



ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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Pheasants Are Coming...

PLEASE HELP OUT!

Paul Cardinal, Pheasant Chairman

The 2016 pheasant stocking season went well. We had a lot of help from many of the many members. We want to thank those of you that helped! You make this a great club program year after year.

We will again be ordering 3800, 8-week old birds. They will arrive sometime in the week of July 17. 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 of the date and time by club email as time gets closer.

Help with the pheasant feedings; sign up at the bar on the calendar. Let's make this a very successful year again!

Call me at 860-377-0453 or email CardinalService151@Yahoo.com to help, questions, suggestions, ideas, etc.

Thank you,
Paul



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dick Palmer, President

Summer is upon us and the Club is a great place to come out and relax under the pavilions, enjoy some lazy day fishing, and even sharpen your skills on the ranges. The Club ran some pretty nice dinners recently and a big thank you to those putting them on. We still have the Annual Family picnic the 3rd weekend in August on the 20th, and the Annual Chicken BBQ on Sept. 16th, so there is still time to come out and enjoy the taste of the Fin. The Family picnic has a lot of contests going on like the Bake Off, raffle prizes, and so much food – so good!

Just a reminder if you haven't received e-mails announcing activities going on at the Club, check with the Membership Chairperson to make sure your correct email address is on file. There are so many activities that go out through e-mails. On August 12th and 13th, the Club will host the Zone Skeet Shoot; a lot of shooters from throughout the Northeast will be here trying for top shooter. Sporting Clays schedule is up and running as well. Lastly, a reminder that you need to purchase your hunting badges before Oct. 1st; likewise all your obligations must be settled prior to Oct 1st as well.

Enjoy your club.

BY-LAWS REVISION

Members.

Our By-laws requires us to review them every five years, and if necessary make changes. Recently a review indicated some changes and **these proposed changes will be voted upon on July 11th at the regular membership meeting.** The By-laws are posted on the bulletin board in the bar, and were e-mailed for everyone's review. They're color coded to highlight these proposed changes. The biggest item is how the Executive Board is structured. Currently there are 7 members elected and with the lowest additional vote receivers are declared alternates. These alternates only have voting privileges when seated in absence of a full Board member to establish a quorum. This review committee and our current Executive Board felt we should remove the Alternates and make them full Board members as many times the alternates are seated as a full Board member. Presently, alternates have no voting or discussion on matters relating to the Club's operation, it's only when they are seated that they have full rights. So this change would create nine(9) Executive Board members, and along with this, additional changes in the By-laws throughout to expand board members from the seven(7) to nine(9). There are other changes along with this proposal, which reflects current day operations.

Please take time to read this proposal and attend the July 11th meeting to express your questions and to vote on these changes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

11th	Sporting Clays Shoot starts at 9 am
13th	Membership meeting at 7 pm.

JULY

5th	Executive Board meeting 6:30 pm
8th	Rifle match, 9 am
9th	Sporting Clays Shoot starts at 9 am
11th	Regular membership meeting at 7 pm

AUGUST

1st	Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm
6th	Sporting Clays Shoot starts at 9 am
8th	Regular membership meeting at 7 pm
12th	Northeast Zone Skeet Shoot
13th	Northeast Zone Skeet Shoot
19th	Rifle Shoot
20th	Annual Family Picnic at noon

SEPTEMBER

5th	Board Meeting at 6:30 pm
9th	Ducks Unlimited Sporting Clays Shoot at 9am
12th	Regular membership meeting – Nomination for officers
16th	Last Rifle match for the season, 9 am
16th	Annual Chicken BBQ, to benefit the Pheasant program, 5 pm
17th	Last Sporting Clays Shoot at 9 am
30th	Last day to purchase Hunting Badges

HUNTING BADGES

Please mark your calendars as you will need to purchase your 2017 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 so to purchase your badge. Please keep your receipts. It is not up to the Hunt Chairman or Club, it is you!



FAMILY PICNIC TIME

The Family picnic is fast approaching. The picnic is set for August 20th. There will be a work day on August 19th at 8 am to set up for the picnic. Lots of help is needed to make this event happen. 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.

21 and Older.....	\$15.00
12 to 20	\$10.00
6 to 11	\$ 5.00
5 and Under	FREE

CHICKEN BBQ

A reminder that the Annual Chicken BBQ to benefit the Pheasant program is September 16th @ 5 pm. There is a deadline for ticket purchase. This is a great meal and time. Tickets will be at the bar.

MEMBERSHIP

Bob Hruskocy, Membership Chairman

The club has added 52 new members to date. The breakdown of members is as follows; Regular 346, Associate 217, Junior 22, Life 157. Membership is holding steady. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a member, I can send them an application.

TRAP

Bob Hruskocy, Trap Chairman

The trap doors have been replaced and all should have locks on them. A thank you to Witek Krzyszton and Chris Matusik for their fine craftsmanship on installing the doors and hinges. Also thanks to Robert Baird for staining them and Pete Kasacek for installing locks.

The CT State shoot will be held at Hartford Gun Club on June 23 – 25. Stop by if you are in area.

If you notice any equipment that is not working at the club, please let me know so I can get it repaired.

Generally the “trap” crew shoots on Saturday mornings, stop down and shoot a few rounds.

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FISH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Fin held the Annual Kid's Fishing Derby on Sunday, May 7th, 2017 (see page 6 for photos). This has been one of our BEST Derby's attendance with 97 kids signing up! Each year our goal is to get more kids and their families involved. A wonderful day was had by all who attended, and Mother Nature was a little kinder to us this year than in previous years.

Thank you to everyone who donated for this event, including items for prizes, money to buy fish and especially all who donated their time. Including REC Components, Big Y, Walmart, Center Sports, Red Bird Real Estate and members!

Thank you to our awesome grilling crew, who worked hard to make this a success! We certainly fed a lot of hungry mouths!! A very special thanks goes out to Mike Nowosielski and Matt Millix for always being there.

Congratulations to Cole Lazzela, who caught the tagged fish for a prize of \$50.00! Also, congratulations to all who won in their age categories!! Watching the kids fish all morning, enjoying themselves, seeing the excitement in their eyes when they catch a fish, bringing it to us for a weigh in and then waiting for the raffles at the end of the tournament is ...PRICELESS!!

Members, please pass on our heartfelt gratitude to your family and friends who attended, but don't receive this Newsletter. The support for this event is greatly appreciated!

The Corned Beef Dinner, which also benefits the Fishing Committee was held on Saturday, March 18th 2017. Another successful dinner!!!! A very special thank you goes out to Jon Guarino and his kitchen staff for putting together this dinner each year!

Our Prime Rib Dinner was held on Saturday, April 15th 2017. It was a great night and huge success! We sold out at 85 dinners within record time! We want to thank you all

for supporting this event each year. A very special thank you goes out to Steve Sanborn for cooking his prime rib to perfection, as always! We would also like to sincerely thank the kitchen crew, set up & cleanup crew for your time and energy, again greatly appreciated!

We also had our 3rd Annual Biggest Trout Derby, held on Saturday, May 20th 2017. We had a great night and a wonderful time was had by all! Thank you all for bringing something for the grill and potluck dishes to share - there was, as always, plenty of food for everyone! We had 42 entries @ \$10.00 a person. Biggest trout won 1/2 the entry fee...18 inches & 2.55 lbs...goes to John Shea! CONGRATULATIONS JOHN!!! A very special thank you goes out to our organizing, set up, clean up and grilling crew...too many to mention, but you all know who you are!

Hope to see all of you for the 2018 fishing season and next year's festivities!!!



*Big Fish Derby
won by John Shea
on the 20th of May*

SPORTING CLAYS

Sporting Clays Committee

The Club had its first shoot on May 21st. The weather was perfect and the crowd enjoyed themselves. A reminder that these shoots are open to anyone, registration starts at 9 am and the shoot goes through 12 noon. It's only \$15 for 50 targets, and just \$10 for another 50 targets. The remaining shoots are June 11th, July 9th, August 6th, and Sept 9th, which is the Ducks Unlimited shoot. The Club will host this shoot and will need 18 members to help trap from 9 am through 2 pm. We're taking sign-ups now, please contact Dick Palmer by e-mail, rpalmer12@snet.net or 860-933-4768, if you can work this shoot or the ones in Aug and Sept. Our last shoot for the season is Sept 17th.

WINTER SKEET LEAGUE

2016-2017 Winter skeet League concluded on April 9th, and the League shoot off and Championship was held on April 23rd. The Winter League held its banquet at the Niantic Sportsman Club on the 29th. During the Banquet it was recognized that Fin member Josh St. Lawrence held the overall top average for the entire Winter league teams, shooting on the Team 2 Intense, Div. 1 Fin team. It was also recognized that the Runner Up award for the second highest average went to John Mathewson another Fin member shooting in Div. 1 Fin's Bad Boys II. John had won the League Champ award last year and Josh was the Runner Up. Well done to both Josh and John.

In Div. 1 team Bad Boy's II have place second. In Div. 3 team Station Nine place 3rd with only one loss separating first, second, and third. They also finish with High Average recognition.



Josh St. Lawrence accepting the High Average and champion for 2016-17 Winter Skeet League, shooting on Div. 1, Bad Boy's II.



2016-17 High Average Runner Up was John Mathewson from the Div. 1 Bad Boy's II.



Dennis Jolley accepting the 2nd place plaque in Div. 1 for Bad Boy's II



Dick Palmer accepting the 3rd place award and High Average for Station Nine Div. 2

2017 ANNUAL KIDS FISHING DERBY



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WANTED

A few men, women, and children who like to bake. Make a non-refrigerated dessert for the F.F.F. picnic on Aug. 20th. If you are going to be there, why not participate? Cakes, cookies, bars, sweet breads, 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.

\$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 20th. Build them or buy them. Paint, stain, fancy or plain. Large or small, let your imagination run wild. This is a great Fin Kids summer project. Contact Tom Potter at 860-212-6573 or just bring them along. Birdhouse with the most ticket votes wins the builder 50 bucks!



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THE 10TH ANNUAL GREAT PUMPKIN CHALLENGE

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 7th.



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