



Rod & Gun Gazette

Letter from the President

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Well, here we are again with the election of club officers coming up at the October meeting. I would like to encourage everyone to try and attend this meeting, because the people you vote into office will be the people responsible for the finances, and the everyday duties of running the club. I hope everyone gives some consideration to what each individual has to offer to the club as an executive board member and not just because he's your friend and votes the way you want him to vote. The executive board needs to act as a team, and to work together, so the members of the club will continue to have and to enjoy all the benefits they have become accustomed to.

Hunting season is right around the corner and the pheasants look good. The hunt committee is proposing an armband system to try and eliminate poaching during pheasant season. This policy will be discussed at the October Regular Membership meeting. Try and attend that meeting because you might have to pay for your own armband if approved by the membership during this meeting. Hunting rules and regulations are in this issue of the R&GG along with the pheasant sign-up applications. If you need a permit for turkey or deer, please feel free to contact me. Have a great hunting season.

—Donald A. Bajger
The Iceman

The member who makes the Family Picnic Rock: Bobby Theriault.



Special points of interest:

- Key into the notes immediately to the right on our great 2003 Annual Family Picnic and photos.
- If you want to hunt Club-owned or Club-leased land, you need to read about the rules and regulations in this issue.
- Help Don Bajger with our pheasant program.

2003 FFF Family Picnic A Great Success

Thanks to long-term experience, efficient planning, and honest to goodness hard work, Bobby Theriault and his crew once again produced one heck of a grand FFF family picnic. If you missed this one, it is terribly unfortunate. There were clams on the half shell to make

you cry for pleasure; clam chowder that made your weep for joy; hotdogs, hamburgers, and kielbasa with all the condiments for kids and parents alike to savor; and then there were those steamers! Oh my God. Well before the hood was lifted from the pan the line of

wide-eyed and fanatic steamer eaters stretched nearly to the entranceway. There was music for the heart's delight, kids' games, horseshoes, card games, adult beverages, soft drinks. All things considered, you guys and gals who put this on deserve a great THANK YOU!

Boy Scout Troop 34 Shooting Sports Event



Jon Guarino and son Nathan waiting for clam chowder.

This September 27 to 28 Boy Scout Troop 34 from Windham Center will camp on the club's grounds up by the fly fishing pond and devote time to practice and completion of work on merit badges in a variety of shooting sports and other outdoor recreational pursuits typical of our club's functions.

As a result, the pistol range will be closed on Saturday to provide space for rifle and black powder shooting. The scouts will use portions of the Pavilion for demonstrations and instruction. At least one

trap field will be set aside for the boys to practice and complete merit badge work toward shotgun sports. A portion of the hall may be used for fly tying instruction, with follow-up fly fishing demonstrations at the fly pond. The archery range may have at least one target reserved for the boys to practice bow and arrow shooting.

However, in no way should this use of our club by Troop 34 interfere with any member's use of the facilities. The boys should be seen here but at the same time be busy with their

important work at the different stations.

Several prominent members of our club and who are experts in their sports have generously volunteered their services to help teach the boys about these sports. In the process, our members will also help the youngsters develop attitudes and interests in the various shooting sports and fly fishing.

Give the boys and their scout masters a hearty welcome. —SB

How To Become Man of the Year

Man of the Year for 2002 was Jon Guarino, who received the award for his outstanding service as Treasurer.

Some of you may wonder now and then what a person in this club has to do to become Man of the Year. Why do I know this question is out there? Well, a common complaint in the club--and a darned important complaint--concerns the lack of direct and continuing involvement by some members in the work that needs to be done, whether alone or in specially organized work parties for events and seasonal clean-up. So, I figure some members just don't know how to make a difference--a felt difference. This article is therefore devoted to laying out not only the personal qualities one must have, but also the things one might do in the next year to become Man of the Year. By the way, it can be a woman, also. The Board would simply change the title on the award.

Personal Qualities. Selflessness, commitment, endurance, cooperation, timeliness, honesty, acceptance and use of constructive criticism, seeking technical assistance from experts, getting the job done, style, a penchant for perfection, and courage and patience to face opposition and harassment. That's a lot to ask of a person, but there is no doubt that these qualities and more are required for this distinguished annual award.

What to do in 2003-04. This list could go on for several pages, but I will restrict it to what I take to be some of the most important things this club needs done in the foreseeable future. The order is not meant to indicate level of importance.

1. Repair and upgrade the club's kitchen and effec-

tively raise dollars to help pay for the expenses.

2. Volunteer to create and head up the club's Kitchen Service Committee, work closely and cooperatively with people already providing existing kitchen services, follow the club's guidelines for kitchen service for all club functions, support all club functions with kitchen service year round.
3. Take over the Pheasant Raising program, following Don Bajger's fine lead.
4. Design a club function that creates great times for members and guests while effectively bringing in dollars to the treasury.
5. Fill in this blank, but make it a darned good idea and great effort. Good luck!



Members hard at work replacing shingles on our Clubhouse roof.

Rules Change

Recently, in response to an issue that developed in the club, the Executive Committee voted to amend the House and Grounds Rules with the following language.

“Club members must report any violation of club law, or club By-Laws or Rules to the Executive Committee. Any failure to do so

may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.”

Members are reminded that this club exists for the “conservation of fish, game, and other resources; to practice and teach the highest degree of sportsmanship; and to promote safe and proficient use of sporting equipment.” There is

nothing in our mission that has to do with breaking rules or going against the law. It is rather the enjoyment of members in the pursuit of traditional outdoor recreations, such as fishing, hunting, and shooting. Thus, do not be a member who is NOT in good standing. Be well known as a good member.



John & Laura Pawelec run the Egg Toss Contest in fine style.

2003 Annual Election of Officers & Directors

At the September 9 regular membership meeting, the FFF members received a report from the club's Nominating Committee for its annual elections. Also, at that time, the committee called for nominations from the floor. The comprehensive list of members who have been nominated for election to these important club positions appears below. Please make arrangements in your schedule (only regular and lifetime members can vote) to attend the October 14th Annual Membership meeting at

the FFF when the formal election will be held.

Don Bajger will return as President, **Charles Bruckerhoff** as Vice President, and **Jon Guarino** as Treasurer, unopposed. **Dick Palmer** will be Secretary, unopposed.

The slate of board members includes **Steve Davis, Bob Hurskocy, Keith Morehouse, Ron Mott, John Pawelec, Joe Pirolo, and John Postemski**. The men who are voted into office have responsibility for making decisions regarding priorities this

club sets now and for the future.

Also, they must exercise judgment regarding day-to-day relationships and/or issues of members, club employees, and club property and events. If you are a regular or lifetime member, you owe it to the club to attend this meeting and vote.

The regular meeting business will be attended to promptly, in order to keep the meeting to the shortest time period.

—Editor

Anyone can complain but it takes good sense, good manners, and plain hard work to see what needs doing and then do it.

Letter from the Editor

September brings nearly to a close the club's annual cycle of events. Elections are held next month, so there will be some turnover of officers for November and yet there will also be continuing good leadership for the fin.

This past year we acquired 26 acres of land adjoining the southwest corner of the prop-

erty. It did not come cheap, but it was for all practical purposes a necessary step to ensure that our sporting events and values are protected from encroachment by developers. Assessment 3 and other financial efforts will make sure that the mortgage is paid off as early as possible.

The fall hunting season is

already underway. Bow hunters, chomping at the bit for a chance at the big boys within 30 yards, are in their glory days. Duck, geese, pheasant, and grouse hunters will soon be in the game, also. Fall is a time for resplendent scenery with fishing, so get out to the lakes and streams and land a lunker.

Have a great autumn.



Some of the members' children anxiously awaiting games at the family picnic.

2003 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 *2003 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 *2003 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 *2003 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. Hunting will start at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and Wednesday, and in accordance with State Law during the week.
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. No hunting waterfowl, turkey, or deer on Club-owned property.
 - ◆ Turkey and deer hunting is allowed on Club-leased property only, with a Club Permit and a valid CT hunting license and tags. Junior members may apply for deer and turkey permits to hunt on 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 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.
 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.

Early Season Goose Hunters

I'm a new member looking to hook up with some fellow club members who need a hand carrying decoys and so forth. I'll do this work in exchange for hunting in your spread. If interested, please call me at work: 860-674-2095 or at home: 860-586-8210. Thanks: Chris Torino.

Pistol News

Hello Members,

Our summer is gone already. The club's Summer League had a tough opponent this year. The name of this desperado is RAIN. After so many evenings of drenching rain, most shooters had thrown in the towel. However, some diehards determined to stick it out to the bitter end. Congratulations pistoleros!

The Boy Scout Explorers used our range for their week of school during which about

280 youngsters in their mid to late teens received gun safety and participated in live fire. Anyone who watched this event unfold would have to agree that it was a great group of young people who really enjoyed themselves in the process of learning gun safety.

Members should beware that the 2003 fall hunting season is upon us. Remember to use position #12 at the pistol range to sight in your shotguns and black powder guns. Also, re-

member that both the pistol and rifle ranges are closed until 10 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays from October 18 through the end of the bird stocking period.

Unfortunately, some items were found at the pistol range that were used as targets that are not allowed. Please remember: only paper targets are allowed.

Until the next time: Keep 'em in the ten range.

—Dick Palmer



Pistol Committee Chairman relaxing at the FFF Family Picnic.

FFF Children's Christmas Party Planned

Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner. Some of you have been buying gifts for friends, relatives, and loved ones since last December 26 for the 2003 holiday. Others will start the annual migration to the stores in the coming weeks. By the first Monday after Thanksgiving most of you will have just about exhausted your patience for shopping and feel the pressure to get it all done ASAP, because by then

you will realize the time is growing shorter very rapidly.

Enter John and Laura Pawelec. These hard working members have been planning and working tenaciously on the 2003 Christmas Party for our kids almost since the last hour of the 2002 Christmas party.

This year on **December 7th at 12:00 p.m.** the FFF Children's Christmas Party will be held in our clubhouse. It will

be open to FFF members' children and grandchildren up to age 11. Included are lunch, entertainment, and a gift from Santa (for the kids).

This heartwarming event is made possible entirely by donations, so look for opportunities to help provide dollars, such as the recent Polish Dinner and other events planned by John and Laura.

Volunteerism is the real backbone of this nation-- and also of your club. When you hear the call, heed the call. Help your club with labor or dollars.

Pay Dues & Assessments Early

It is the little things that typically make an important difference in life. So it is with our club. You all realize that before the end of January 2004 the club's members must have paid their dues and assessments for the new year. Additionally, all outstanding monies owed the club, such as for non-completed work hours, must

be paid to the club otherwise the member faces expulsion. If a member has a hardship, he/she need only provide a board member or the Membership Chairman, with this information and arrangements will be made for postponement and/or graduated payments over time.

However, one of the best ways to help our club is to pay your dues & assessments for the new year as early in the months of November and December as possible. Because there are fewer events at this time of year, we need this cash to cover ordinary costs of operating the club. Pay early and do a great deed for the club.



Club members having fun at the ticket counter for FFF Family Picnic.

Smoke Pole Update



Sam Bridger at the spring N-SSA Nationals--when it was not raining.

This past August members of the 5th CT Volunteer Infantry of the North-South Skirmish Association traveled to Westerlo, NY to take part in another skirmish. That particular site in NY is remarkable for its beautiful views of the Catskill Mountains, and coming as it does in late summer, has crispy cool nights and mornings. This year Mars was closer than it has been in centuries, so the troopers, spouses, children, and camp followers enjoyed

spectacular views of the mysterious planet while trading stories around the campfire.

On Saturday, the 5th CVI captured second place with the carbine competition. That's a five-man team blasting away at breakable targets 50 yards down range--assuming the measurements were accurate, which is questionable.

On Sunday, the mighty 5th CVI took first place with musket competition. In this in-

stance it is an eight-man team again shooting breakables. We had help from Ron Collins, a fellow shooter from the 1st CVI. At the announcement of who won, there was a roar of unbelievable proportions from the 5th CVI in celebration. Naturally, the unit received congratulations and catcalls from other units, but took it all in stride. Next month we are off to the 03 Fall Nationals in Winchester, VA. Wish us luck.

—SB

Junior Hunting Days

The CT State Department of Environmental Protection now provides our junior hunters with a special opportunity before the season begins for training and to find out the joys of hunting. This fall there is a schedule for pheasant, waterfowl, and deer hunting seasons. The dates are as follows.

- Pheasant: October 11, private land only
- Waterfowl: November 8

- Deer: November 15, private and state land.

Why is this day set aside for the juniors? Well, hunting can get kind of discouraging when you go out there as a kid and have to contend with so many adult and experienced hunters who often will take the game animal before the youngster can get the gun up to the shoulder. Also, it's a key safety

issue. Our junior hunters deserve a chance to hunt when the risks are low. All they need is a responsible adult over 18 with a license, good sense, and a strong commitment to the future of hunting.

Take a kid out hunting this fall. Leave your gun at home and help that youngster realize the joy of hunting. Do your part for the future of hunting.

From Cal's Game Kitchen--Preparing Pheasant



Cal Nelson is served corn on the cob by Don Warren at the Family Picnic.

Pheasants are not usually sold in grocery stores, so the hunter has to make the bird suitable for cooking. I recommend the following:

1. Lay bird on its back, head facing away. Slit with knife just under skin on the breast.
2. Pull away skin and feathers from meat. Continue until breast and legs are exposed.
3. Sever legs and thighs from body by pressing them down and cutting the joint near the back bone.
4. With breast bone facing you, slice along bone using your other hand to grab breast with hand and cut with knife slicing down carefully following the cavity and wish bone to the wing joint. Sever here for breast meat.
5. Discard remainder of bird. Save heart, liver, and giblet for other cooking purposes, if desired. — Cal Nelson

If you want to make a positive difference in a kid's life, spend time with them. Take that boy or girl out hunting or fishing and teach them what the good life is all about.

Update on Finances & Land Purchase

First and foremost, I want to commend the members who responded to our request for funding to purchase the remaining 26 acres of contiguous land. A special thanks goes out to the five members who donated \$1,000 or more toward this effort. Presently, I am working on a monument recognizing these generous members, which will be located on club grounds.

Your Executive Committee

has approved some very important financial recommendations that will save our club a lot of money in the future.

1. Refinanced the skeet field loan from 9% to 6%, saving about \$300 per month.
2. Put down \$125,000 on the new land purchase leaving a balance of \$125,000 at 6% interest. The first payment of \$749.44 plus the 2nd payment on the principal of \$125.06 for a total payment

of \$874.50 saves the club \$624.38 in interest each month.

3. Also, under Bob Hruskocy's leadership, we possibly will make additional payments and pay off the loan that much earlier.

In closing, I want to say that in my opinion, your club has the best leaders in almost all the areas and the future looks very positive.

—John Postemski



Steve Sabo, Jr. and dog have quiet moment together.

There's Bear in Them There Hills

We've all read the newspaper stories and seen the photographs of black bears; one in a Lisbon backyard, one on a porch in Woodstock. Will your yard be visited? And what's next? Lions? And tigers? And more bears? Oh, my.

There's no need to panic or load for bear. According to the Connecticut Wildlife Division a single wandering bear can be responsible for numerous reported sightings, especially as young ones leave their home territory to claim their own piece of real estate.

So what's with the sightings in the first place? This is Connecticut one of the most densely populated states in the US. The sightings are proof your tax money and license fees are working. Ironically our state still has enough suitable habitat to sustain year-round the estimated 30 to 60 black bears that roam our hills. Wildlife biologists have been tracking bears in Connecticut with radio collars since 2002. At present, 19 bears wear

a DEP collar. As the bear population increases, however, so too will encounters between bear and people.

Bears usually go to great lengths to avoid people, but sometimes they're attracted to homes because they're hungry. Bears will feed on garbage, pet food that is left outdoors, compost piles, as well as fruit trees and shrubs. They'll even gorge themselves on seed from a birdfeeder. And that barbeque grill to a hungry bear's keen sense of smell is a tasty aroma.

Bears eat a lot because they're big animals. On average a Connecticut black bear male weighs 150 to 300 pounds, females range from 110 to 150 pounds and yearlings go from 60 to 110. Last year, just over the border in western Massachusetts, a recording breaking male was harvest—all 500 pounds of him. Actually the weight was just shy of 500, but I'll bet to that hunter it looked like a 2000 pound grizzly. Black bears are not aggressive

like their grizzly cousins and the probability of a bear attacking a person is slim to none. In fact they are shy and reclusive. And they will usually wander back into more secluded areas without a fuss if left alone.

Bears become a problem when they associate food with people. It goes without saying: Don't feed the bears. So keep potential food sources secured: place garbage cans outside only on pick-up day, gather dropped fruit from trees and dispose of it, and keep the barbeque grill clean. If you do happen to see a bear, what do you do?

Dare I say, grin and bare it? Enjoy the bear from afar. They are wonderful beasts. Remember they're wild. No Winnies, Yogis, or cuddly Teddys in the bunch. If you are outside, let the bear know you're around by shouting and waving your arms and slowly walk away to your car or house. It's also a good idea to tell the DEP when and where you saw the bear. Report sightings to the Wildlife Division by calling (860) 675-8130.

In the meantime if you live in one of the more rural areas of our state, expect to see more of the local natives.

— Robert Sadowski

If you see someone you don't recognize as a club member, kindly ask for his/her membership card. If you are asked for your card, don't be offended, be proud to be recognized at the club.

Pheasant Hunting 2003 Request Form



Charlie Hill out busting some clays on a sunny morning at the club.

Notice: In order to hunt pheasant and upland small game on Club-owned or Club-leased property, please complete and return this form to the Club by October 10, 2003.

Name: _____

Member Number: _____

CHECK ONE

Group Choice: ☐ Saturday (A)
 ☐ Saturday (B)
 ☐ Wednesday

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 If you checked hunting group A or B on Saturday, your starting schedule is as follows:

<u>Date—Starting Group</u>	<u>Date—Starting Group</u>
October 18, A	November 22, B
October 25, B	November 29, A
November 1, A	December 6, B
November 8, B	December 13, A
November 15, A	December 20, B

Wednesday Starting Schedule is:

October 22	November 19	December 17
October 29	November 26	
November 5	December 3	
November 12	December 10	

The 2003 Hunt Committee has worked hard under Don Bajger's direction to provide you with a great pheasant season. Show your appreciation.

Thanksgiving Day November 27, 2003

◆ Places for Group A, Group B, and Wednesday hunters will be determined prior to signing up on Thanksgiving morning.

Saturday Hunting Group

The hunting time for the starting group is 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The second group will start at 10:30 a.m. and hunt until 1:00 p.m.

All hunters may hunt after 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday Hunting Group

The hunting time for this group is from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

All hunters may hunt after 10:00 a.m.



Steve Davis & friends at the signup booth for fall raffle tickets.

Deer, Turkey, & Waterfowl Hunting 2003

This year (2003) your Club will have spring and fall turkey, waterfowl, small game, and deer hunting on Club Leased property. All seasons and bag limits are in accordance with CT State laws and regulations.

For instance, if you wish to hunt goose on Club-owned or Club-leased land, you must use steel or bismuth shot only. Lead shot is illegal on waterfowl. Thus, if you are caught with lead shot on your person while goose hunting, you will be subject to DEP rulings and may face fines or worse punishment.

All applicants must be members in good standing with all fees paid and work requirements completed by **September 30th**.

Waterfowl/goose hunting is open to all members. There will be no permanent blinds or dug pits allowed. At least 400 square inches of hunter orange must be worn above the waist and visible from all sides while walking to and from your hunting area.

Spring and fall turkey hunting will be open to all members. At least 400 square inches of hunter orange must be worn above the waist and visible from all sides while walking to and from your hunting area.

Fall deer hunting by archery, shotgun only, and muzzleloader will be open to all members. At least 400 square inches of hunter orange must be worn above the waist and be visible from all sides at all times while hunting during the shotgun only and muzzleloader deer seasons.

In order to fairly distribute the required permits for turkey and deer hunting, members had to complete the application form and return it to the Club no later than **March 31, 2003**—in care of Hunting Committee.

A lottery system by hunting area and species may be necessary, depending on the volume of hunting application forms received from members.

Permits were available for pick up at the Club on or after **April 21, 2003**.

Anyone who joined the Club after March 31, 2003 and who has completed their work hours or paid fees for non-completed work hours and wants to obtain a permit to hunt deer and turkey this fall season must complete the 2003 Application to Hunt Turkey & Deer form which is available at the Clubhouse Bar. Then, they should contact Don Bajger, Hunt Committee Chairperson to obtain land owner consent forms for Club-owned and Club-leased properties. Call Don Bajger at 860-423-6693.

Bob Hruskocy is the 2003 FFF Skeet Champion!
Congratulations Bob.



Nancy Davidson did more than her share to help repair our roof.

The Fin Fur & Feather Club has some of the best facilities in the shooting sports, fishing, and other outdoor recreational pursuits anywhere in New England. Show off the place to your friends and ask them to join.



A number of club members put in hard work to replace the shingles on our roof.

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