without your continued support we would not be where we are today.

This is such an exciting time of year. Temps are cooling, Leaves are changing, and daylight is getting shorter. This can only mean one thing. **Hunting Season is HERE!!!**

Please mark your calendars, as we ask that you purchase your 2022 badge prior to October 1st. September 30th, is the last day to complete work hours for the 2022 year. If you have not completed your work hour requirement, or paid your Raffle obligations, Please do so ASAP. Unfortunately if you fail to complete or pay for your outstanding obligations, it will result in the loss of your hunting privileges and your badge. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Happy hunting!

Before you hunt this year please make sure that you have all necessary permits and licensees for the game you are hunting. State tags, HIP permits, Federal Duck stamps. etc... Please remember to make sure you are aware of ALL property lines for club and leased property and if you have questions please reach out and ask. There are nearly 1000 acres of property between owned and leased.

Maps can be found on FB under files, at the bar or I can email you a digital copy if needed. I encourage members new and old to please review the clubs hunting rules as well as the state hunting rules and regulations for any new changes.

Sept 28, 29 and October 2nd once again we will be holding a hunter safety program for firearms. It is currently listed on the state Website and registration opened August 30th. We have a limited number of spots reserved for club members. If you are a member who needs the class please contact me and I will give you a specific registration code.

Here are a few important dates:

September 1 - Opening day of Early Goose and Small Game

September 15 - Opening Day of fall Archery-Deer

October 1 and November 5 - Youth Waterfowl Days

October 15 - Opening Day of Pheasant Season

November 16 - Opening Day of Private and Public Firearms Deer

I wish you all a safe and successful season.

Corey- Hunt Chair

THIS YEAR'S FAMILY PICNIC WAS A HUGE SUCCESS



The fish and corn are up



Club Members enjoying a great picnic.

I would like to thank everybody who came to the annual family picnic on Sunday August 21, 2022. We had the highest attendance in the last 20 years.

I would also like to thank all members and their family who helped on Saturday and Sunday to make the picnic happen. Without all your help I could never make the picnic go as smooth as it does. I would also like to give out a special thanks to Al and his wife Diane for stepping up last minute with music for the picnic. I hope everyone had a good time and we will see you next year.

Kevin Theriault, *Picnic Chairman*

FFF EVENTS

Fin Fur Feather

CHOWDER COOKOFF

TICKETS
\$10^{ea}

INTERESTED IN
BEING A
CONTESTANT?
SIGN UP AT THE BAR!



Saturday, October 8, 2021
4pm-7pm

RULES:

Each contestant provides 6 quarts of any kind of chowder to be dropped off in the Fin kitchen by 3:30pm (30 minutes prior to start of competition). Kitchen Crew will assign each pot a random number which will NOT be disclosed to contestants. Kitchen Crew will serve samples to tasters. Tasters will vote for their favorite chowder by paper ballot. Kitchen Crew will tally votes to determine the top 3 winners. FFF will provide fritters and slaw. Registration deadline is COB Tuesday, October 4th.

Clam Fritters • Corn on the Cob
Blind Competition

Drinks available for purchase at the bar

213 Chewink Rd. Chaplin, CT

SPORTSMAN SWAP MEET

The Club will be hosting a Swap/Tag sale on October 22, 2022, at 8:30. Table information you'll need to contact Huff at 860-428-0975. Items can be anything, from outdoor activity to your Great Grandmother's fishing pole. Last one was huge, contact Huff ASAP, tables went from inside to outside.

Painting
with
Vickie

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022
1-4pm^(ish)

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTION
WATER BASED ACRYLIC PAINTS
LOTS OF FUN!

Limited tickets available.

Purchase early

CHICKEN BBQ

The Club's Annual Flipping the Bird chicken BBQ saw a sale of 112 tickets, and after all expenses, there was a net profit of \$1,200. My Thanks to the members who assisted with this event, especially to the individuals who enjoyed the meal.



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