



ROD & GUN GAZETTE

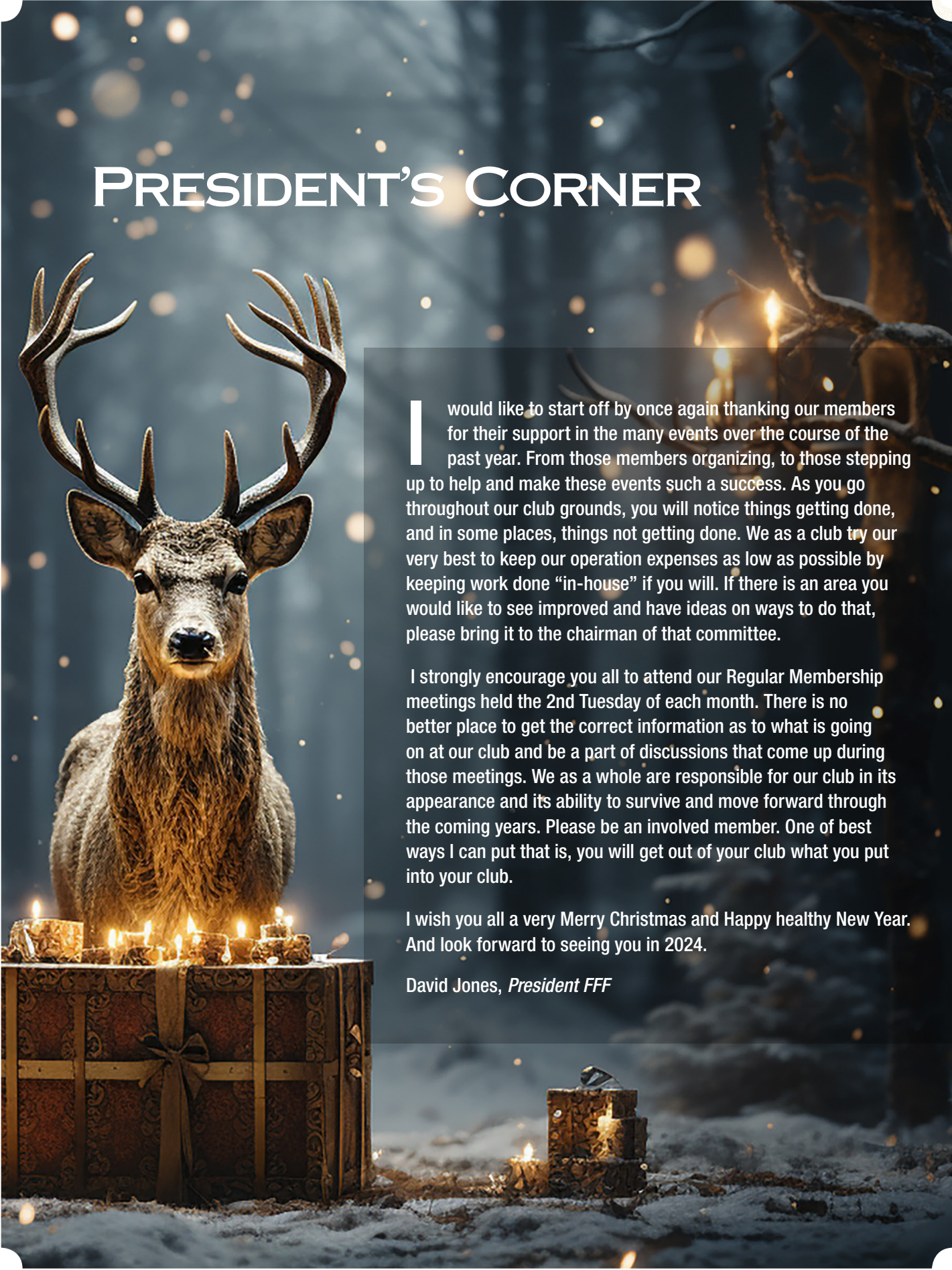
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WISHING YOU GOOD TIDINGS
AND A BOUNTIFUL SEASON.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS
THE FIN FUR AND FEATHER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I would like to start off by once again thanking our members for their support in the many events over the course of the past year. From those members organizing, to those stepping up to help and make these events such a success. As you go throughout our club grounds, you will notice things getting done, and in some places, things not getting done. We as a club try our very best to keep our operation expenses as low as possible by keeping work done “in-house” if you will. If there is an area you would like to see improved and have ideas on ways to do that, please bring it to the chairman of that committee.

I strongly encourage you all to attend our Regular Membership meetings held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. There is no better place to get the correct information as to what is going on at our club and be a part of discussions that come up during those meetings. We as a whole are responsible for our club in its appearance and its ability to survive and move forward through the coming years. Please be an involved member. One of best ways I can put that is, you will get out of your club what you put into your club.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy healthy New Year. And look forward to seeing you in 2024.

David Jones, *President FFF*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 24th	Club's Annual Christmas gathering. Starts at 1 to 5 pm. Potluck meal.
Jan 2nd	Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm
Jan 9th	Membership meeting at 7 pm.
Feb. 6th	Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm
Feb 13th	Membership meeting at 7 pm.
Mar 5th	Executive meeting at 6:30 pm
Mar 12th	Membership meeting at 7 pm.
March 16th	St. Patty's Day Dinner. Watch for e-mail's on exact date/time and tickets.

Please make sure your email address is current with the Membership Chairperson.

LITTER

It has caught the attention of numerous members over the past few months of litter on our club grounds. In the parking lot, at the ranges, skeet fields etc. Please be mindful and discard your trash. Before you leave a range or a field, look and see if anything is being left behind. Toss your empty coffee cup, your cardboard, pick up your hulls and your brass. The appearance of our club is our responsibility, we do not have a cleaning crew. Bring out what you bring in and leave the area you used better than you found it. If you see something, pick it up and toss it. We are fortunate to have one of the premier shooting clubs in the state, and we should be treating it that way.



ELECTIONS

Club Elections were held on October 10th, with the following results.

Club Officers:

President – David Jones,
Vice President – Dick Palmer
Secretary – Kevin Theriault
Treasurer – Tom Hoagland

Executive Board Members:

- Wayne Mather - Jon Mosely
- Matt Halloran - Steve Alexson
- Glen Heinonen - Jarrett Meacham
- Troy Quick

Alternates:

- Shawn Covell - Corey Curtis-Gray

MEMBERSHIP

The membership categories are as follows:

- Regular: 352
- Associate: 351
- Life: 168
- Junior: 14

There were 91 new members in 2023.

The 2024 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*

2023 CLUB SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Club's Shogun Championship was held on September 24th with 50 shooters in attendance, all ready to shoot 125 targets, 25 each in Sporting Clays, Skeet, Modern Skeet, Trap, and 5-Stand. As the shooting began, the rain gods opened the gates. 19 members helped put this event on. Overall, 6,250 clay targets were thrown.

After all that was said and done, these were the Top 5 Shooters:

- 1st place:** Joel [redacted]t
- 2nd place:** Spencer Shirhac
- 3rd place:** Jim Bulter
- 4th place:** Leah Mucha
- 5th place:** Scott Shirhac



1st place buckle



Was that a hit or miss?





My feet are wet.



*"See Roger, something is better than nothing".
"So isn't going over Niagara Falls in a barrel, Charlie."*



See, the sun will shine tomorrow.

CHOWDER COOK OFF

Winners were

1st Place: Dave Larsen,

2nd Place: Cindy Dalterio

3rd Place: Brianna Stevenson

Lots of chowder and fun times.
Thank you to all who attended.



SKEET REPORT

It's getting colder and it's quiet on the Skeet front. The ECSC winter skeet league is progressing. The Club's 8 teams are representing the Fin well, and numerous first time 25 straight shooters getting their hats shot, Noah Curtis-Gray, Clayton Coogan, and Pat Lefemine.

As always, please remember to pay for your rounds before leaving the grounds. Our inventory loss control program are closely monitoring the targets. Every target that isn't paid for cost the Club \$.16 ea, this is especially true on shooting targets repeatedly, until you break them, that's above the 25 targets you pay for, so please remember those extra targets.

If there are any machine malfunctions, report them to the Chairperson, look at the back of your newsletter for their phone number.

Safety is our biggest concern on all the ranges, Eye and Ear protection must be worn, all guns must be open until ready to shoot, and always keep the muzzle pointing down range.

Make sure your e-mail address is correct as there are a lot of notices, information going out about work parties, events, meetings.

Thank you.

The Skeet Committee

TRAP

There will be a Registered Trap Shoot on May 11th, 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).

PLEASE fill up the machine after each use, all too often, the machines are left empty.

Regards

Bob Hruskocy, *Trap Chairman*

BAR

One of the events that has done very well raising money for the club, and specifically for the children's fund, has been the guest bartender. This event held a handful of times over the past year, bartended by some of our skeet team members has raised over \$1000 for the kid's fund. This event put together by our bar manager Erin Jones has been quite the success, and with the help of our kitchen Chairman Steve Alexson and the crew of "Hang Belly Hitters" and many other members has produced a lot of fun, a lot of good food and nickname, isn't that right "nugget". There are more guest bartender nights being planned for 2024, we hope to see you there.





KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec 9th was the Club's annual Christmas Party for the members Kids. There was a huge turnout, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and the elves were on hands to ensure the kids enjoyed the activities.



Glenn M. Heinonen

WWII Historian

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Helmets, Weapons, Equipment, Souvenirs, Etc.
From WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam.



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