



# ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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Enjoy Your Summer at the Fin!

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Dick Palmer, President*

Members, I hope everyone is enjoying the start of summer. The Club is going strong, with all sorts of activities. Our 3-D archery and Sporting Clay shoots are running well. Watch for the notices to either help out in working or coming to shoot them. The Kids annual fishing derby was a big success and so was the weather. We had dinners with big turnouts. There is also a plan for a different dinner; a Crawfish dinner on the 27th of June, with a cutoff date of the 20th as the crawfish needs to be ordered. Make sure you mark down the Club's annual picnic on Aug 16th, and the Club is again hosting the Ducks Unlimited Sporting Clays shoot on Saturday, Sept 12th. We need close to 40 members to work this day, starting about 8:00 and going until about 1:30, at the latest. Easy work hours, and there will be a sign up in the bar starting July 15th. The Club has been putting on a lot of great dinners, and if you haven't had the opportunity to take one in you are missing a great and inexpensive meal. There is a Crawfish Boil on the 27th, the Pheasant committee is having their annual Chicken BBQ in Sept, so watch the e-mails. The Club will be celebrating Charlie Hill's love for the Club on July 11th from 3-5 pm, everyone is welcome, light food will be served. Come and share your memories of Charlie.

**Last note; remember October 1st is the deadline for purchasing your hunt badges.**

Enjoy your summer.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

27th	Crawfish Dinner 5 – 7 pm, ticket cut off is the 20th
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### JULY

11th	Celebration of Charlie Hill's love for the Club. 3 – 5 pm. All are welcome
12th	Sporting Clays 50 target shoot. 9 am. Trappers are needed
19th	3-D Archery shoot

### AUGUST

9th	Sporting Clays 50 targets. 9am. Trappers are needed
16th	Annual Family Picnic

### SEPTEMBER

4th, 5th, 6th	Connecticut Skeet Championship here. Help is needed
8th	Regular meeting. Nominations for Officers and Executive Members
12th	Ducks Unlimited Sporting Clays Shoot. This is a big shoot – we need 40 members to work. Sign up in bar or contact Dick Palmer 860-933-4768. Last chance to get work hours.
19th	Annual Chicken BBQ to support the Pheasant program
20th	Last Sporting Clays shoot
30th	Last day to purchase hunting/fishing buttons

### OCTOBER

13th	Regular meeting and Annual elections for Officers and Executive Board
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## HUNTING BADGES

Please mark your calendars as you will need to purchase your 2015 badge prior to October 1st. After that date, no badges will be issued, unless you are a new regular member. 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 30th, if you have not completed your work hour requirement, or paid your obligations, you will be notified. You must pay for those work hours, and any outstanding obligations, or you will lose your hunting privileges and your badge. 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.

It is your responsibility! to make sure that information, work hours, obligations, and payments have been completed so to purchase your badge. Please keep your receipts. It is not up to the Hunt Chairman or Club, it is you.

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



## MESSAGE FROM THE VP

Well here we are, it's June already. Half the year is gone by. Turkey season has ended and the fishing at the club is starting to wind down, and the pheasants will be here the week of July 20th. Paul is going to need your help in the coming months with them, please sign up to feed the birds. We also will need people to stock birds this year. Sporting Clays, Five Stand, Archery and Practical Pistol are up and running events for the summer and Frank has a few skeet shoots planned for this summer also, so there are plenty of events happening at the Fin. So come on down and enjoy what we have here. There are lots of projects to be done around the club. Please contact any of the chairmen listed in the news letter and ask if they need help.

**Remember you need to purchase you hunting badge prior to October 1st NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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## HUNTER SAFETY & EDUCATIONAL AND BOW COURSES

Will Lucier and crew have set up the following dates for these educational courses to get your certificate for hunting and bow licenses. These classes are at the Fin Fur Feather Club.

**The Bow course** will be held on Aug 29th from 8 am till 3 pm. You must register through the Franklin Wildlife Management office. **There is NO cost**, but you must register.

**The Hunting Safety and Educational course** will be held on the following days:

Sept 21st, 6 – 9 pm;  
Sept 23rd, 6 – 9 pm;  
Sept 24th, 6 – 9 pm;  
Sept 26th, 8 – 2 pm.

You must register through Franklin Wildlife Management office. **There is NO cost.**

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## MEMBERSHIP

*Bob Hruskocy, Membership Chairman*

The club has added 69 new members to date. The breakdown of members is as follows; Regular 347, Associate 181, Junior 37, Life 150. Membership is holding steady. If you know of anyone is interested in becoming a member, I can send them an application.



# HUNTING

*Wayne Mather, Chairperson*

Deer hunters remember that your portable tree stands must be a minimum of **10 ft** above the ground, your name and Club number on them. Any stands found without this information will be removed. **Archery hunting only on Club property.** All work hours must be completed by Oct 1st.

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# TRAP

*Bob Hruskocy, Trap Chairman*

The club held a registered trap shoot on May 17th, after expenses the club profited \$600.00. I would like to thank the following members for all their help.

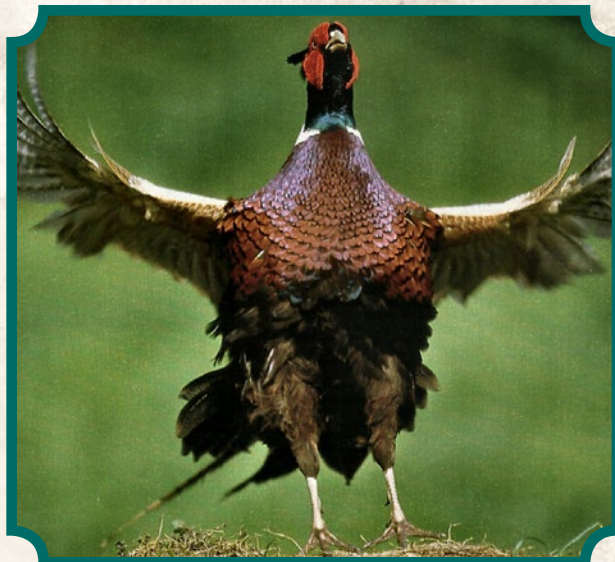
Bob Cooper, Brian Scussel, Barb Willard, Shawn Peach, Pete Kasacek, Mike Ford, Mike Lee, Joann Reynolds, Steve Craycroft, & Chris Matusik. Without their help the event would not have been possible.

If anyone is interested in learning how to shoot trap and use the equipment, please contact me.

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# SPORTING CLAYS

Members, our next Sporting Clays shoot is July 12th at 9 am. August shoot is the 9th, the big Ducks Unlimited shoot is the 12th. We need 40 members to help work this event. This might be the last chance to get your work hours. Our last shoot is Sept 20th. If you can't work, come on and shoot this event, bring your friends it's fun and cheap. The cost of this shoot is 50 targets is just \$15, and an additional 50 targets is now just \$10. You can't shoot sporting clays anywhere for this price. There breakfast sandwiches and lunch available, so grab your shotgun, your friends and show them a good shooting sport, here at the Fin.



# PHEASANT COMMITTEE

*Paul Cardinal, pheasant Committee Chairman*

We will be needing help the week of July 20th, 3800-8 week old birds will be arriving. We will need 30 people to unload and uncrate the birds. If you can be available the week of July 20th, that would be great. The date is NOT firm until they call me to confirm, so if you email or call me I will contact you when date and time is confirmed, also all information will be on clubs email.

Also, we need people to feed and water the birds. We also need people to catch and load birds Friday evenings, stock birds on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Please email me at [Cardinalservice151@yahoo.com](mailto:Cardinalservice151@yahoo.com) or call 860-377-0453.

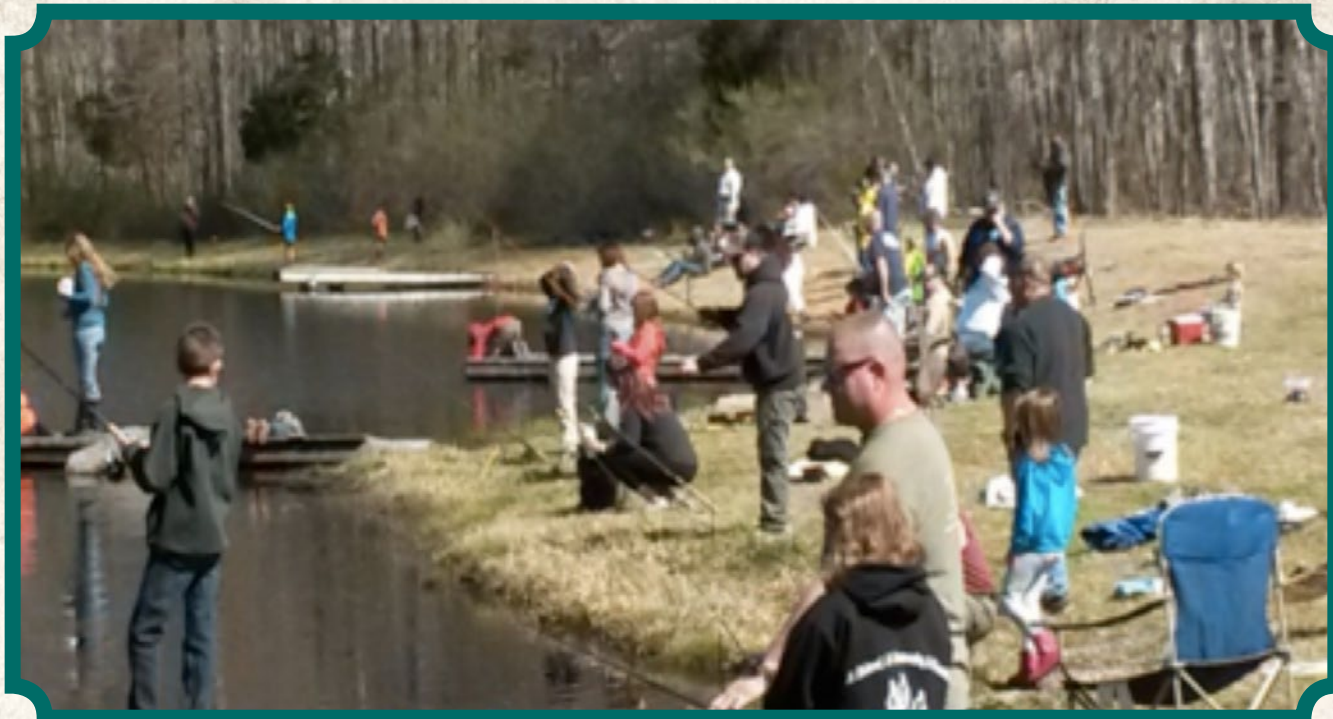
Again, **THANK YOU** to everyone that has and will help with this very successful pheasant program. It would not be a success at all without all the help.

Things to remember:

- July 20th unload/uncrate new 8 week old birds
- Sign up for day/days to feed the birds.
- Pheasant chicken BBQ, September

Keep in Mind..... We are only successful if we ALL pitch in and help!!!!

Thank you.



## FISH COMMITTEE

We had the Annual Kid's Fishing Derby on May 3rd, 2015. It was a HUGE success!!! 64 kids signed up and a wonderful day was had by all! Thanks to everyone who donated for this event. Thank you Kevin & Cara Theriault for manning the grill and a special thank you goes out to Chris Hignett for donating the tagged fish! Can't wait for next year!

Our Prime Rib Dinner was held on May 16th. It was a great night and sold out at 80 dinners. We want to thank you all for supporting this event. A very special thank you goes out to Steve Sanborn for cooking his prime rib to perfection! We would also like to thank the kitchen crew, set up crew & cleanup crew...you know who you are!

We also had a Fishing Derby / Pot luck on June 6th. A great time had by all! Awesome food and lots of fun! Thank you all for bringing something for the grill and to share! We had 41 entries @ \$10.00 a person. Biggest fish won 1/2 the entry...20 inches and 2.93 lbs...goes to Val Oliver!! A special thanks goes out to Mike Nowosieslki for manning the grill for the night!

## ARCHERY COMMITTEE

*Jim Michaud*

Did anyone notice the snow in March? Yes most of us did, and all of the clubs canceled their 3-D shoots because of it. We had our first shoot April 26th, and with three other clubs also having a shoot that day, we had 52 adult shooters, 1 Youth shooter (13 to 15 years) and 4 Cub shooters, bring in a total of \$528.00.

On May 17th we had our second shoot for this year, and five other clubs also having a shoot that day, we had 29 adult shooters, 1 Youth shooter (13 to 15 years) and 3 Cub shooters, bring in a total of \$295.00.

We had several great work parties to set up and take down the 3-D shoots, but we also built the three new target stands and

purchased targets for the archery range. These targets CAN NOT handle broad heads, but are certified for cross bows use. These are smaller and lighter target stands, which should make moving them much easier than before.

For this year we purchased the following new targets a Black Panther, Bighorn Sheep, Ibex, Grizzly Bear, Medium Deer, Bedded Deer and two turkeys. Come out and participate in one of our next 3-D shoots. The cost is free up to age 12, \$5.00 from 13 to 15 and \$10.00 for anyone over 15.

Our next Archery dates are June 14th, July 19th, and September 13th.



# FIN FUR AND FEATHER VENTURING SKILLS WEEKEND

*Trish & Jim Michaud*

Since the last newsletter the Fin Fur and Feather club opened its doors to the Venture Crews of the area of the area during the weekend of April 10th to the 12th.

Venturers are young male and female youth 14 to 20 years old. They have the opportunity to learn and shoot archery, shotguns, rifles, pistols, black powder rifles 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 and calibers are opened to them. These firearms come from the adult volunteers. The volunteers range from those in Venturing and members of our club.

If it weren't for the support of the Fin Fur and Feather Club, this event would not be a success. We had 41 youth learn to shoot the various firearms and 5 adults who have never shot before took part, for a total of 46 shooters.

Since the Fin does not run this event, the hours donated does not count toward Fin service time, I would like to especially thank the Fin members who donated ammo, equipment or their time to this event:

- Michael Sobol, Tom Potter and Bob LaChance donated hundreds of shotgun rounds, their shotguns and instructed the skeet and trap fields.
- Dan Quinlan, Ray Mott, Karl Young and Stephen Estes donated over thousands of rounds of various types of ammo, their firearms and instructed at the pistol range.
- Steve Craycroft, Fred Johnson, Pete West and Ted Decyk donated over thousands of rounds of various types of ammo, their firearms and instructed at the rifle range.
- Alan and Will Cassidy donated their ammo, black powder and their black powder firearms and instructed how to use them.
- Rick Turcotte instructed and ran the Archery Range.
- David Rorrio and Ulysses Jones donated 900 rounds of ammo each to the event.
- I also need to give my sincere gratitude to Mark Hall, owner of Andover Archery, for his donation of large compound and re-curve bows, arrows and a crossbow and bolts. In addition, Rockville Fish and Game also donated the use of their compound and re-curve bows and arrows.



*The retired flag was burned the night before, and this new one rose in its place.*



*The Crews also do a service project for the club each time the event occurs as a thank you. This year they stacked the wood.*



## CHILI COOK OFF

*John & Laura Pawelec*

Fin's 3rd Annual Chili Cook off was a great success. We had 13 chefs who created some awesome chili's, each one their own style. There were 79 people who came out and tasted and voted for the best chili....but only one could be called the 2015 Fin, Fur and Feather Grand Champion.

Congratulations goes out to:(right to left)  
Grand Champion - Kyle Jay and  
Jordan Wells, 2nd Place - David Rorrio,  
3rd Place - Tom Potter

Thanks to all the chefs who contributed their hand crafted chili's and because of them the event was a success: Dick Palmer, Steve Craycroft, Jay & Brenda Liappes, Tom Potter, Glen Ellett, Mitchell Dominique, John Antosik, David Rorrio, Patrick Eye, Bruce Macaro, Steve Carpenter, Ulysses Jones, and Kyle Jay and Jordan Wells.

Thank you everyone for making this a fun filled day, and all the net profits benefit the kid's events!



## CORNER BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER



*The Fin's Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner turned out 100 plus members and guests to a delicious dinner by Jon Guarino and crew.*

# FAMILY PICNIC TIME

*Kevin Theriault, Vice President*

The Family picnic is fast approaching. The picnic is set for August 16th. There will be a work day on August 15th at 8 am to set up for the picnic. This is a great time and way to get your work hours in before hunting season starts. If you want more information on helping at the picnic please call me at 860-428-5519 or send me an email at wfdktheriault@gmail.com. Thank you.

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