



ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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Set Your Sites This Summer On The Fin!

Trap

Sporting Clays

Archery

Fishing

Family Picnic

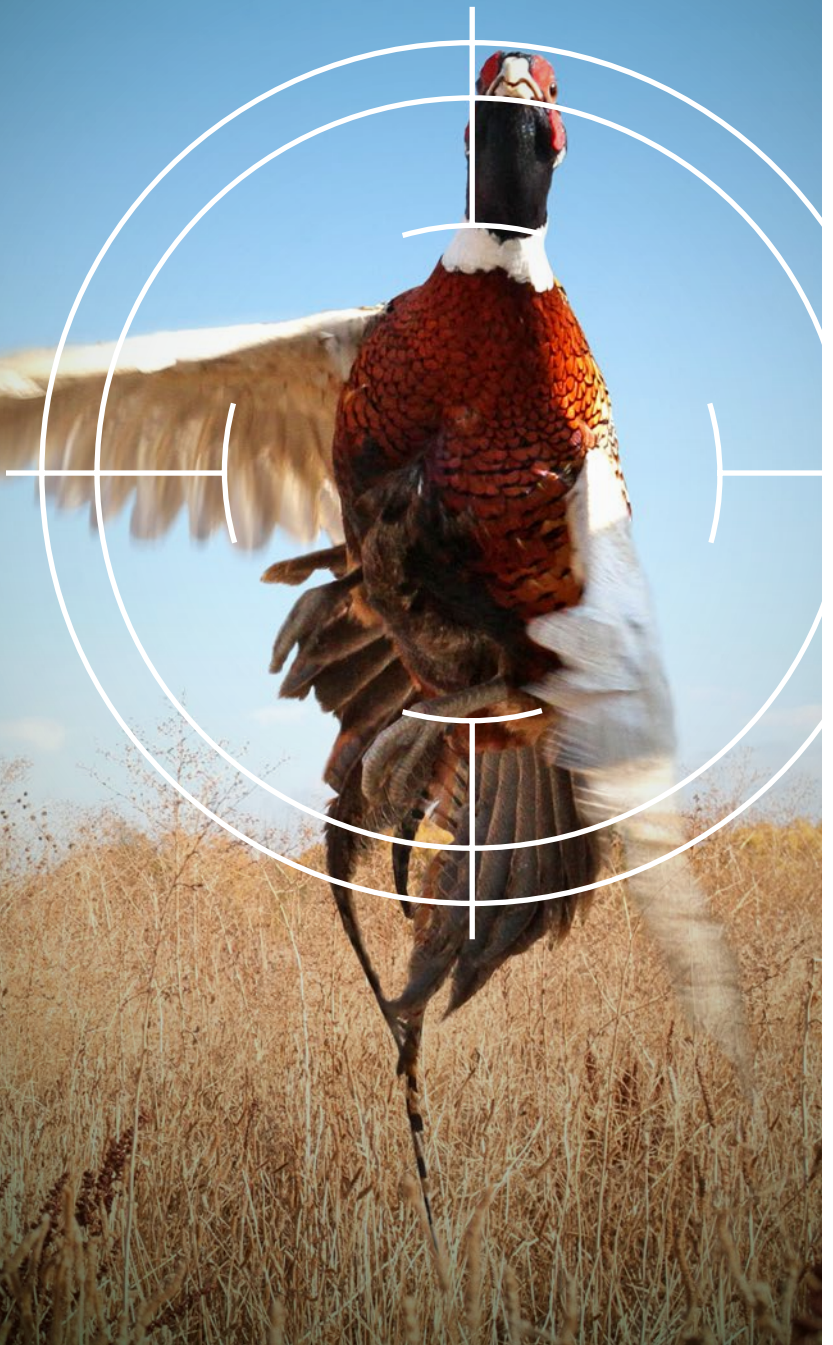
“Flip the Bird” BBQ

Annual Skeet Shoot

Ducks Unlimited

Sporting Clays Shoot

Steak Night



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

- 9 Sporting Clays Shoot at 9 am, registration at 8:30 am.
- 11 Membership meeting at 7 pm.

JULY

- 2 Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.
- 7 9 am, Sporting clays, registration starts at 8:30 am.
- 9 Membership meeting at 7 pm.
- 13 Steak Dinner 4:30 until 7:30 pm.

AUGUST

- 4 Sporting Clays 9 am, registration starts at 8:30 am.
- 6 Executive meeting at 6:30 pm.
- 13 Membership meeting at 7 pm.
- 18 Fin's Annual Picnic, starts at 12 noon.

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Executive meeting at 6:30 pm.
- 7 Sporting Clays Shoot Ducks Unlimited, Saturday with shotgun start at 9 am.
The lower Skeet, Trap Fields, and Sand Pit will be close until 1:30 pm.
- 10 Membership Meeting. At this meeting nominations for the upcoming elections in October. No further nominations will be accepted after this night.
- 14 Annual "Flipping The Bird" BBQ Chicken Dinner.
- 15 Sporting Clays Shoot, last of the season, registration starts at 8:30 am.
- 29 7 am 3-D Archery shoot.

OCTOBER

- 1 Executive meeting at 6:30 pm.
- 8 Membership meeting with elections at 7 pm.

----- PLEASE FILL OUT THE APPLICATION BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE BAR. -----

FIN FUR FEATHER CLUB HUNTING/FISHING APPLICATION

You Must Purchase a Hunting Badge to hunt any game on Lease or club property.

If Hunting Pheasants, Please select one Group: A B or Wed

Hunting Pheasants? YES NO

Please check off all that apply:

Method of Hunting: Shotgun Archery Muzzleloader

Lease Land: Pheasant Deer Turkey Waterfowl Other

Club Land: Pheasant Turkey Archery Deer Only Fishing Only

Fill out the information below. Please Print

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Club Membership # _____ License Plate # _____

Connecticut Conservation # _____ Telephone # _____

Signing this form means you have read and understand all the Club and State Hunting rules.

Signature _____ Date _____

2019 HUNTING BADGES

Please mark your calendars, as you will need to purchase your 2019 badge prior to October 1st, from the bar. After that date, no badges will be issued, unless you are a new regular member. You also must fill out your permission slips, select the type of hunting activity you would like, as well as choosing your fall hunting group: (A, B, Wednesday). And finally, purchasing your badge.

Come September 30th, if you have not completed your work hour requirement, or paid your Raffle obligations, you will be notified. Failure to meet the required work hours, and any outstanding obligations, will result in the loss of your hunting privileges and your badge. A tremendous amount of work goes into this program from permission slips, organizing forms, verifying information on the permission slips, notifying members that information was incorrect or left out, cross checking work hours, obligations paid for, and finally issuing badges. This is to ensure that everyone is eligible to hunt, after meeting these requirements.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
Happy hunting!



MEMBERSHIP

Bob Hruskocy, Membership Chairman

The club has added 42 new members to date. A little bit less for this time of year compared to other years. The breakdown of members is as follows; Regular 320, Associate 239, Junior 20, Life 174. The Associate membership seems to be increasing, while the Regular members is declining slightly. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a member, I can send them an application.

Thank you for those that attended the Range Safety Day on June 15th. Hopefully I will be able to hold another one shortly. An email will be sent out to notify the membership.

2018 / 2019 WINTER SKEET LEAGUE

At the conclusion of the Winter Skeet league, a one day Shoot was held at the Fin. During this Shoot, many club members did a fantastic job in their divisions in placing either 1st, 2nd or 3rd. We need to recognize these members, and tell them thanks for a job well done.

Overall Champion was Bob Frankland from the Hot Shots

Class AA 1st went to Kyle Hooper,
2nd went to Eric Hooper, and
3rd went to Eric Heinonen –
all three members shoot on the Irish Birds

Class A 1st went to Troy Quick, and
3rd went to Ted Numac –
both from the Terminators.

Class C 1st went to Bruce Goodwin from the Terminators.

Class E 1st went to Justin McBride from the Clay Dogs.

Two Man Class 1, went to Kyle Hooper, and Eric Hooper
both from the Irish Birds.

Two Man Class 2, went to John Mathewson, and
Bruce Goodwin both from the Terminators.

Two Man Class 3 went to Cory Curtis-Gary and
Justin McBride both from the Clay Dogs.

TRAP

Bob Hruskocy, Trap Chairman

Just a reminder to PLEASE do not adjust the height of the targets in the trap houses. The targets are set at a specific height for a reason. The trap house on field 5 is setup for trap doubles. DO NOT change. A lot of targets are wasted trying to change back to the correct way. Please use field 6 & 7 to shoot regular trap. If you notice any issues with the machines or equipment, please let me know.

FISH COMMITTEE REPORT – JUNE, 2018

The Annual Kids Fishing Derby was a great success this year. We had 70 entries, even though the weather didn't cooperate. Thank you for all that attended and participated. You all went above and beyond with donations and effort. Many thanks to Big Y, Walmart, Center Sports, Red Bird Real Estate, Forest Ridge Farm and PJD Earthworks. Congratulations to all our winners and to all the participants. Lots of excitement throughout the day.

We had the 2nd Annual John Shea Fishing Derby on May 11th with 62 entries, beautiful weather and evening. There were lots of laughs and excitement. The winner of the largest trout was Patty St. Laurent at 21.5 inches long and 4.25 pounds. Congratulations Patty.

We would like to thank everyone that helped out with the potluck dinner as well as the grilling staff. You all made this special day a huge success. The team work at both events was spectacular.

Our three dinners that helped us achieve our goal were; Corn Beef Dinner put on by Jon Guarino and his staff. Prime Rib Dinner was put on by Steve Sanborn and his staff.

Roast Pork Dinner was put on by Mike Nowosielski and his staff.

All three dinners were at the 5 gold fork level. Without the support of these members and non-members these events would not have been possible.

Troy Quick

Fish Chairman



May 11th was the 2nd Annual John Shea Fishing Derby, remembering John



Patty St. Laurent caught the biggest fish. This was a great evening with many participants. Looking forward to 2020. Thank you to everyone that came out, and provided the potluck dinner, grill masters, everyone made this day a huge success.

Wayne, better luck next year.



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- Dessert

**For More Information
Contact: Steve/Jessica
605-850-1364**

PHEASANTS ARE COMING...

Paul Cardinal, Pheasant Chairman

It is that time of year already. We had a lot of help from many of the members. We want to thank those of you that helped! You make this a great club program year after year.

We will again be getting 3800, 8-week old birds. They will be arriving sometime in the week of July 15th. Of the 3800 birds, 1900 birds have been earmarked for outside sales to offset the costs of raising the birds.

About 20-30 people will be needed to unload crates from the delivery trailer when the birds arrive. I will let the membership know the date and time by club email as time gets closer.

If you can help with the pheasant feedings; sign up at the bar on the calendar.

Stop by and check out our NEW grain silo.

Help out catching birds on Fridays starting in October, stocking Saturdays and Wednesday morning. Help run a Fun Trial!

HELP OUT! The more people that get involved, the easier it is on everyone, we raise great birds, everyone benefits! Let's make this another very successful year again!!!!

Call me at 860-377-0453 or email forestridgefarmCT@gmail.com, to help, questions, suggestions, ideas, etc.

Thank you.



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GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Dudley Brand

At the end of the hunting season we were able to get a start at the large task of cutting back and clearing grounds. It has been a considerable amount of time since the land has been cut back and after many hours of work the hunting grounds at the club will be in good shape with improved cover.

We started by clearing and opening up the "pig farm" property moved next to the Ostrager fields and finished cutting the heavy overgrowth at the skeet fields.

We next moved on with plowing and tilling areas that new cover crops will be planted, and we are near completion with that.

In late May it was discovered that the underground propane line developed a leak and after testing it indicated an inground leak and we ended up having to dig a new trench, replace the gas line and restore the lawn with job completion before June 1st.

This spring we had 4 large decaying trees near the clubhouse and pavilion cut and removed by Krause Tree Service. The wood from the first 2 trees has been split and moved to the firewood storage area with the remaining 2 trees moved unsplit.

We will continue with maintenance mowing in hunting areas at the club throughout the summer and into the fall.

I would like to thank all the members who have stepped up to assist us with the ground's improvements and with the spring cleanup day.

SPORTING CLAYS

Dick Palmer

Reminder that July's Sporting Clays shoot is the 7th. Registration starts at 8:30 am, shooting starts at 9 am. Registration ends at 11:30 am. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be for sale from 10:30 till 1:30. **August shoot is on the 4th**, there are still open Trapper's positions, report time is 8 am, shoot closes about 1 pm, if you can work this shoot or the others, please contact Dick Palmer at rpalmer12@snet.net or 860-933-47568. **The Ducks Unlimited shoot is Sept 7th Saturday, report time is 8 am, and this goes to about 1:30 to 2 pm.** We still need Trappers for this shoot, again contact Dick Palmer. **Our last shoot of the year is Sept 15th**, after the shoot on this day; we will bring in all the machines, clean them and put them away for the winter. Report time is 8 am and after clean up should be about 2-2:30. These are easy work hours. Please look at your schedule and come out and enjoy trapping and all the laughs.

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