

# ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

*Dick Palmer*

I want to thank all of those who were able to come out for the annual meeting and elections, and to everyone for allowing me to continue as your President. It is a great pride to serve as President of one of the best Sportsman's Club in Connecticut.

We made a lot of strides this past year, from completing repairs to skeet houses, putting new roofs on the skeet houses, pistol range, old rifle shelter, kitchen work and repair, cleaning the attic space, numerous other repairs to keep our facilities in good shape. We need to continue in this direction, and will be soliciting your help come spring. The annual game dinner will be at the end of January. We are always looking for game from our members to enhance our variety of offerings. Whatever the game, speak with me or our game dinner chef Clayton Coogan.

Thank you again for all your work during this past year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 7 6:30 pm Executive Board meeting
- 14 7 pm Membership meeting
- 26 12 noon – Annual Game Dinner tickets must be purchase before the 23rd.
- 31 Last day to pay your dues and fees.

### FEBRUARY

- 4 6:30 pm Executive Board meeting
- 11 7 pm Membership meeting

### MARCH

- 4 6:30 pm Executive Board meeting
- 10 Dead line for news letter articles
- 11 7 pm Membership meeting
- 23 3-D Archery Shoot

### APRIL 27TH

The **TAKE A VET FISHING** which was here two years ago will be coming back to the Fin. Our Club did a real nice job in providing them with an enjoyable day. A list will be posted for our members to sign up to help, and to raise additional funds for trout as in the past. This date is April 27th it is a Sunday.

**ALL SHOOTING RANGES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE TIME THAT THEY ARE HERE.**

### AUGUST

- 7 Family Picnic

### SEPTEMBER

- 20 Annual Chicken BBQ to benefit the Pheasant program.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

*Tom Hoagland, Treasurer*

Here we are December 2013 WOW! When I graduated from High School in 1965, I would have said that I would have never made it to 2013. Same with the Fin with the foresight and hard work of our fore fathers, the fin is now a thriving hunting club. We have \$100,000 on hand in all of our accounts and we only owe \$60,000 on the loan for the skeet fields. I and, I'm sure all of us, would like to thank all that work to keep this place going. If it wasn't for you folks, we would not be as financially secure as we are.

Remember that your dues and assessments are due soon.  
The monies will be spent wisely thanks.

## OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS 2013-2014

Listed below are your Officers and Executive board members for the coming year.

### OFFICERS

President ..... Dick Palmer  
Vice President ..... Kevin Theriault  
Treasurer ..... Tom Hoagland  
Secretary ..... Bill O'Hara

### BOARD MEMBERS

Wayne Mather	Matt Halloran
Will Lucier	Mark Holland
John Postemski	Shawn Koehler
Tom Potter	

### ALTERNATES

Keith Morehouse



## MEMBERSHIP

*Bob Hruskocy/Membership*

The 2014 dues invoices were mailed in late November, if you have not received an invoice, please notify me asap. Payment must be made by January 31st, 2013. If you were billed for work hours in error, please let me know the function/event you worked o I can correct your file. Please 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, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Membership cards will be mailed out after the game dinner. Please pick up your cards in order to save on postage costs for the club.





# OUT IN THE FIELD



## CLUB'S ANNUAL SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Annual Shotgun Club Championship was held on Sept. 28, 2013; the weather was like a picture perfect post card. There were 7 squads this year, everything went smooth, a lot of targets were broken, and a great catered meal of boneless rib eye dinner was served. This year's winners are, 1st place with a 107 Allan Gnann, 2nd place Taso Gavrilis, tie for 3rd place Mike Sobol & Charlie Connell, 4th place was Steve Cerry, and 5th place Tom Potter. Congratulations to our winners. Kevin(U-Horn) Segar won the 50/50 raffle.





## WINTER SKEET LEAGUE

Winter Skeet league teams are in full swing. Please remember that those teams have priority on their home fields on Saturday before their match to practice while the league is ongoing. Pictured is Division 3 teams Terminators and Station Nine going head to head during a match.

## SPORTING CLAYS

*Dick Palmer & Sporting Clay Committee.*

Thanks again to everyone who helped make the 2013 Sporting Clays season a success. We already have our schedule for the 2014 season, we have CWA coming back as well as Ducks Unlimited. We also have 5 regular shoots planned. We do plan on adding some different presentations for 2014, to make the course interesting and fun. So start planning to shoot or work our events. The 2014 dates are as follows: May 4th, June 1st, June 21st (SATURDAY) is CWA, July 13th, August 10th, Sept 6th (SATURDAY) is Ducks Unlimited, and our last shoot is Sept 14th. Please watch for our notices for members to help out with these events. Hope everyone has safe and happy holidays.



## TRAP

*Bob Hruskocy/Trap*

The club will have one registered trap shoot in 2014. The date is May 18th Help will be needed. More details as the date approaches. Reminder to those that use the trap fields during the winter months, please let the pump warmup before turning on the machine. If the machine continues to throw targets, please shut it off and let the pump warm up a little longer. Have fun and be safe.







## JUNIOR HUNT DAY

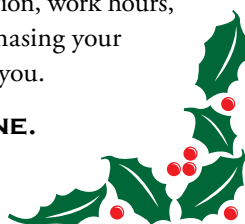
Fin's Junior Hunt day Saturday October 12th. Looks like the kids had a good time, picture l-r are Owen Halloran, Josh & Amber Quick, and Faith Halloran just enjoying being with the older crowd.

## HUNTING BADGES

Please mark your calendars as you will need to purchase your 2014 badge prior to October 1st. After that date, no badges will be issued. You must fill out your permission slips, for selecting the type of hunting activity you would like, selecting your fall hunting group, and finally purchasing your badge. Come September, if you have not completed your work hour requirement, paid your obligations, you will be notified. You must pay for those hours, any outstanding obligations or you will lose your badge and availability to hunt. Tremendous amount of work goes into this program from permission slips, organizing these forms, verifying information on the permission slips, notifying members that information was incorrect or left out, cross checking work hours, and finally issuing badges. This is to ensure that everyone has the ability to hunt, when meeting all those requirements.

It is your responsibility! To make sure that all information, work hours, obligations payments are completed, and finally purchasing your badge, it is not the Hunt Chairman or the Club, it is you.

**REMEMBER OCTOBER 1ST IS THE DEADLINE.**



## TIE FLYING CLASSES

Members,

There will be tie flying classes starting thursday, January 23rd and every thursday after, starting at 6pm until 9 pm. John Goddard and Marty O'Rourke will be instructing, any question contact them, as to what to bring, or just stop by.

## FISH

With the Fishing season waiting for ice off, the Club is looking for a member to step up and help chair this committee. Marty is stepping down after many years. He is staying on to assist and will help guide the new chairperson. If you feel that you would like to help to be the chairperson, contact either Marty or the President asap.





## GREAT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL NEWS

### *The Pumpkin Committee*

WOW, what a showing this year! An excellent showing with six huge pumpkins, there were many entries in the open class, main event & carvings. Thanks to all who participated. Twenty three kids had a great time w/crafts, costumes, water balloons and searches in the dark. Thanks for all the fun and support and great food.

### 2013 WINNERS

Best in Show	Evan Krukoff
Main Event	1st Carol & Bill O'Hara, 2nd John Laibeant, 3rd May Ann Potter.
Open Class	1st Mary Ann Potter, 2nd Carol & Bill O'Hara, 3rd Roberta & Paul Cardinal.

### CARVING

up to 8 years old	1st Emma Elliott, 2nd Faith Halloran, 3rd Eric Mathewson.
9-15 years old	1st Amber Quick, 2nd Alex Dominique & Josh Quick, 3rd Abby Green & Owen Halloran.
16 years and above	1st Tanya Dominique, 2nd John Mathewson & Twig Peters, 3rd Matt Halloran & Sasha Peters.

**FROZEN CLASS** Delores & Bobby T.







## RAFFLE OBLIGATIONS

The Executive Board each year has looked at either increasing dues or making an obligation that each member must purchase or sell their Club Raffle tickets. The Executive Board felt that the raffle was a better solution. The raffle income has helped keep our dues to where it is today. The Club requires each member who is eligible to either sell or purchase a minimum \$40 of the \$60 worth of tickets that are sent to you. Needless to say, there are great prizes. Some members may be offended about selling their tickets, which is understood. However you are still obligated to purchase/sell the required number of tickets. Inside your raffle package you will find tickets and a slip for when to turn your tickets, please be sure you keep your receipt.

## ANNUAL GAME DINNER

The Annual Game Dinner will be January 26, 2014 at noon. Tickets MUST be purchase by the 23rd, tickets are limited and are for members only, sorry no guests. Any member having some extra game, please consider donating them to the Game Dinner. Also if someone has a new sporting item that they like to donate to the game dinner raffle, please contact any executive Board member.



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