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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Members, well friends this is my last Presidents Corner message for my term. The past 3 years have flown by, and I thank you for the opportunity to lead our club. I cannot say it has been easy, but with the help of the members involved, and excellent board of directors, I think we have all continued to move our club forward in a positive direction.

I would like to thank the club officers, board members and chairpersons that dedicate so much time to our club to keep our programs going. And thank you to members that have attended work parties and special functions to lend a hand.

Going forward I continue to urge our members to become involved and stay involved. We do our best to perform work parties, make repairs and updates using the skills

and assets within our club. If you see a work party, or an email for help with something please reach out. Every time we can save some money on labor or a skilled job is a chance for us to use that saved funding for other upgrades or equipment purchases.

One of the best pieces of advice I was given many years ago from a long-time member was "Every time you come to the club, leave it better than you found it". Meaning, if you see something on the ground, pick it up. If you see an issue, bring it to the attention of an officer, director or chairperson. Or, if possible, fix it yourself. This is a simple way of improving our club on a weekly basis. Stay safe and happy hunting!

David Jones, *President FFF*

ANNUAL ELECTIONS AND REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2025

The Club's Annual Elections will take place during its regular meeting on Oct. 14th, which starts at 7 pm. Only Regular and Life members are eligible to vote, please have your membership cards available to receive a ballot. During the September Membership meeting, the following nominated members placed on the ballot for either the Executive Club Officers, or Executive Board members, by the nominating committee are:

President – Jarrett Meacham
Vice President – David Jones
Secretary – Kevin Theriault
Treasurer – Robert Brooks

Executive Board consists of seven (7) members with two (2) alternatives.

Executive Board – Placed on the ballot by the Nominating Committee are:

Dick Palmer, Matt Halloran, Jon Moseley, Wayne Landon, Steve Alexson, Andy Dowl, and Jeff Lepak.

Unfortunately, there wasn't any nominations from the floor for the two remaining positions. We'll follow the By-Laws in trying to fill those two alternate Executive Board Members.

VOTE

ANNUAL ELECTIONS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 14	Register Trap Shoot Contact Bob Hruskocy.
Sept 14	Annual Club's Shotgun Championship Check the sign up.
Sept 21	Sportsman Swap Meet/Tag Sale 8 am - 12 pm, See Huff for table details.
Sept 27	Larry Shewokis Memorial Shoot See Huff for details.
Oct 5	ECSC Winter League begins.
Oct 7	Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.
Oct 14	Membership meeting at 7 pm. Annual Elections Regular and Life Members voting only.
Oct 18	Opening Day of Hunting "A" Group Stocking
Nov 4	Executive Board Meeting at 6:30 pm.
Nov 11	Membership meeting at 7 pm.
Dec 2	Executive Board Meeting at 6:30 pm.
Dec 9	Membership meeting at 7 pm.



MEMBERSHIP

So far to date the club has added 102 members. The club's membership categories are as follows: Regular 377; Associate 387; Junior 14; and Life 164. 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 2026 invoices in mid-November. If there are any discrepancies, please let me know.

Regards,

Bob Hruskocy, *Membership Chairman*

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Eversource sub-contractor came in and took down two dead trees that were very close to our primary power source.

Please remember that our trash dumpster is for our Club usage only, not for individuals bringing their home trash to deposit in. When our dumpster is emptied on Friday and it's full on Monday, the trash isn't just the Club's.

TRAP

I want to thank all those that have helped throughout the year with Trap. I also 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 6 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.

Please fill up the machines when done shooting, it is very frustrating when the machines are left empty for the next person.

In colder weather, the machines need to be warmed up a little more before shooting.

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*

SHOTGUN SPORTS

The Skeet Committee would like to thank all the Fin members that performed maintenance, worked events and participated in the work details for the Skeet program this year. Thanks to your loyal support our skeet program was a success. We would also like to thank our bartenders for maintaining and processing all the skeet payments and receipts.

The Eastern CT Skeet Club Winter league is due to start on October 5th and run into April 2026. The Fin currently has 9 teams entered, good luck to them all. The Skeet fields will be busy Saturday and Sundays for practice and match shooting, please be aware. The skeet league schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the bar, and it's on the ECSC website.

The Skeet inventory/payment/loss control was doing fine for most of the year, but in July and August the Club has lost a very significant amount from members not paying for their rounds (25 targets), and additional targets thrown. Every target thrown costs the Club \$.15 each. Please pay either through the drop box located on the bar supply entrance door, or inside when the bar is open. The Club has lost over \$600 dollars during these two (2) months. The Club can't continue in this direction without extreme restrictions considered.

The Skeet Committee

5 STAND

The 2025 season of 5 Stand had 6 shoots, with around 400 rounds shot, which is roughly 10k clays thrown. It was also very nice to see some new shooters to the game this year, there seemed to be many more than last year. Please don't be intimidated by the game, to me it's about as much fun as you can have in clay shooting sports. Come down when it's open and try it out. There is always someone willing to guide a new shooter through the process and help out. Repairs were made to our shooting boxes, the newest trap was implemented at the past 2 shoots giving shooters another clay to figure out. No 25's were recorded this year, but there were still a lot of good numbers put up with a few 24's and many 23's out there. Thank you to the members that stepped up to help at the shoots and help with repairs and field maintenance. There are no more shoots planned for this season, we will be opening back up in the spring next year.

David Jones, *5 Stand Chairman*

PHEASANTS

It is the best part of the year! Hunting season is upon us and the pheasants are just about ready. The club has had another great growing season with the pheasants, and we again should have approximately 2000 birds for our stocking program. I would like to thank everyone that has participated in the program this year. Special shout out to the members that helped replace the nets and posts, feeding, catching and stocking the birds. Without all of you the pheasant program would not exist! As with every hunting season, please be safe out there. Be mindful and kind to your fellow hunters. And most importantly be safe with your furry buddies! Hope to see everyone in the fields and the pens.

Jonathan Moseley, *Pheasant Chairperson*

JIM DAVIDSON MEMORIAL SHOOT

The 3rd Annual Jim Davidson Shoot was attended by 53 shooters shooting 100 targets, 25 each in Sporting Clays, 5-Stand, Modern skeet and Skat. After all the shouting and laughing the following results were totaled. High gun was Alex Vierra with an 88, Scott Shirshac with an 81, and Roger Phillips with a 77. Nancy Davidson was high gun for the women with a 60, and a special class for shooters using a side x side shotgun with a 62 by Jon Paul Mucha. There were 20 members working this event, and without them this event wouldn't have been possible.



3rd Annual Jim Davidson Shotgun Open
July 12th
 Check in time 8:30-9:00am
 @ Connie's Place
 9am drawing for Shotgun Start
 \$50 includes Shooting, lunch, Soda, water, + shirt
 T Shirt included if signed up by June
 Sign up with nr shirt until 8:30 day of shoot
 Prizes for Top overall high #1 high side by side
 #1 high side by side
 Special side by side Class

Squad	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Squad#1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Squad#2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Squad#3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Squad#4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Squad#5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Squad#6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Squad#7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Squad#8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Squad#9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Squad#10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Squad#11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Squad#12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Targets!

Bruce and Dick serving up some tasty fish.



Michelle with a couple of visiting crustaceans from Maine.



Horseshoe tournament going on.



FAMILY PICNIC 2025

I would like to thank everybody who came to the annual family picnic this year. We had great weather with great food, drinks and a great time with family and friends. I would like to thank the members who donated items for the raffle and I would like to thank all the members who helped out to make the picnic a great success. Over the two days we had 60+ different members working to make this event happen. I am looking forward to next year's picnic on Sunday, August 16, 2026.

Thank you

Kevin Theriault

STEAK NIGHT

July 19th saw a Cook Your Own Steak evening, your choice of steak, which you cook it to your desire, bake potatoes, vegetables, desserts, and fixings.



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