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Wishing You Peace and Good Tidings throughout this Holiday Season

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Members,

I hope that the holiday season finds you all well, and you are able to spend time with the ones you love.

I would to say thank you, and express how much I appreciate the opportunity to be your President for 2022/2023. We as members have a great club, with great facilities to enjoy. Over the course of the next year, I will continue to do my best for the club and its members. Please stop into the club and be involved over the next year. As I have said in a meeting before, you can be a member, but please be an involved member. Many events will take place over the next 12 months, and help is needed for all of them. Stop in, meet new people, and spend time with fellow members. It is what makes us THE FIN.

David Jones, President

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Members, just a reminder that in this coming year, our annual Spring Cleanup will be held on April 15th starting at 8 am. We need members to bring back pack blowers rakes, shovels and additional landscape equipment to remove winter's aftermath.

As always, work hours will be given. Let me know if you have small tractors with a loader, or a dump trailer so there isn't an overabundance of these items.

The reason the power lines have not been stocked is that Eversource has been working on them, replacing 4 wooden poles,. They are running behind schedule. Hopefully the project will be completed by the end of December. Thank you for your understanding in this activity.

Dick Palmer 860-933-4768.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 24	Annual fin Member Christmas Get Together. Starts at noon. Closes at 4 pm. Please bring a dish to share.			
January 3	Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.			
January 10	Membership meeting at 7 pm.			
January 28	Set Back, starts at 4 pm.			
February 7	Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.			
February 14	Membership meeting at 7 pm.			
March 7	Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.			
March 14	Membership meeting at 7 pm.			

Please check your emails as a lot of activities happen between the newsletters.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership categories are as follows:

- Regular: 375 - Associate: 364 - Life: 163 - Junior: 15

For the 2nd year in a row, the club added 123 members!

The 2023 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, 2023. 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.

Reminder: Non-completed work hrs are assessed at \$20.00, get in your hours by Sept 30th.

Regards

Bob Hruskocy, Membership Chairman

5-STAND

5- Stand for 2022 had a wonderful year, 7 shoots in total, 3 different course setups, 4 menu changes and a whole lot of participation. We saw some very good scores throughout the year, a handful of 24, numerous 23 and 22's. However, I must say on September 4th, the very last shooter in the very last squad walked into a perfect 25. The first I have seen in the years of running the 5 Stand program. So, if you see our Sporting Clays Chairman Matt Halloran, congratulate him on a good round of shooting. And yes, we shot his hat! Many members helped the program this year, staining, clean up after shoots, setup prior to shoots etc. I can't thank everyone enough for their support of the program and looking forward to opening back up in Spring of 2023. Below are some action photos.



Jim Hooper breaking a 5-stand target



Jorge Volpe breaking a 5-stand target

SKEET REPORT

We are two months into the ECSC Winter league with the Fin hosting 8 teams. Our newest team, the Young Guns, currently have only one loss. Good luck to all the teams as winter progresses.

Our inventory control/loss monthly reports have been up and down with a substantial loss for October. The situation is being closely monitored by the Executive Board as well as the Skeet Committee. Changes may be forth coming if these large losses continue. You need to pay for rounds shot before leaving the grounds, either through the bar(Tues, Fri, Sat, Sun) or putting the fee in the envelope container by the front bar door, fill out your information with fees and place it into the drop box. We want the membership to know that every target that is thrown and not paid for cost the Club .16 cents. A few different options are a card key payment system placed on every skeet field and trap, this card key needs to be pre-paid with the number of rounds program on it. After those numbers of targets are

thrown, the machines will shut down, until the card is reinserted again. Presently it's on your honor system to pay for your rounds; apparently this isn't working well, as to the losses, so please pay for your rounds.

The events for the 2023 season have not been scheduled as yet, there are possibilities of 3 shoots, and also the Zone 1 shoot may come back to the Fin as well. Please watch for emails and flyers.

To all Shooters, please take care of the equipment and report any damage of malfunctions to a Skeet committee member, any of the Club's Officers, or the bartender on duty. Please reload the skeet machine when finish shooting.

As always please wear eye and ear protection, and keep your gun pointing in a safe direction.

The Skeet Committee



2022 FFF CLUB SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2022 FFF Club Shotgun Championship was held September 17th. There were 70 shooters for the 125 target event. The club threw 8,175 clays over the course of the 5 hour shoot. Our members stepped up big to help run the event, from trapping, scoring, to cooking. The weather cooperated and it was an absolutely beautiful day to shoot the breeze with our friends. Shooters enjoyed 4 sporting clays stations, 5 Stand, Modern Skeet, Trap, and Skeet. At the end of the shoot while the scores were being tallied, shooters enjoyed a great steak lunch. The top 5 Shooters were as follows:

- 1 Spencer Shirshac 112 targets
- 2 JP Mucha 108 targets
- 3 Doug Vonasek 106 targets
- 4 Scott Shirshac 105 targets
- 5 Joel Hebert 104 targets
- Leah Mucha high score women 94 targets

Thank you to everyone that participated in the shoot. It was a great event, looking forward to seeing everyone in September of 2023 for the next one.

David Jones, 5 Stand Chairman



Mike and Mike Sobol's, and Jim Davidson at the 5-Stand portion of the shoot.



Morning of the 2022 Club's Annual Shotgun Championship. Couldn't have asked for a better weather day, (scores, let's leave it at that, it was fun).



Station Nine skeet team, enjoying the Modern Skeet portion, Dick, Shawn, Matt, Dave, Steve, & Tom.



Off the Hip Skeet Team, enjoying Sporting Clays portion, Clayton, Jorge, Mark, & Mitch.

SPORTING CLAYS

With the 2023 season approaching, these following dates are inked for Sporting shoots. Saturday, May 13th, will be a set up date. We'll need members to help in set up the machines. These shoots are open to all members, and to the public.

Registration starts at 8:30 and goes through 11:30, shooting starts at 9 am.

- Sunday, May 21st
- Sunday, June 11th
- Sunday, July 23rd
- Sunday, August 13th
- Saturday, Sept 9th the Ducks Unlimited Shoot.
- Sunday, Sept 10th the Clubs final Sporting Clays Shoot.

TRAP

There will be a Registered Trap Shoot on May 13th, help will be needed with scoring and loading the machines. Fields 5 thru 8 are set for regular trap shooting. Field 4 is set for Doubles. Field 3 is set for Skap.

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. Please take every precaution to eliminate wasting targets. Do not talk while on the line while using the Voice Release System. (Canterbury).

Regards

Bob Hruskocy, Trap Chairman





PAINTING WITH VICKIE

Club's 2nd painting session with Vickie shows a lot of good talent by the individuals attending. Thank you Vickie.

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