



ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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LOTS OF SMILES!

EVENTS

JULY

- 5 Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.
- 9 Rifle match at 9 am.
2nd Annual Crawfish Boil, tickets at the bar.
- 10 Sporting Clays at 9 am.
- 23 WW II Re-enactment camp 11 am till 7 pm.
- 24 Practical Pistol event 10 am till 4 pm.

AUGUST

- 2 Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.
- 7 Sporting Clays Shoot at 9 am.
- 9 Membership meeting at 7 pm.
- 20 rifle match at 9 am.
- 21 Fin's Annual picnic, starts at noon.

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Executive board meeting at 6:30 pm.
- 10 Ducks Unlimited Sporting Clays shoot Huge event club members needed. Last chance to get your work hours.
- 17 Chicken BBQ to benefit the Pheasant program.
- 18 Sporting Clays at 9 am. Last event for the season.
- 30 Last day to purchase your hunting buttons.



Kids fishing derby was a huge success. A great job done by Troy Quick and his crew.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Half the year is gone by. Turkey season has ended, the fishing at the club is starting to wind down, and the pheasants will be here in July. Paul is going to need your help in the coming months with them. Please sign up to feed the pheasants. 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. There are plenty of events happening at the Fin, so come on down and enjoy what we have here. In June we have the Summer Bash, Ribs, Pulled Pork with all the fixings and a band to play for us. Then there is the Crawfish Boil in July and possibly a Steamer Dinner this summer. Watch your emails for updates on these and other functions happening. I would also like to take this time to thank all the committee chairmen and their families for all they do. Without these dedicated members the club would not function as smoothly as it does. So please, when they set up a work party help out.

In closing I need to remind everyone that all obligations must be met before you are allowed to purchase your hunting badges. The badges must be purchased prior to October 1st. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Be safe and enjoy the summer.

Thank you

Kevin Theriault, President

PROJECT: FIN!

April 30th this group removed the old deck as it was beyond its time. Then on May 16, 2016 a new deck was constructed. Eventually there will be a roof over it. We need to recognize those members working on this, Dan Cote, Mike Nintean, George Sabo, Don Doucette, Charlie LaChance, Ron Palmer, Bill Bodgen, Jim Skoglund, Andy Lopuchowycz, and Dick Palmer. Thank you, guys.

The next step is to continue with a new roof over the deck, then finish it with a metal roof. Club wide e-mails will go out. The more hands we have the quicker the project goes. Please set aside your time to help in this project.

Dick Palmer



MEMBERSHIP

*Bob Hruskocy,
Membership Chairman*

The club has added 54 new members to date. The breakdown of members is as follows; Regular 347, Associate 201, Junior 30, Life 152. Membership is holding steady. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a member, I can send them an application.



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WINTER SKEET LEAGUE

The winter skeet league has finally ended. The Fin teams did real well and our individual shooters took home top Honors. In Division 1, team Bad Boys II finished in their division first with a total of 13 wins and only 2 losses. Josh St. Lawrence was League runner up in high average with a 49.308.

Division 2 John Mathewson on the Terminator's finished as Top Gun in the league with an average of 49.417.

Division 3 Top Team and High Average went to our Hot Shots with a record of 13 wins and only 1 loss. On this team John Whitaker finished with high Division average of 48.077, and the team had high average of 229.36.

Our club was recognized for contributing to the sport for allowing the Colchester teams to use our facility for the entire season, as theirs was closed.



On the left Top Gun for the entire League average went to John Mathewson from the Div. 2 Terminators with a beautiful 12 match average of 49.417. On the right Runner up for the entire league average went to Josh St. Lawrence from Div. 1 Bad Boy's II with a 13 match average of 49.308



Dennis Jolley in the center accepting the top team award in Division 1 Bad Boy's II.



John Whitaker in the center accepting the top gun award in Division 3 Hot Shots.



Artie St. Lawrence in the center accepting the top team award in Division 3 Hot Shots.

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 during the weekend of May 20th to the 22nd.

Venturers are young male and female youth 14 to 20 years old. They have the opportunity to learn and shoot archery, shotguns, rifles and 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 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 were not for the support of the Fin Fur and Feather Club, this event would not be a success. We had 39 participants this year coming from six different units. These units came from Connecticut and Long Island, New York. There were 27 youth, of which 17 youth had never shot a firearm before, and 12 adult leaders. There were 6 adults'

leaders who also never shot a firearm before as well. There were so many happy and smiling faces from all, showing how much fun and excitement can be had from a firearm hobby. Several of the youth we heard saying that they wanted their own firearm.

Since the Fin does not run this event, the hours donated do 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 and Randy Russo donated hundreds of shotgun rounds, their shotguns and instructed the skeet and trap fields.
- Ray Mott, Mary Goss, Bob LaChance and Stephen Estes donated hundreds of rounds of various types of ammo, their firearms and instructed at the pistol range.
- Steve Craycroft, Fred Johnson, Glenn Ellett, Tim Michaud and Stephen Estes donated hundreds of rounds of various types of ammo, their firearms and instructed at the rifle range.
- Rick Turcotte instructed and ran the Archery Range.
- 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 and arrows, which allowed us to run the archery range.

ARCHERY COMMITTEE

Jim Michaud

We have had the following shoots:

- March 20th with 35 participants, bringing in a total of \$330.00.
- April 10th with 24 participants, bringing in a total of \$241.00.
- April 24th with 24 participants, bringing in a total of \$230.00.
- May 1st with 15 participants, bringing in a total of \$130.00.

We have three more shoots to go on May 29th, June 5th and June 26th.

The archery range has last year's three new targets, and this year we added metal holding stands for them that will make it easier to move around. There is also a new orange square target, for use with cross bows. If you use the standard targets for a cross bow, you must use the oil on the bolt, which is used for 3-D targets, to get the bolt out. Please remember NO BROAD HEADS on the archery range.

I cannot express my gratitude for all of those who help with the setup and takedown of the 3-D targets. Without them, these shoots would not happen. Also with Trish Michaud for running the kitchen, keeping all of the shooters and work persons fed with awesome breakfast and lunches.

This is the end of my refurbishment plan for refitting the archery at the Fin. Since 2010, when I took over the Archery program, the Fin has purchased forty-eight targets ranging from small to extra-large sizes. Most of these targets will last over the next five or more years. Some, which were from different companies, were not the best for our shoots and have been moved to the Archery Range. We also purchased metallic stands, which can hold most medium and large targets, making it faster to set up and take down the 3-D targets for the shoots.

If you have not partaken in a 3-D shoot yet, and like to shoot archery or like to bow hunt, please come out and support the club by shooting a 3-D shoot. You will have an opportunity to shoot at turkeys, a Woodchuck, a Bobcat, lots of Deer including Mule Deer, Bears, a Timber Wolf, an African Lion and Alligator, an Elk or Buffalo, a T-Rex, Triceratops or Dragon, several Javelina, a Black Panther, an African Leopard, a Black Buck, a Wild Boar and a Warthog. Take a leisurely walk in the woods and shoot archery!

HUNTING BADGES

Please mark your calendars as you will need to purchase your 2016 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 those requirements.

It is your responsibility to make sure that information, work hours, obligations, and payments have been completed to purchase your badge. Please keep your receipts. It is not up to the Hunt Chairman nor Club.

TRAP

Bob Hruskocy, Trap Chairman

The club held a registered marathon Trap shoot on May 15th. There were a total of 79 rounds shot, between Singles, Handicap & Doubles. Some shot 600 targets, that is a lot of shooting in one day! A good time was had by all. The club netted \$555.00. I would like to thank the following people who volunteered their time in either setting up or working the day of the shoot.

Eric Fontaine, Chris Matusik, Mike Ford, Tim Rakovan, Shawn Peach, Jeff Davis, Brian Scussel, Pete Kasacek, Dan Gutt, Don Bischoff, Tom Asaro, Barb Willard, Steve Craycroft, Jessica Greven & Nikia Fesik. Without your help the event would not have been possible, thank you so much for your time.

The CTA (Connecticut Trapshooting Association) will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on June 24-26 at the Hartford Gun Club in East Granby. The event will be attended by over 275 shooters. If you are in the area, stop by and check it out.

SPORTING CLAYS

Members, the schedule for the 2016 season is as follows; May 15th, June 12th, July 10th, August 7th, Sept 10th is the Ducks Unlimited Shoot, and our last is Sept 18th. All of these shoots start at 9 am, and go through about 1 pm. Registration starts at 8:30 am and goes to 12 noon. The cost is \$15 for 50 targets, and an additional 50 targets is just \$10. Usually I will send trappers an email about two weeks prior. Upon receipt, trappers must contact me. It is very easy to learn and the work hours are easy as well. Report time is 8 am, and after finishing and cleaning up, it's usually about 1:30 at the latest. It's always rain or shine. The Ducks Unlimited shoot on the 10th of Sept is a huge shoot. we need about 40 club members to work this day, and again, the hours are about the same. A sign up list will be at the bulletin board in the bar, or you can contact me through phone or e-mail. So please look at your calendars mark these dates, come shoot or work, it's a fun day.

*Dick Palmer
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CLASSIC SHOOT & WWII RE-ENACTMENT CAMP



When: Saturday July 23, & Sunday July 24, 2016

Where: Fin Fur & Feather Rifle Range

Mission: The 26th Infantry "Yankee" Division re-enactors will set up camp on the rifle range with authentic period gear including vehicles, circa May 1944.

Events: Re-enactment Camp

Saturday | 1100 – 1900 hrs

- Open to the members & guests : FREE
- Interactive displays
- Period Firearm displays
- Vehicle rides
- 26th YD members engaging in unit qualification drills
- Food and refreshments

Practical Pistol Event

Sunday | 1000 - 1600 hrs

- Open to club members & guests : FREE (bring hearing and eye protection)
- Rifle and pistol shooting event : (\$20)
- Firearms manufactured or designed before 1960
- Iron sights only
- Practical Pistol rules

Details:

- This is a timed and scored event
- Only firearms manufactured or originally designed before 1960
- Pistols, Rifles or both (course will be adjusted if you only have one)
- Iron sights only
- All firearms to have trigger locks installed during display periods
- All ammunition is to be secured at all times
- Magazine load out TBD but there will be reloading required in the stages
- See attached course

Sign up and Information:

paul.arildsen@charter.net

CLUB'S SHOTGUN CHAMPIONSHIP

This year the Club's Annual Shotgun Championship will be held on September 24th at 9 am. Sign up in the bar, individuals or you can squad a team. Come celebrate the end of summer by shooting this 125 target event. You will be shooting skeet, trap, modern skeet 5-stand and sporting clays. The cost covers target, BBQ steak dinner, and beer.

ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

On Sunday April 3rd, the Fin held it's annual Chili Cook-off. The cold, snowy weather did not hold back the 15 chili chefs and 84 tasters. Thanks to all of the chefs and all of you who braved the cold and came out to taste their chili and crown our new chili champion.



This year's winners were:

- 1st Place: Dan d'Entremont (right)
- 2nd Place: Nancy Davidson (middle)
- 3rd Place: Tom Potter (left).

All proceeds went to the Children's Fund. Thank you to John and Laura for your work in organizing this event. It is always a fun time and for a great cause.



Chefs dishing out their chili.

FAMILY PICNIC TIME

The Family picnic is fast approaching. The picnic is set for August 21st. There will be a work day on August 20th 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,
President Kevin Theriault

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2ND ANNUAL CRAWFISH BOIL

Members set the date of July 9th aside for this wonderful dinner. There will be limited tickets, and those who attended last year's event can attest that this dinner is great. Watch for additional notices.

\$50 REWARD WANTED

Birdhouse people – young or old. We need birdhouses to be donated to our birdhouse event at the F.F.F. Family Picnic on August 21st. Build them or buy them. Paint, stain, fancy, or plain. Let your imagination run wild. This is a great Fin kid project. Contact Tom Potter@ 860-212-6573 – sign up at the bar – or just-bring-them-along. Birdhouse with the most ticket votes wins the builder 50 bucks!

\$50 REWARD WANTED

A few men, women & children who like to bake. Make a non-refridgerated dessert for the F.F.F. Family Picnic on Aug. 21st. If you are going to be there, why not participate? Cakes, cookies, bars, sweets, use your imagination. Dessert with the most ticket votes wins that baker 50 dollars. Call Nancy at 860-456-8782 or sign up at the bar. If you are a procrastinator – just bring them along. See you there!

THE 10TH ANNUAL GREAT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Open To All

Grow the biggest- best- or most interesting! Last year we had some great pumpkins: huge; small; warty; tall; and carved. Why don't you give it a try! 2 classes for growing.

Main Event: uses our seeds, no vine injecting, plant after Memorial day.

Open Class: use any seed, any variety, plant anytime, anything goes.

Pumpkin seeds are donated by the O'Hara's and are free of charge. Pick them up at the bar. Hope you have a great growing season and we will see you at the Pumpkin Festival on October 8th!



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