



Letter from the President

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Special points of interest:

- Pike Under the Ice Photos
- Annual Kids' Fishing Derby
- Charles Hill Cup
- Registered Trap

It is beginning to look like spring here at the Fin. The snow is melting and the ice fishing gear is being put away. The winter here has been rather busy, with many social functions bringing members together for a little food, fun, and spirits to pass by a cold winter night. This winter weather now seems never ending, but preparations for a busy year ahead are well underway.

Incredibly, Rick Turcotte just finished the first of his many successful archery shoots and the thought of our ponds being stocked with beautiful trout are just days away. In addition to that, in just a few short weeks our first batch of pheasant chicks will arrive and our busy shotgun sport season will begin. But before this, our club and facilities need to be readied for the upcoming year.

We will once again organize a spring work party day to take care of our grounds and Ron Mott will lead the way. Our facility is large and requires many hands to get the work done. Everyone young and old can contribute to this. If all our members work together, we can accomplish this in a day or two and of course enjoy some socializing and fun while doing it. Remember it is your club. Be proud of it. **There are not many places like this!**

Our club provides us with some of the best amenities a sports-person could want. From fish, to food, to pheasants, we always need to stay ahead to provide the best service and quality to all our pro-

grams for both our members and guests. I enjoy seeing our membership, both old and new, taking some initiative to try new things to better our club. This winter we had a great ice fishing derby held at Mansfield Hollow coordinated by Marty O'Rourke, clam night returned, and the Friday night dinner menus continue to fill the billboard.

Our new fish chairman Jon Guarino is working hard to bring you more fish than ever. The ice will melt and our members will soon be able to enjoy our three ponds. I hear rumors of bullhead fishing. Again another old event that Kevin Segar wants to rekindle, go for it!

The pheasant program is about to start. Our birds are raised meticulously and have become some of the finest in the state, bar none. Again this is a thankless and tiring task needing many people. The rewards are sweet though, as you see a beautiful pheasant in flight, harvested in one of our fields and retrieved by man's best friend.

The shotgun sports season will be a busy one. The Fin will host two registered trap shoots, multiple skeet shoots, and an increasingly growing sporting clays program. Get involved, work them, shoot them and help make these events a success and don't "burn out" the regulars who are seemingly always providing their time and effort.

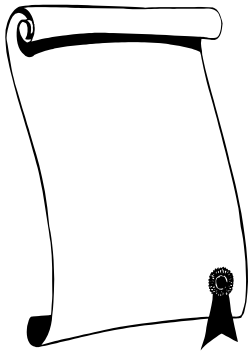
No matter what your interests are here, the wide variety of programs offers something for every-

one. Contact a chairperson of an event and tell them "I'll help you". Those simple words will bring the entire club more thanks than you will ever know. Heck, we even provide you with the phone numbers on the last newsletter page to make it easy for you. Enjoy this year at The Fin. There is a lot going on and more to come.

In closing, I want to thank Peter Rich and all our members who made this year's spring raffle the biggest to date. I also want to thank all our new and returning members who make this club what it is. I'll see you on the skeet field, pistol range, in the woods, on the bank by a pond, in the bar, somewhere...because our club really has all there is to offer.

Thank You,
Steven J. Davis
President





Bring in a new member and sit back to enjoy the year at the club. Your work hours are done.

2005 3D Archery Schedule

The Fin's 3D Archery Committee has established the following schedule for 2005. Make plans to get up to the Club for another fantastic season of sending arrows straight into the heart of a wannabe monster black bear, big buck, or fat gobbler. Practice until you're perfect. Mark these dates on your calendar:

March 13

April 10

May 8

June 12

September 11

On May 8 it's Mother's Day and all Moms shoot free.

Adults 16 and older pay \$10.

Youth 11—15 pay \$5.

Cubs up to 10 are free.

There are trophies in all classes of competition. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

For all 3D events, registration is from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00

noon. The cut-off is at 2:30 p.m.

Also, on September 11, the practice range will be relocated from where it usually is to another place nearby in order to accommodate the N-SSA skirmishers who will be holding a skirmish that weekend and will park their campers on the archery practice range, which would be in the line of fire.

Help set up the range on the day before. "See you there!"

Friday Night Dinners for Everyone

Everyone has been talking about the fantastic Friday Night Dinners at the Fin. Long abandoned for other pleasures, the Club has now replaced this great opportunity for dining and good times with friends.

Recently, the dinners have featured fresh seafood—to recognize the Lenten season. And then, due to a planning glitch, an unrestrained heathen

influence, or the terrible urge to do something fitting to honor the Irish St. Patrick, members came together on March 18 for a hearty Friday night meal of Corned Beef with all the trimmings.

People who've tasted the food are satisfied and coming back for more, so it must be good. One night, the March 18 meal as a matter of fact, I was late getting back from work and found all the bowls empty...and it was only 7:00 p.m.! Get there early and enjoy. —SB



Jon Guarino and his crew produced one whopping great Corned Beef Dinner on March 18. Did you get there in time for dinner?

Black Powder

In winter, black powder guys and gals devote time to getting ready. Typically, the long cold nights and short days are devoted to melting led, pouring it into one pound ingots, and re-melting it piece by piece to mold bullets for the musket, carbine, and revolver. Cartridges are loaded up, also, in order to have a ready supply for when the weather breaks. Now and then the weather

gives a balmy winter day, and at that time you may find these fellows up at the pistol range trying to recover their accuracy from the past summer. This winter, however, was a beast, as everyone knows, so there was not much time for practice. Now that spring began officially on March 20th, they will be popping caps and blowing smoke on a regular basis. Watch those targets fall! —SB



Update on Boy Scout Troop 34

The other day I was walking around in the Boy Scout Store in East Hartford and suddenly heard my name called. What a pleasant surprise it was to see Mike Sobol standing there. He is a fellow Scouter who is active not only with the a Boy Scout Troop in Coventry, but also with the Boy Scout Venturing program, as was featured in this newsletter not long ago.

It's always a distinct pleasure to meet a fellow club member when out and about, and it is doubly so when he or she is involved with the Boy Scouts. People like Mike Sobol are working hard as volunteers to help young folks grow into adulthood with the values best suited to a good life.

A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, and referent.

They learn these timeless values through scouting events that are filled with action, outdoor activity, excitement, skills

development, and year-round ongoing fun times with peers and adult scouters. That's what it is all about, but especially camping in the outdoors.

Troop 34, the outfit where I serve as scoutmaster, is making plans now to come to the Fin for another weekend camping trip. Last fall, you may recall, we were not able to camp out because the boys didn't have enough time to spare for a weekend event. Instead, we used a Saturday afternoon for continuing their interest in the shooting sports—shotgun, pistol, and black powder. Thank you, Club members, for your assistance back then.

Incidentally, three of the scouts in Troop 34 are junior members of the Fin—Matthew and Michael Bruckerhoff and Wil Cassidy.

If any members have the time later this spring when the weather improves, I'll welcome your help with another scouting event at the Fin. As soon as I have information on the troop's plans, I'll get out the

word so that you can make your plans.

The beastly winter did not stop Troop 34 from having its annual winter campout at Camp Wabbaquasset in Ashford (see the accompanying photos). This event always has the dads and leaders (all real men) making the meals and the scouts doing the cleanup of dishes, pots, pans, and utensils. During the daytime, snow permitting, the scouts are outside for four and five hours at a stretch doing everything imaginable—for kids have great imaginations—on the sleds and snowfields. They swoop into the cabin at intervals to devour a snack or meal and then rush back outside for more fun. Nighttime they are outside, also, playing Manhunt in the dark, cold night.

If you have a son or grandson who could benefit from great times on the way to becoming a man, he's always welcome to join Troop 34.

Until next time: Be Prepared. —CB, Scoutmaster



"On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

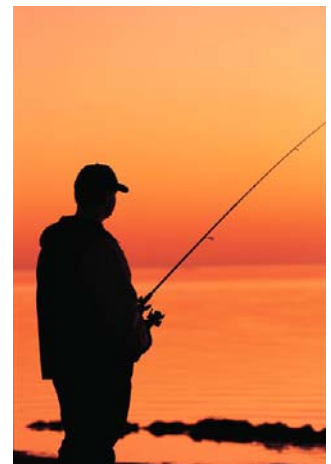
Club Annual Kids' Fishing Derby: May 7

Reserve May 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for the Annual FFF Kid's Fishing Derby! All members' kids from 3 to 15 years old are invited to the Fly Pond for a terrific time hauling in the big trout, bass, sunfish, bullheads, turtles, and whatever else hits the bait.

This event never fails to thrill young and old alike. Watch the excitement build in the kids as the clock strikes eight! The fish are literally waiting for the bait to hit the water. The wonderment of toddlers is something to marvel at. When the fish is on the bank, they lose all interesting baiting the

hook and casting for another catch. They just love to get their hands on the flip-flopping fish in the grass.

Be assured, our new Fish Chairman, Jon Guarino, and his team will have prizes to please. Kitchen will be open. Have a great time!



2005 FLY POND RULES & REGULATIONS



Ice will soon be out. Use your imagination & skill. Catch the big ones at the Fin.

"Take a kid fishing and raise up a young man or woman to appreciate the good things in life. You owe it to the next generation and the next to provide the best guidance, care, and love."



"Gone fishing" is not an excuse, it's a way of life.

**Absolutely no feeding of fish.
Anyone caught feeding the fish will lose their fishing privileges for the year.**

No exceptions will be made!!!!

1. All flies must be a single, "barbless" hook. Weight must be incorporated into the fly, no external sinkers are allowed. Strike indicators are allowed. No power bait. The fly pond will be open to all fishing and the spin pond rules apply beginning on June 1, 2005.
2. The fly pond will be open to fishing on Sunday April 3rd, 2005 after the fishing derby April 2nd.
3. The fly pond will be closed the day of and the day following each stocking. Please respect this for the health of the fish.
4. Members may bring a guest for a fee of \$10 per day, payable at the bar. The guest is entitled to one (1) fish and must stop fishing when one fish is killed.
5. The member limit is two (2) fish per day, six (6) fish per week to a total of twenty-four (24) fish per year.
6. No person 18 years of age or older who is not a regular, life or honorary member is allowed to fish except as a fee paying guest (\$10 per day, 1 fish limit)
7. A member and family may fish together but are limited to 1 fish/day each. Each fish applies against the members' season allotment. The weekly allotment cannot be exceeded.
8. Members and guests must sign in on arrival at the ponds, name and member number is required (please print). All fish retained must be recorded in the space provided after the member's name and number.
9. All fish taken must be killed before leaving club grounds. State Law!
10. Once you have retained your limit of fish you must stop fishing. There will be no giving away of fish so as to be able to continue fishing.
11. No parking is allowed around the ponds except with a handicap sticker.
12. Rule violations will automatically revoke a member's fishing privileges until a hearing is held and then a season ban may be imposed.

Have fun....and good luck!

2005 SPIN/BAIT POND RULES & REGULATIONS

Absolutely no feeding of fish.

Anyone caught feeding the fish will lose their fishing privileges for the year.

No exceptions will be made!!!!

1. The lower pond (Skeet Field) and middle pond are designated for Spin/Bait fishing. The middle pond is also designated as fly-fishing. A lures, flies and bait hooks must be a single barbless hook.
2. These ponds will be open to fishing on Saturday April 2nd, 2005 provided ice out.
3. **BAIT IS ALLOWED BUT NO MINNOWS OR CORN! ALL FISH CAUGHT WITH BAIT MUST BE RETAINED! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
4. The ponds are closed the day of and the day following each stocking. Please respect this for the health of the fish.
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Fishermen catch fish, according to John Schumansky.

2005 Fish Stocking Schedule

March 30th

Fly pond	282 Fish
Middle Pond	193 Fish
Lower Pond	<u>193 Fish</u>
Total	672 Fish

April 13th

Fly pond	82 Fish
Middle Pond	82 Fish
Lower Pond	<u>82 Fish</u>
Total	246 Fish

April 28th

Fly pond	82 Fish
Middle Pond	82 Fish
Lower Pond	<u>82 Fish</u>
Total	246 Fish

Season Total

Fly pond	445 Fish
Middle Pond	356 Fish
Lower Pond	<u>356 Fish</u>
Total	1165 Fish



Highlights from the First Annual FFF Pike Under the Ice Fishing Derby



"The FFF Fish Committee had great success with its Pike Under the Ice Fishing Derby. Accompanying photos demonstrate nearly unbelievable success. Note especially the big one hiding in the six-foot cooler. Congratulations!"



Fin Fur & Feather Club *2005 Application to Hunt Turkey & Deer*

Use this form to apply for hunting privileges on FFF-owned and leased property for the 2005 season.

- I wish to hunt **turkey** in the following fields on the Bass Property. I have indicated my preferences for fields to hunt by circling the numbers below:

My Preferences on Bass Property					My Preferences on Bass Property				
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	East Field	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tomecko's
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Green Barn	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	West Field

- I wish to hunt **turkey** on Club-owned property.
- I wish to hunt **deer** on Club-owned property--**archery only**. I have indicated my preferences for fields to hunt by circling the numbers below:
- I wish to hunt **deer** in the following fields on the Bass Property. I have indicated my preferences for fields to hunt by circling the numbers below:

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Method(s) of hunting deer: Archery Shotgun Muzzleloader

- I understand that no tree stands may be used on Club-owned or Club-leased land at any time.
- I understand that this application must be returned to the Clubhouse Bar by April 20, 2005 in order to be considered; and that once all applications have been reviewed, permits to hunt will be available at the Clubhouse Bar by April 30, 2005.
- I have read State law and regulations and Club rules and I agree to abide by all hunting laws and regulations.

Name: _____ FFF Membership ID Number: _____

Street Address: _____ Town: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 20, 2005

Notice: You must purchase a valid 2005 Armband to hunt turkey, deer, waterfowl, pheasant, and so forth on club-owned and club-leased land.

Members are hereby notified that they must observe all State hunting laws and regulations in addition to Club Rules.

Failure to abide by State law and regulations or Club rules may result in Board action against the offending member, including action subsequent to court rulings against the member.

—FFF Board of Directors

2005 Hunting Rules & Regulations

OBSERVE ALL STATE HUNTING LAWS

500 Foot Zone: It is prohibited to hunt with, shoot, or carry a loaded firearm within *500 feet* of any building occupied by people or domestic animals, or used for storage of flammable material.

Hunting Near Roads, Buildings, People, and Domestic Animals: Hunting or shooting from or across the traveled portion of any public roadway is prohibited. Shooting toward any person, building, or domestic animal when within range is prohibited.

Sunday Hunting Prohibited: Possession of hunting implements on Sunday in the open is prima facie evidence of violation. Sunday hunting is allowed on licensed private shooting preserves when the operator has permission from the town.

Motor vehicles: Hunting or shooting from a motor vehicle is prohibited (except under Handicapped Hunting Opportunities, see *2005 CT Hunting and Trapping Guide*)

Firearms in Vehicles: It is prohibited to carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

Fluorescent Orange Requirement: During the period September 1 through the last day of February, hunters are required to wear at least 400 inches of fluorescent orange clothing above the waist and visible from all sides (for exceptions applied to archery deer and archery and firearms turkey hunters and others, see *2005 CT Hunting and Trapping Guide*).

Legal Shooting Hours: Do you know when it is legal to start and stop hunting? It is your responsibility to consult the *2005 CT Hunting and Trapping Guide!*

OBSERVE ALL CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

Field Dress Game Only. Hunters are allowed to field dress game (remove entrails) only. Do not completely dress your game animal until you reach home. Also, dressing of game animals at the Club is prohibited.

1. Pheasant hunting will start at 8:00 am on Saturday and Wednesday, and in accordance with state law during the week. All pheasant hunters must sign in on the assigned group sheets, before hunting on Saturday, and Wednesday
2. Members are allowed two (2) pheasants per day. A Junior member may pick his/her own A, B, or Wednesday season, but must hunt with a Club member who has a valid CT hunting license and is over 21 years of age. Members may bring a guest, but the guest may not hunt or carry a gun, only observe. Members may bring spouse who also hunts when pheasant hunting, but must split daily bag limit.
3. Hunting or training of dogs near or around the pheasant pens is prohibited.
 - ◆ There shall be no hunting on the Clubhouse side of the rifle/pistol range access road.
 - ◆ All dogs must be leashed on the mowed grass area on the clubhouse side of the driveway.
4. 400 inches of fluorescent orange clothing must be above the waist and visible from all sides at all times while hunting.
5. Hunting of turkey and deer on Club-owned and Club-leased property:
 - ◆ Turkey and deer hunting is allowed on Club-owned (bow only) and Club-leased property, with a Club Permit, armband, a

valid CT hunting license, and tags. Junior members may apply for deer and turkey permits to hunt on Club-owned and Club-leased property and must hunt with a Club member who has a valid CT hunting license and is over 21 years of age. All season and bag limits are in accordance with CT state laws and regulations.

- ◆ Bow hunting for deer/turkey is allowed on Club-owned property with a Club permit, armband, and a valid CT hunting license and tags.
 - ◆ Waterfowl hunting is allowed on Club-leased property. All state and federal hunting regulations and bag limits in addition to Club rules must be observed, with the exception being on Saturdays. Waterfowl hunting on Saturdays during the upland bird (pheasant) season is not allowed before 1:00 p.m. on Club-leased land. There will be no permanent blinds or dug pits allowed.
6. No parking in the skeet field parking lot until 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays during the hunting season, unless you have a handicapped permit vehicle.
 7. Parking is allowed only where directed.
 8. All pheasants must be signed in immediately after hunting.
 9. Rifle & pistol ranges and skeet fields are closed on Saturdays and Wednesdays until 10:00 a.m. Use extreme caution when hunting near these areas.
 10. Pheasants shot on Club-owned or Club-leased property do not have to be tagged with state tags, but must be signed in.
 11. No shot size larger than #6 chilled shot shall be used while pheasant hunting on Club-owned or Club-leased property. Ammo to be checked at sign-in.
 12. All dogs must be kept on leash or must come to heel after your party has taken its limit of pheasants.
 13. Observe all state rules and regulations when hunting.
 14. Use of motorized ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) is restricted to Club-owned property, with Executive Committee approval. For more information on this option, please consult "Rules for use of ATVs," 1998.
 15. On Thanksgiving Day fields will be stocked. All hunters are welcome.
 - ◆ All hunters must check in before hunting.
 - ◆ Hunting starts at 8:00 a.m.
 16. Pheasant harvest record weekday sign-in book is located inside the Clubhouse at the bar entrance.
 17. No hunting on Wednesday until 10:00 a.m. on any Club-owned or Club-leased property, except by allowed Wednesday morning hunters and Turkey and deer hunters.
 18. Observe Red Zone signs without exception.
 19. This year Arm Bands are mandatory, must be purchased before hunting, and must be worn when hunting deer, turkey, waterfowl, pheasant, and upland small game on Club-owned and Club-leased property. Exception arm band may be removed while hunting turkey or archery deer, while the hunter is in a stationary blind or ground stand.

This note just received from John Schumansky:

Definition of a Fisherman: Fishermen catch fish!

The rest of the dummies go fishing and wishing.

Thanks, John

Armband Update

This year 2005 Armbands will be mandatory for all members hunting Club-owned and Club-leased property. This will include Deer, Turkey, Waterfowl, Pheasant, and Upland small game.

Written Consent forms will only be issued to members in good standing who have purchased an armband for the current year. You may pick up your armband and consent form at the same time. In an effort to make things easier for everyone we will no longer have the Pheasant Hunting Group Applications. When you come down to purchase your 2005 Armband just tell the Bartender which group you wish to hunt (Group A, B, or Wed.) and he/she will issue you your armband and sign you up for that specific group. The cost for a 2005 Armband is \$5.00 and may only be purchased at the Bar during regular bar hours from April 30, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

2005 Sporting Clays Shoots

The latest information from Jim Davidson regarding the Club's sporting clays events is listed here. Do your best to make it to these fun-filled shotgun sports events. Also, it is a sure bet that Jim will need all the help he can get when these events are held at the Club, so contact him well in advance of the events to find out how you can lend a helping hand to make this summer at the Club the best it can be for Sporting Clays.

April 17	FFF
May 1	EGF&G
May 15	EGF&G
May 22	FFF
June 12	EGF&G
June 18	FFF (Ducks Unlimited)
July 17	FFF
September 18	EGF&G
October 2	FFF

Trap

If anyone is interested in shooting in an Informal Trap League this summer, please contact me. If you have never tried shooting trap before, give it a try. It's a great shooting sport. The FFF is holding 2 shoots this year. One on **June 19th** and one on **August 28th**.

Help will be needed at both of these events. The CT State Shoot is **June 24-25**. This event is held at the Hartford Gun Club. I will need a few members to help at that event as well. Hope to see you at the trap fields.

Happy Shooting,

Bob "Moon" Hruskocy

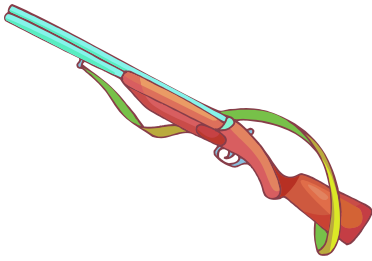
Pistol

Well its that time again. Spring is just around the corner, weather is getting easier to stay out in, and the trigger finger is getting itchy. Start planning on coming down to join in on the Summer Pistol League. We shoot every Wednesday evening at 6pm, takes about an hour to an hour and half. No ones cares what your score is, it getting together with other club members, and having a little fun. You can shoot rim fire for sixty rounds or use both rim and center fire for thirty rounds each. The capacity of your gun has to be a minimum of 5 rounds, we provide the targets, and the cost is only \$2.00 person hearing and eye protection is a must. So think about it, there's no commitment, whatever Wednesday night is best for you, come on down. The starting date will be April 20th, and we go until August 31st., thats 20 matches.

Remember shooters, please police your area after shooting, picking up the brass, and whatever paper targets is lying around. The range reflects on our use, everyone did a fantastic job last year, lets continue the good work.

Until the next newsletter "Keepem in the ten range"
Dick Palmer, chairmen

"The clubhouse at the Fin is a great place to spend time with your friends talking about the things that really matter. See you there."



THE FIN, FUR, AND FEATHER PRESENTS THE CHARLES HILL CUP

JUNE 19TH 2005
REGISTERED TRAP
\$1100.00 PRIZE MONEY

EVENT 1 16 YARD (100 TARGETS).....\$22.00
CLASSES AA-A - B - C -D

AWARDS (TIES DIVIDED)
\$100.00 TO EACH CLASS WINNER

OPTIONS
LEWIS CLASS.....\$10.00
One class each 10 entries or major fraction maximum 3 classes
Divided 50- 30- 20 High Gun

EVENT 2 HANDICAP (100 TARGETS).....\$22.00
YARDAGE GROUPS (19-20)(21-23)(24-25)(26-27)

AWARDS (TIES DIVIDED)
\$100.00 TO EACH GROUP WINNER

OPTIONS
LEWIS CLASS (AS EVENT 1) \$10.00

EVENT 3 DOUBLES (50 PAIR)\$17.00
MARATHON TARGETS SHOT ALL DAY

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS ANNOUNCED AT REGISTRATION

Registration and breakfast begins at 8:00 AM shooting at 9:00AM
For more information please visit our website. www.finfurfeatherclub.com
Management reserves the right to change the program



Charles Hill showing great form in the summertime at the Fin's Skeet Range. Thanks Charlie for all your help!

THE FIN, FUR, AND FEATHER PRESENTS REGISTERED TRAP



AUGUST 28TH 2005

\$900.00 PRIZE MONEY

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**Three cheers for
Jim and Nancy
Davidson who
were awarded
the 2004
Members of the
Year Award at
the Annual
Game Dinner!**

Shotgun News Items

- Larry Shewokis will be holding a few classes for anyone interested in learning how to shoot skeet.
- The dates have not yet been set, if interested in these classes please contact Larry at 860-423-8563.
- Jim Davidson is looking for someone to help him with Five Stand. Right now it is only avail when Jim has spare time. If someone can take on this responsibility, we can shoot Find Stand on a regular basis. PLEASE HELP !
- There will be a work party on April 2nd and April 9th to clean up the Sporting Clays course. Bring chain saws, rakes, etc.
- If anyone is interested in shooting in an informal summer trap league, please notify me, Bob "Moon" Hruskocy. I'm trying to put something together.
- PLEASE clean up your hulls, empty boxes should be taken to the fire pit, re-load the machines! Let's keep the place clean.

Petition for By-Laws Amendment

The following petition is available at the Clubhouse bar for members' consideration and action.

"No applicant to the Fin Fur and Feather Club who has been convicted of a felony shall be accepted into the Club.

Any member of the Fin Fur and Feather Club who is convicted of a felony shall be immediately and permanently expelled from the Club.

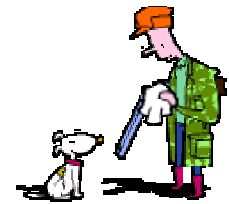
Any applicant or member, who, after a minimum of ten (10) years since being convicted of a felony, who has been convicted of no other felony offenses since that time, may request of the Executive Committee special consideration for membership in the Club."

Note: Any Club member may sign this petition, however, only Life, Meritorious Life, Regular, and Junior Members may vote on passage of the amendment.

Calendar of Events



- March 26: CT Trapper Association Fur Sale
- April 2: 2nd Annual Fishing Derby in Fly Pond
- April 8: Steak Dinner for Station 9
- April 9: 3D Work Party
- April 10: 3D Shoot
- April 17: Rifle Match, NRA
- April 23: Chicken Dinner for Children's Fund
- May 7: 3D Work Party
- May 8: 3D Shoot
- May 15: Rifle Match, NRA
- May 28: Bass Fishing Derby at Mansfield Hollow
- June 4: NE Skeet Shoot
- June 5: NE Skeet Shoot
- June 5: M1 Garand Match
- June 11: 3D Work Party
- June 12: 3D Shoot
- June 18: DU Shoot, Sporting Clays
- June 19: Registered Trap Shoot all day
- June 19: 50 yard rifle match
- July 10: Skeet Shoot, Fin Open
- July 17: 50 yard Rifle Match
- August 6: Little Muck Skeet Shoot
- August 14: Rifle Match, NRA
- August 21: FFF Family Picnic
- August 28: Registered Trap Shoot all day
- September 10-11: N-SSA Skirmish



Our Club has an outstanding sequence of events lined up for the 2005 season. Notice the 50 yard rifle match! Everyone should be able to find something satisfying here. Also, help is always needed to make these events fun times. Do your part for the Club.

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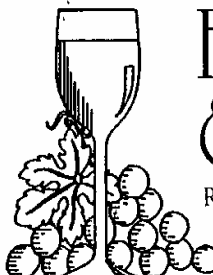
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