



ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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Cook Your Own
**STEAK
NIGHT**



Summer is
Heating Up
at the

Fir



2023
**Family
Picnic**



HOUSE & GROUNDS

The Club held its annual cleanup day on the 22nd of April. We had a total of 43 members assisting in this clean up. A Huge Shout Out to those members as the Club grounds look fantastic. Thank you again. Dick Palmer



LOG SPLITTING WORK PARTY

Members, we'll have a log splitting work party the morning of July 8th at 8:30am. We need members who have a log splitter to bring them, as we need to cut, split and stack firewood for the coming heating season. We will meet at the metal wood shed which needs to be filled with wood. Work hours will be given and how soon this task can be completed will be determined by how many members help out. So please come down and help this work party, bring your chainsaws, and log splitters.

Please do not take the logs next to the telephone poles and woodshed. There are a lot of fallen trees, up on the power lines and through the 3-D course, that are available to take.

Please contact Dick Palmer 860-933-4768 for information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 8	Work Party to cut, split and stack wood in shed for the upcoming heating season. Saws and splitters are needed. 8:30 am.
July 9	Memorial shoot honoring Jim Davidson for all his work in the Club shotgun sports.
July 22	Steak Night. Watch for emails, ticket purchases is a must, you can either cook your own or have it done for you.
July 29	Sporting Clays Shoot. Registration starts at 8:30 am until 11:30 am. Shooting starts at 9 am. Open to the public.
July 29 July 30	Civil War group is here. Pistol/rifle ranges and Skeet Fields 1 & 2 are closed from 9 am until 4:30 pm.
July 29	Set Back evening. 4 pm.
August 6	Sporting Clays Shoot. Registration starts at 8:30 am until 11:30 am. Shooting starts at 9 am. Open to the public.
August 11 thru August 13	Register Skeet Shoot Zone 1 will be here. All Skeet/Trap Fields will be close until completed for the day. Closure Times: - Friday, Aug 11 – Noon till 5 pm. - Saturday, Aug 12 – 9 am until 5 pm. - Sunday, Aug 13 – 9 am until 4 pm.
August 20	Annual Family Picnic. Starts at Noon.
September 9	Ducks Unlimited Sporting Clays Shoot. We need additional helpers as this is a huge shoot for them and the Fin. Starts at 9 am and runs until about 1:30 pm. Anyone can shoot this event.
September 10	Last Sporting Clays Shoot of the year. Registration starts at 8:30 am until 11:30 am. Shooting starts at 9 am. Open to the public.
September 12	Membership Meeting. Officers/Board Members nominations. This is the only night for nominations.
September 16	Annual Chicken BBQ. Tickets at the bar. Great BBQ.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 NOMINATIONS

This is the Regular Meeting night, starting at 7 pm, when nominations are only accepted for Officers and Executive Board for the upcoming year. Nominations can be made for any position. That nominated member must be present, and must accept that nomination. Please refer to the By-Laws on requirements for said positions.

This is the only night that nominations are presented. October 10th at 7 pm is the Annual Election and meeting. **Regular/Life Members voting MUST have their Membership card to secure a ballot.**

MEMBERSHIP

The club has added 77 new members to date. The breakdown of members is as follows:

- Regular - 362
- Associate - 347
- Junior - 15
- Life - 163

Reminder that the work hour fee is now \$20.00/hr, work hours must be completed by Sept 30th. DO NOT wait until last minute to get your hrs in.

We need more members to step up and help with functions/events. Please get involved with your club!

Bob Hruskocy, *Membership Chairman*

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENTS

This will be the last newsletter for running your advertisement. Anyone wishing to advertise their business can do so, business card size, for 7 newsletters cost just \$50.00.

Contact Dick Palmer for information 860-933-4768.



NSSA

The 5th Connecticut Volunteers, Civil War group will hold their weekend shooting activity here at the Club on July 29th and 30th on the rifle range.

With that being said, **the Rifle and Pistol ranges will be close from 9 am through about 4:30 pm each day, and we need to close skeet fields 1 & 2, due to the shotgun pellets falling on the rifle range.** Their scrimmage line is at the 100 yds yard line, to the 200 yd line.

It's open to the public to watch. Eye and ear protection required.



MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The Club restarted the Member of The Year award to honor the member who has done so much for the Club throughout the year.

This year's nomination went to Jim Hooper. Thank you, Jim. Pictured below is President Jones presenting Jim this honor.



SPORTING CLAYS

Members, our next shoots are June 11th, July 23rd, and Aug 6th, and Sept 10th.



Ducks Unlimited has their Annual Sporting Clays Shoot here on Saturday, September 9th at 9 am. Our Club has been

hosting this event for over 10 years, this is their big fundraiser. We need additional trappers on this day and the next, September 10th, as it involves 100 targets, and an additional 5 stations.

Trappers are always needed, hours start at 8 am and usually finish about 1:30 pm. Easy work hours, sitting on a trap stand manually cocking the trap and pushing buttons on the remote control, there's a free lunch served after the shoot.

If you can work these events, you must contact Matt Halloran 860-428-1818.

TRAP

I would like to thank all the members who stepped up to help with the Trap Shoot on May 13th. There were 50 shooters who attended. Most ever for a Registered Shoot at the Fin! A lot of compliments on our facility, over 10,500 targets were thrown. After all expenses were paid, the club made \$1,544.

Just a reminder of the layout for the Trap fields; **Field 3 is setup for "Skap", Field 4 is set for Trap Doubles, Field 5-8 is setup for Regular Trap.**

Please do not change the height of the targets. When done shooting, please put the equipment into the low house on each field, this way all the equipment will not end up in one house. If there are any issues with any of the equipment, please put a note on it and leave in field 5, low house. **DO NOT leave the machines empty, please fill after use.**

The Trap Summer League is going well. There are 20 people that are shooting. Scores are improving as the Summer goes on! Congrats to Al Letendre on shooting his first 25 straight! Now he has a hat with a lot of holes in it!

Regards.

Bob Hruskocy, *Trap Chairman*

SKEET REPORT

The Eastern CT Skeet League is over and here are the final results for the Fin.

Div 1 - 2nd Place: **Irish Birds**

Div 2 - 2nd Place: **Terminators**

Div 4 - 2nd Place: **Off The Hip**

Div 6 - 1st Place: **Young Guns**

Individual Honors from the Fin Teams

- **Josh St. Lawrence**, Josh was tied for the League High Gun Runner Up.
- **Doug Vonasek**, Doug finishes High Gun in Division 2.
- **Brandon Jones**, Brandon finishes High Gun Runner Up in Division 6.
- **Noah Curtis-Gray**, Norah was High Youth Gun in Division 6.
- **John Mathewson** was the Spring League Shoot Champion.

Upcoming shooting Events

Zone 1 shoot is here for August 11th, 12th, & 13th. Please note, Rifle & Pistol ranges will be closed while this shoot is operating.

Larry Shewokis Memorial Shoot is tentatively scheduled for October 14th.

The June 4th **Fin Open** was held and although it wasn't heavily attended, it was a successful shoot. We had an excellent showing of support for on-field labor, administration, and field kitchen. Thanks to all the members that helped.

We are still experiencing issues with day-to-day operations of the skeet/trap fields. These include excessive target usage, non-payment, and improper payments. Payment for round/rounds shot must be paid for before leaving the club grounds via drop box or over the bar, if open. Payment envelopes must be filled out properly i.e., name members number, field use, the date, number of rounds and amount.

This is an HONOR SYSTEM, so please make prompt and proper payments.



KIDS FISHING DERBY



The Kids Fishing Derby had a huge turn out on Sunday, May 7th. There were 91 kids signed up for this Derby.



PAINTING

Vickie's painting class went over really well.



SET BACK

The next Set Back game is scheduled for July 29th at 4 pm. Contact John Homly with any questions.

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