



ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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**CT Volunteers
Civil War Group**

Steak Night



summer

at the fin

Family Picnic

Chicken Barbecue

**Ducks Unlimited
Sporting Clays Shoot**

Annual Skeet Shoot

UPCOMING EVENTS



JULY

3rd	Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.
8th	Sporting Clays Shoot, registration starts at 8:30, shooting starts at 9 am.
10th	Membership meeting at 7 pm.
21st	2nd Annual steak dinner, you can cook it or the crew can cook it.
28th	The 5th Connecticut Volunteers Civil War group will be here.
29th	The Rifle and Pistol ranges will be closed until 5 pm each day.

AUGUST

5th	Sporting Clays shooting starts at 9 am.
7th	Executive Board meeting 6:30 pm.
14th	Membership meeting at 7 pm.
19th	Annual Membership Family Picnic, starts at noon.
31st	The Connecticut Skeet Association will hold their Annual Skeet Shoot here. It starts on Friday afternoon at 1 pm, then Saturday it starts at 9 and goes through until 5 pm, and Sunday the same. Skeet and trap fields will be closed from fields 2-7. This depends on how many shooters are signed up.

SEPTEMBER

4th	Executive meeting at 6:30 pm.
8th	Saturday Ducks Unlimited Sporting Clays Shoot. We need trappers. Contact Dick Palmer at rpalmer12@snet.net or 860-933-4768.
11th	Membership meeting. This is the night for nominations for Officers and Executive Board only. You must be present if you're nominated. Elections on Oct 9th.
15th	Chicken BBQ, watch for those tickets. Fantastic meal.
16th	Sporting Clays, last shoot for 2018. We need trappers. Contact Dick Palmer.

HUNTING BADGES

Please mark your calendars as you will need to purchase your 2018 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 you can purchase your badge. Please keep your receipts. It is not up to the Hunt Chairman or Club, it is you.



MEMBERSHIP

Bob Hruskocy, Membership Chairman

The club has added 54 new members to date. The breakdown of membership is as follows; Regular 338, Associate 233, Junior 23, Life 162. Membership is holding steady. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a member, I can send them an application.

2017 – 2018 WINTER SKEET LEAGUE

The season ended in April, and the League end of season shoot off on April 22nd. The Fin had a total of 6 teams this year. The new comers of Irish Birds starting in 6th Division went undefeated. They took home 1st place. High Gun runner up went to Josh St. Lawrence from “Team 2 Intense” Div. 1 with a 49.200 season average.

Div 1	1st place was “Team 2 Intense”.
Div 2	High average went to Todd Quackenbush from team “Hot Shots” 2nd place went to “Station Nine” 3rd place went to “Hot Shots”
Div 3	1st place went to “Terminators” who went 11-1
Div 6	The Irish Birds first year in the league took team high average with a 218.57, they also went undefeated 12-0. Kyle Hooper had high average with a 46.929.

So the Fin winter league teams did very well, congrats to everyone.

Special note is at the end of each half the Winter League has a shoot. At the end of the season one of the shoots is here at the Fin. This year Fin members Bob Frankland and young Mike Sobol shot off and Bob Frankland went home the winner. Nice going guys.

On a sad note, team “Station Nine” who’s been shooting together for over 18 years, lost its organizer Bill Spears. Billy was the person to go to if you wanted to shoot skeet, and do it right, he also put together “Station Nine” and his favorite quote was, “*you have to pass the bar exam to make the team*”. RIP our friend, you surely are leaving a big void, that can never be filled.

PHEASANTS ARE COMING...

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

We will again be getting 3800, 8-week old birds. They will arrive sometime in the week of July 16. 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.

Help out catching birds on Fridays starting in October, stocking Saturdays and Wednesday morning.

Help Out! Let's make this another very successful year again!!!!

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

Thank you,

Paul Cardinal, Pheasant Chairman

SPORTING CLAYS

Dick Palmer

Sporting Clays is going well. Our next shoot is July 8th; registration starts at 8:15 am, shooting starts at 9 am. We still have a couple of trap openings for the August 5th shoot; report time is 8 am, and the course closes around 1:00 pm – 1:15 pm. Easy work hours. **The Ducks Unlimited shoot is on September 8th, a Saturday.** This is a big day for the Club and we need about 17 trappers for this event. Report time is 8 am and we'll go to about 1:30 pm. Our last event is Sunday, September 16th. We need 9 members to help out on this day, 7 to trap and an extra 2 to help pick up the course for the season. So if you want to help with easy work hours, call me, Dick Palmer, at 860-933-4768 or e-mail rpalmer12@snet.net. You need to get your work hours completed before September 30th, so have fun – sign up to trap.

TRAP

Bob Hruskocy, Trap Chairman

The 102nd CT state trap shoot will be held at the Hartford Gun Club in East Granby, CT on June 22nd-24th. There will be a few club members participating.

This is one of the biggest trap shoots in New England. Stop by and say hello !



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FISH COMMITTEE REPORT – JUNE, 2018

We had the Annual Kid's Fishing Derby on Sunday, May 6th, 2018. We had close to 90 kids signing up! A wonderful day was had by all who attended!

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; Landstar; Outdoor Adventures (Kip Jenkins); and all the members who went above and beyond with their donations this year! It made for a fantastic year for the prizes we were able to give the kids!

Thank you to our awesome grilling crew, who worked hard to make this a success! We certainly fed a lot of hungry mouths!!

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!!**

We also had our 1st Annual John Shea Biggest Trout Derby, held on Saturday, May 19, 2018. We had a great night and a wonderful time was had by all, despite the

weather! 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 64 entries at \$10.00 a person. Biggest trout won ½ the entry fee...18 1/2 inches & 3.4 lbs... goes to Kyle Hooper (which was also the \$50 tagged fish!) **CONGRATULATIONS KYLE!!!** 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! Also, this was during the time of the hurricane and we lost some of our grilling crew due to them being on call for clean up, but we would like to thank Paul Parrow & Keegan Martin for stepping up to the plate and getting the job done!

Our 3 dinners we had to raise money for the committee were also a huge success! Corned Beef dinner, always a great meal, thanks to Jon Guarino and his kitchen staff; The Prime Rib dinner – again a huge success thanks to Steve Sanborn and his kitchen crew; and our 1st Annual Roast Pork dinner also had a great turnout despite yet another winter wonderland snow storm that kept some of our kitchen crew out on the roads. And we would like to thank Mike Nowosielski for taking charge of this dinner! Thank you all for continuing to support these events.



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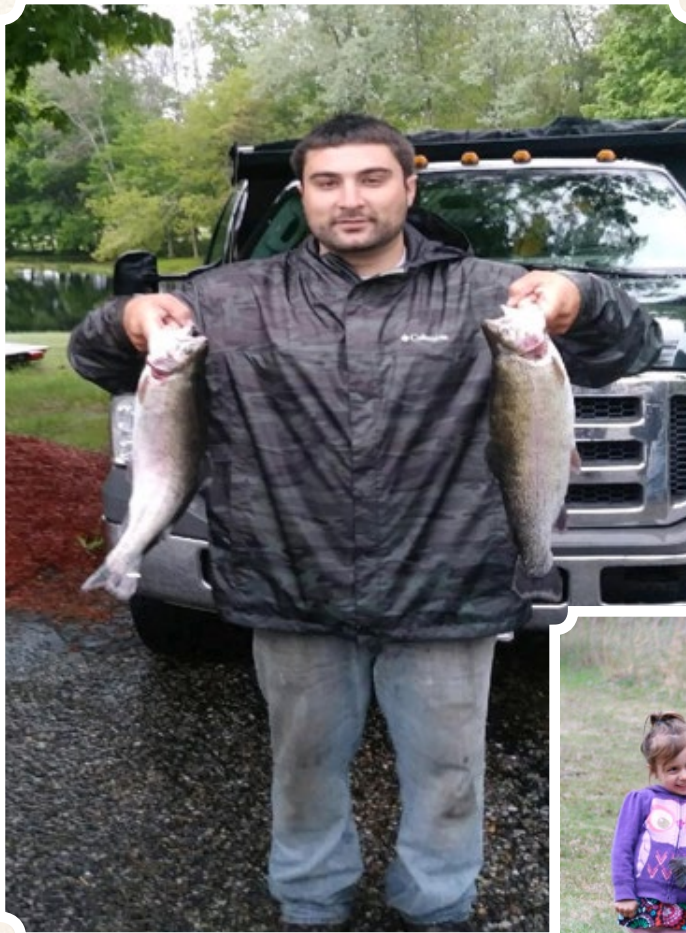
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