



# ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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# PHEASANTS

*Are Coming*

**The FIN Needs Your Help!**

See what you can do on page 5.



# PRESIDENTS CORNER

Members, the weather is finally cooperating! Our club is such a wonderful place to be. Now that sporting clays, 5 Stand, Registered Trap and Registered Skeet events have begun you can see all the fun the Fin has to offer. As well as the amazing shooters that are a part of our club.

The pistol and rifle ranges have been busy as well. The spring fish stockings went well; the Kids Derby and Shea Derby were a lot of fun too. I appreciate everyone of our members for being involved, stepping up to help at these events. Without involved dedicated members we cannot possibly put on these shoots and maintain our club and grounds.

Mowing has begun, which is a huge undertaking for the members that do that, it's almost a daily job. I cannot thank them enough. As always, I encourage all members to attend our monthly meetings. There is no better way to get the correct information as to what is going on at your club than to be there and be involved. Ask questions, speak to BOD members, and chairpersons. Enjoy all your club has to offer, be apart from being a member not a user of our facilities.

David Jones, *President FFF*

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## HOUSE AND GROUNDS

Well, our Spring Clean Up didn't go as planned, thanks to Mother Nature. With the warm weather and rain, everything is green. With that being said, the weekly mowings will be either Tuesday or Thursday early mornings around the Skeet and Trap fields, of course depending on the weather. So please have the patience while your field is being mowed.

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## DAVIDSON OPEN

The 3rd Annual Jim Davidson Shotgun Open will be held July 12th. \$50 per shooting includes 100 targets (25 Sporting, 25 5 Stand, 25 Modern Skeet, 25 Skap) if paid by June 29th lunch and a t-shirt will be included in your registration. Signups for shooting will be taken until 8:30am the morning of the shoot. Awards will be given for 1, 2, 3rd place overall, High gun Women, and High gun SxS. The squad board is posted in the bar. It takes roughly 16 members to run the event, anyone in need of work hours please contact me.

David Jones, *5 Stand Chairman*

## MAN OF THE YEAR

At the regular meeting on May 13th, President Jones on the left presented The Man of The Year award to Jon Moseley. Well done Jon.



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## RAFFLE WINNERS

**1st place prize** went to Ivan Gonzalez

**2nd place prize** went to Eric Meloche, member

**3rd place prize** went to Greg Biggins, member

**4th place prize** went to Bill Dixon, member

**5th place prize** went to Mel Chebro, wife of member

Thank you to all

# UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>June 22</b>	<b>Sporting Clays Shoot</b> registration starts at 8:30 am until 11:30 am. If you can help this day, contact Matt Halloran 860-428-1818
<b>July 1</b>	<b>Executive Board meeting</b> at 6:30 pm.
<b>July 8</b>	<b>Membership meeting</b> at 7 pm.
<b>July 12</b>	<b>Jim Davidson Memorial Shoot</b> 100 targets, sign up at the bar, meal. Included, 4-25 target events. Help is needed, contact President Jones.
<b>July 20</b>	<b>Sporting Clays Shoot</b> registration starts at 8:30 am until 11:30 am. If you can help trap, contact Matt Halloran 860-428-1818
<b>Aug 5</b>	<b>Executive Board</b> meeting at 6:30 pm
<b>Aug 10</b>	<b>Sporting Clays Shoot</b> registration starts at 8:30 am until 11:30 am. If you can help trap, contact Matt Halloran 860-428-1818
<b>Aug 12</b>	<b>Membership meeting</b> at 7 pm.
<b>Aug 17</b>	<b>Fin's Annual Family Picnic</b> starts at noon, fun for everyone
<b>Sept 2</b>	<b>Executive Board Meeting</b> at 6:30 pm.
<b>Sept 6</b>	<b>Ducks Unlimited Sporting Clays Shoot</b> 9 am. The Fin needs Lots of help, one of the few last chances for work hours. Contact Matt Halloran 860-428-1818
<b>Sept 7</b>	<b>Sporting Clays Shoot</b> last one for the year, registration starts at 8:30 am, until 11:30 am. We need members to help picking up. All the traps after the shoot, contact Matt Halloran 860-428-1818
<b>Sept 9</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b> at 7 pm. This night is for nominations for your Executive Board members and Officers
<b>Sept 13</b>	<b>Annual Chicken BBQ</b> watch emails and notices.
<b>Sept 14</b>	<b>Registered Trap Shoot</b>
<b>Sept 20</b>	<b>Club's Annual Shotgun Championship</b> 125 targets, watch for the sign up



## MEMBERSHIP

The club has added 78 new members to date compared to 93 at this time last year.

**The breakdown of members is as follows:**

- Regular: 364
- Associate: 377
- Junior: 14
- Life: 165

Work hours must be completed by Sept 30th.  
**DO NOT** wait until last minute to get your hours in.  
There might not be any opportunities to do so.

If your email address has changed, please send me that information.

If you want to join the club's Facebook page, please contact President Jones for access.

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

Regards

Bob Hruskocy, *Membership Chairman*

## MEMBERSHIP CAP

Members

After due notice per FFF Club by-laws was sent, on May 13th the members present at the regular membership meeting passed a motion approved by the board of directors to cap the membership at 400 regular, 400 associate members.

Significant discussion was had on the topic. Details on the process were discussed at the meeting. Reminder payment of obligations due January 31st every year.

David Jones, *President FFF Club*



# TRAP

The club held a Registered Trap shoot on May 10th, although the weather was not the greatest, there were 49 shooters that attended. I would like to thank all the members that helped with the shoot, without your help, the shoot could not have been possible. I would especially like to thank Pat McGill for running the work crew. Helped make the shoot run smoothly. After all expense were paid, the club made \$1447.00.

There will be another Registered Shoot on Sept 14th, help will be needed. Emails will be sent as time approaches. I would like to thank Huff & Frank Decker for donating towards the shoot. If anyone wishes to donate prize money for the shoot, please let me know. The bigger the payouts equal more shooters!

Also, there a few items needed if anyone could donate. I am looking for at least a 48" or bigger flat screen tv to use as a rolling scoreboard during the shoot. Just using as a monitor, so does not have to be in pristine condition.

We will be painting the trap houses sometimes this summer, if anyone can get a discount on paint, let me know. Also, looking to get several 4-inch square gun rests made, preferably rubber. Let me know if you have the material.

Regards

Bob Hruskocy, *Trap Chairman*

# 5 STAND

The first shoot for 5 Stand was held on Memorial Day 2025. It was well attended; 65 rounds were shot. During the shoot, member Tom Lataille cooked burgers and dogs. Tom is always stepping up for the holiday shoots to provide some delicious food. Can't thank him enough for his efforts.

Coming up soon, a shoot is planned for June 29th, July 4th and the Davidson Shotgun open is July 12th. Any member interested in getting involved in working/running 5 stand please contact me directly. Any member interested in shooting 5 stand for the first time, please stop down to a shoot, talk to members. It is a humbling game to play, but about the most fun you can have on a clay field. David Jones, 5 Stand Chairman Davidson Shoot

David Jones, *5 Stand Chairman*

# SPORTING CLAYS

The sporting clay season is in full swing. 46 members have participated in the success of the program so far this year contributing 135 hours collectively. Sporting clays runs on member work hours. The first shoot was a great success with record participation. After target expenses the club profited \$2,469. This was a group effort. Thanks to the workers and the trappers.

## For the Shooters:

The price of the shoot is \$20 for 50 targets and is open to both members and non members, so bring your friends and show off your club. There is no need for advanced registration you sign up on the day of the shoots all of which start at 9 AM. Expect a wide variety of targets designed to simulate hunting, rabbits, squirrels, and birds of all kinds.

## For the Workers:

I need about fifteen members to run each shoot. We start at 8 AM and finish up early in the afternoon, usually around 1 PM at which point I buy you lunch. Work hours are required for all members and sporting clays is probably the easiest and most fun way to get your hours in. No experience is required and for the most part all you have to do is push a button and or pull a lever, plus you get to watch all of the shooters. Virtually all of the people that work sporting clays eventually become shooters themselves.

So, break out your calendar and plan your shooting and your work hours. You must email or text me to get on the work list for each date. Sign up early, now is ok.

Matt Halloran  
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## Shoot dates

<b>June 22</b>	50 target shoot
<b>July 27</b>	50 target shoot
<b>August 10</b>	50 target shoot
<b>September 6</b>	100 target shoot Ducks Unlimited - register with DU
<b>September 7</b>	100 target Fin shoot - open to all shooters



# SKEET REPORT

The 2024-2025 Eastern CT Skeet Club Winter League is now history. The Fin Fur and Feather Club had fielded 9 teams. However, only 2 teams placed in their respective divisions. In Division 1 the "Irish Birds" finished in 2nd place and in Division 4 "Off the Hip" also finished in 2nd place.

The highlights of the season for the Fin was 2 of our shooters were honored for individual achievements. Leah Mucha shooting for the "Young Guns" team was the ladies high average champ with a fine 46.400 average. Kyle Hooper shooting for the "Irish Birds" was the Winter League high average champ with a 49.615 average. Kyle kitted an amazing 643 targets out of a possible 650 targets. Congratulations to both shooters who performed with excellence in the challenging winter conditions. Good luck to all in the 2025-26 season.

On a cold, windy June 1st, the FFF hosted a 2 gun NSSA Registered Skeet Shoot and the post shoot cleanup. Thanks to all of the member's support. With a total of 80 entries, ending with a profit of \$1,446.00. This shoot was a success due to Jarrett Meacham and Todd Quackenbush who organized, administered and ran it the aspects of the shoot!

The FFF Skeet Committee wishes to thank all FFF members that provided the necessary labor and support for the prep, on field help, kitchen help. Please be reminded to obey all shooting rules when using the skeet/trap facilities. Please maintain safe gun handling at all times and take care of the skeet/trap machines and equipment. Also, pay for your rounds promptly. Again, thank you for all.

## June 1st 2025 Fin Open 12/20 2 Gun Shoot

### 12 Gauge

Chris Knight - A1, TS11 97/100  
Brandon Jones - B1, TS3 97/100  
Todd Quackenbush - A2, SUCH 96/100  
David Jones - C2, 96/100

### 20 Gauge

Kyle Hooper - B1, TS11 96/100  
Chris Knight - B2 94/100  
David Jones - C1 94/100 HOA

### Top 3 Fin Shooters

Chris Knight - 191/200  
Todd Quackenbush - 191/200  
David Jones - 190/200 B1

# PHEASANT REPORT

First off, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the members that helped put up the new pheasant nets and posts this year. We could not have done it without you!

Secondly, and most important, the pheasants have been ordered and are scheduled for delivery the first week of July. Help will be needed on the morning of delivery to unload the truck. Previous years, we have started at 7am and, depending on participation, have been done within an hour or so. Please watch for updates as the delivery date gets closer.

Lastly, It's that time of year again for me to ask the members to step up and feed our pheasants! We will need feeders from July to December. It's an excellent way to get your work hours in and see what you'll be hunting for come October! Anyone who would like to feed can sign up on the calendar on the left side of the bar. As always if there are any questions or you would like to know how to feed please contact me.

Also, if you are interested in or in need of some old netting or any grain left in the silo for your poultry friends at home, we still have some available to members. Feel free to contact me for information.

Remember with the help and support from our members this pheasant program will continue for years to come. Let's have another great year and I will see you in the pheasant pens!

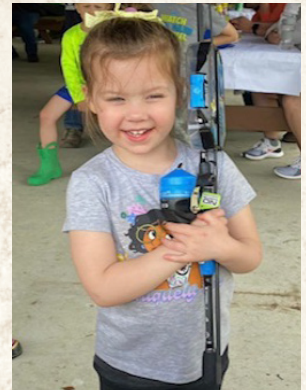
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# KIDS FISHING DERBY

May 4th was the Club's Kids Fishing Derby, 72 kids had a fantastic time trying for the big one, hamburger and hot dogs for all, and prizes.



## JOHN SHEA ANNUAL FISHING DERBY



*Vanessa Zambo with the winner*



*Andy with what looks like the runner up.*

## RECENT PAINTING EVENT HOSTED BY VICKIE

Featured painting your pet foot prints





# 2025 FAMILY PICNIC

This year's Annual Family Picnic is on August 17th from 12:00 to 5:00 PM. There will be a work party on Saturday August 16th starting at 8:00 AM to prep for the picnic. It takes about 2 to 3 hours to set up on Saturday. A lot of help is needed to make this event happen. We also need a lot of members on Sunday starting at 9:00 am to work the picnic. It is a fun and easy way to get your work hours in for the year.

This year I am looking for someone who can play some music during the picnic under the pavilion. I am not looking for a band or DJ some just light music. If there are a few members who would like to come up with some ideas on games for the kids and run them please let me know.

Anyone interested in donating items for the raffle can email me to let me know. I will be sending out emails and Facebook posts when the time gets closer to remind everyone.

If you have never been to a Family Picnic you don't know what you're missing. It's a great time and there's lots of food, hamburgers, hot dogs, kielbasa, corn on the cob, cherry stones, clam chowder, pulled pork, drinks and a beer trailer. The Ice Cream Sundae Bar will be back

**21 and up – \$20.00**

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**7 and under – FREE**

Kevin Theriault, *Family Picnic Chairman*  
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