

ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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Happy Holidays



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

21st	Kids Christmas Party at noon, you must sign up prior to this date.
24th	Annual Membership Party – Noon till 5 pm.
25th	Merry Christmas. Bar and club are closed.
31st	Club Annual get together for New Years Eve Pot luck dinner, there is a sign up.

JANUARY

1st	CLOSED
6th	Board Meeting at 6:30 pm.
13th	Membership meeting at 7 pm.
25th	At Noon, Club's annual game dinner, you must need ticket to attend, from the bar. Sorry, No Guests.

FEBRUARY

3rd	Board meeting at 6:30 pm.
10th	Membership meeting at 7 pm.

MARCH

3rd	Board meeting at 6:30 pm.
10th	Membership meeting at 7 pm.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dick Palmer, President

Wow, another year has gone by. All of our programs have done well, many thanks to the program chairs and to the Club members who came out to help. We saw the Take a Vet Fishing program with big smiles on their faces, great family activities like the picnic & pumpkin festival, continue heavy use of all the ranges, and all other activities here as well. After two years, the repairs on the skeet houses are complete. Along with this, it is the first time that the Club had to go outside to hire a contractor to finish staining the remaining skeet buildings. This Club has over 600 members through our 3 membership classifications. We have members with numerous skills that can easily complete any job that surfaces here. Our members respond very well to run activities, programs here, but when it comes time for some type of work from staining, repairing bldgs., cutting trees it's becoming more and more difficult to complete these tasks because of the lack of members helping out. These jobs need to be done. Our members need to set aside a fraction of their time to come down and help out when needed. Please step forward when there is a notice indicating that a small work party is needed to complete a task. The work hour requirement is small, with your support it will continue to keep your Club growing and our interstructure healthy. 2015 is here, let's make it a healthy one for our Club.

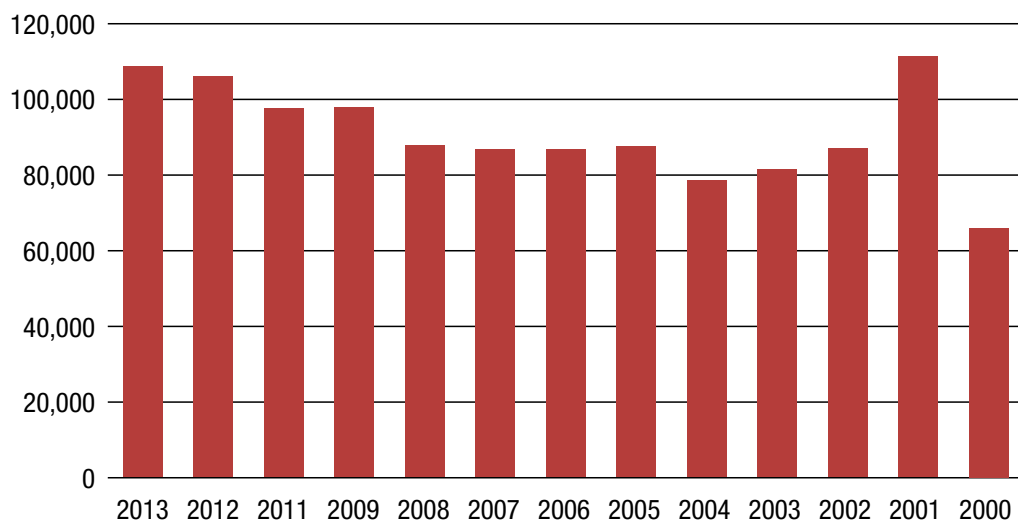
TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Hoagland, Treasurer

I thought you might want to see the total dollars collected each year for dues over the past 13 years. This is a function of the number of members and the percentage of full and associate membership. Also during this time the new dues structure was initiated. Interesting is that about one third of our income comes from dues and assessments. Dues and assessments are very important for the day to day running of our club. Forty percent of these amounts is the actual thing we call dues. So approximately, one sixth of the day to day cost of the Fin is paid for by our "dues". To continue operating as we know it, our membership needs to remain around 375. It is important for all of us to encourage friends of ours to join the Fin.

I wish all of you a wonderful Holiday season.

Tax Dues Collected In Dollars



MEMBERSHIP

Bob Hruskocy, Membership Chairman

The 2015 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, 2015. If you were billed for work hours in error, please let me know the function/event you worked so 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.

SCAT NIGHT

Friday night, Nov. 21st, was a big hit for Scat at the Fin. There were 3 tables going, a pot luck dinner and lots of fun thanks to our Pheasant committee and Roberta. Watch the e-mails and come on down. Easy to learn and lots of laughs.



The 3 winners, Kim Enright, Bill Koennicke, and Pat Enright.

ANNUAL GAME DINNER

Members, this year's annual game dinner is January 25th 2015. Tickets are available at the bar for just \$5.00. Members only, sorry no guest as it is limited due to space restrictions. Meal starts at 12 noon. There will be a raffle table with great prizes. Usually the Monday before is the cut off for tickets. Anyone wishing to donate game please contact the President.

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 help 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 or purchasing 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.



THE 2015 FIN FUR AND FEATHER WEEKEND

Trish Michaud

Once again, the Fin has opened its door to the Venture Crews of the area. This bi-annual event, run by Crew 15 of Tolland, CT, allows Venturers to learn about outdoor skills, safety and shooting. It has been scheduled for April 10th to the 12th.

Venturers are young male and female youth 14 to 21 years old. They have the opportunity to learn and shoot archery, shotguns, rifles, pistols and many other activities. At any Connecticut Scout camp, a Venturer can only shoot .22 Rifles and Pistols, along with Shotguns. At the Fin event, all firearm types are opened to them. These firearms come from the adult volunteers. The volunteers range from those in venturing and members of our club.

All types of firearms and ammo are used. However, with the high cost of ammo the adults who bring their firearms cannot afford all of the ammo that is used. If you would like to bring a firearm for the youth to use, donate time on our ranges or to donate ammo, please contact Jim Michaud (EagleScout1979@ComCast.net) or at 860-402-4155.

If you would like to know more about this event and what occurs, please contact the Venture Crew Advisor, Trish Michaud at Patricia.A.Michaud@ComCast.net.

CLUB ANNUAL SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIP

On Saturday the 27th of September the Club hosted their annual shotgun championship. This year there was a total of 38 shooters.

After the shoot, a great catered BBQ dinner of boneless rib eye was served. Many thanks to Jim and Nancy for running this shoot again this year. There were 4 – 25 targets event for a total of 100 targets. Events were 5-Stand, Modern Skeet, Trap, and Skeet. The results were:

5TH PLACE: Brian Scussel with an 84

4TH PLACE: Paul Prevost with an 86

3RD PLACE: Mike Sobol Jr with an 87 (through a tie breaker)

RUNNER UP: Dick Palmer with an 87

1ST PLACE: Alan Gnann with a 90

Junior's winners were Josh Theriault with a 44, David Covell with a 36, and Linsey Covell with a 19.

Congratulations to the winner's and thank you to all of the shooters.

SPORTING CLAYS

Sporting Clays is right around the corner; the following dates are those shoots. All shoots start at 9 am, its 50 targets, unless noted.

- Sunday, May 3rd
- Sunday, June 7th
- CWA hasn't committed yet
- Sunday, July 12th
- Sunday, Aug. 9th
- Saturday, Sept 12th is Ducks Unlimited. We'll need about 38 members to work this event. Please watch the notices and sign-up sheets.
- Sunday, September 20th is our last shoot for the season.

Other than Ducks Unlimited, all of our shoots will need about 7 trappers. It's simple work, it's fun, and it's easy work hours. Notices usually go out two weeks prior to the shoot; please set aside some hours to help with these events. Time is usually 8:30 till about 1:30.

TRAP

Bob Hruskocy, Trap Chairman

There will be a registered Trap shoot on May 17th, help will be need setting up for the shoot and for the shoot itself. More information to follow. Mark your calendars !

ARCHERY COMMITTEE

Jim Michaud

For the 2014 year, we had 1 small, 2 medium, 4 large and 2 extra-large targets added to our collection. We had an estimated 193 expected for the year, but had an actual 205 participate for the year. With these shooters and selling our older targets, which could not be used any longer; to our club members who assisted in the setting up and taking down of targets, archery made \$1,945.00 in total income.

The 2015-year's archery budget has been sent to the board. This upcoming year, we plan to replace the three archery target holders on the archery range and the three archery bags. These current ones have been there for the past 5 years and they are falling apart. We also plan to replace older medium and large targets to replace those that are falling apart.



I have been talking to our president and when the power line work is done, Dick and I hope to review the new and improved area, with the hopes of creating a new 30 or 40-target course. A larger 40 target course may allow for an increase in the cost of the shoots for 2016 year, and may allow for a Rinehart shoot in the future at the Fin. A Rinehart shoot could bring in anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000 profit to the club. More on this later as things progress.

Next years shoots are scheduled for Sunday March 22nd, April 26th, May 17th, June 14th, July 19th, September 13th and October 4th. We hope you can come out and shoot and assist with the target placement and retrieval during the year. Our club, once again, is renowned for our archery shoots. We have participants coming from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and from as far away as Sandy Hook, Connecticut to shoot.

The above shoots are not easy to put on. We have a dedicated few who assist far beyond the norm. I would like to thank those assistants; Patricia and Tim Michaud, Rick Turcotte, Tom and Chris Lataille and Ken Bavier who continue to assist with the development and continued success of the Archery program.

Also without the assistance of Chris Clark, Dave Montany, Patrick Santos, Ramon Valentin, Bill Stanley, Kevin Goodell, Heide Mizak, Patrick Eye, John Tyler, Steve Carpenter, Bob and Rene' LaChance, Gene Brzek, John McGuire, Bill Garrity, Steve Pentsak, and Ray Flauzll for the setting up and taking down of the targets could not have been done. A very special thank you goes out to Phoebe Carpentar who also help the Archery Committee with the targets and shooting the 3-D course.

I hope to see more club members participate in the target placement next year and in doing the shoots. We have over 125 members saying they are interested in archery. If there is anything you think that could be improved, please let me know, or if you would like to know more about the target placement, take down or the shoots please call me on my cell **860-402-4155** or e-mail me at James.E.Michaud@Comcast.net and jmichaud@sscinc.com.



*Dennis Charron with his entry,
Nancy and Jim Davidson event organizers'*

BEST IN SHOW: Eileen Ricci

MAIN EVENT

- 1st Place: Bill & Carol O'Hara
- 2nd Place: Dolores Saunders
- 3rd Place: Dennis Charron

OPEN CLASS

- 1st Place: Eileen Ricci
- 2nd Place: Dolores Saunders

CARVING CLASS

Ages 9 – 15

- 1st Place: Josh Quick
- 2nd Place: Alex Dominique
- 1st Place: Josh Theriault

Age 16 – Adults

- 1st Place: Tonya Dominique

This family event was put on by Nancy and Jim Davidson, the hall and the entire program was top shelf. Thank you.



*Tyler Winton looking to call "attention all cars"
great pumpkin festival at the Fin.*

JUNIOR HUNT OCT 11, 2014

Even though it was raining 4 of 8 juniors had a great hunt.
Pictured below are right to left Josh Theriault, Owen Halloran,
Josh Quick and Montana Millix.



*This photo is of Rosie, Owen Halloran, and Josh Theriault
(first time ever harvesting a pheasant.)*



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