



# ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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## ELECTION 2011

Cast Your Vote on October 11th



### PRESIDENT'S SPOT

Well, ladies and gentlemen, another year has come and gone. October is election month and I hope for a good turnout of members for the October 11th, membership meeting (7:30 start). Pheasant hunting is just around the corner and there are still 200+ members that have not completed their work hour requirement. If you are among this group, call your favorite committee and they should be able to help you with this requirement. I would like to personally thank all of the committee chairmen for an outstanding year. Also, appreciation is expressed to Brenda and her gals, the officers and board of director members for their long hours and hard work. And finally, thanks to all of the members and guests who patronize our club. I look forward to another fun and productive year. **THANK YOU!!!**

*Larry Shewokis*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

- 24 Club Shotgun Championship
- 25 Pheasant Fun Trials

#### OCTOBER

- 1 CT Trappers Convention
- 2 Pheasant Fun Trials
- 9 Pheasant Fun Trials
- 9 3D Archery
- 10, 12, 13, 15 Hunter Safety Course
- 15 Great Pumpkin Festival
- 22 Pheasant Pig Roast Fundraiser

# TREASURER'S REPORT

*Tom Hoagland, Treasurer*

The past three years have witnessed considerable investment in the club. We have improved the bar, remodeled the cooler, renovated the bathroom, built the five-stand, repaired the skeet houses and paid down on our two loans. To continue to be able to make needed changes like these and to expand opportunities, we need to have fund-raising functions. The past two months are a perfect example of what needs to keep happening. The Fin put on a successful sporting clay shoot, a chicken dinner, a sportsmen's tag sale, a bullhead fishing tournament and the family picnic. These events brought in about \$4,000 to help pay our other bills. If you have any ideas for bringing additional revenue into the club, please don't hesitate to get some people to help you and support your club. Next month will be the end of the fiscal year and I look forward to reporting how we made out for the past year.

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## EMAILS NEEDED

*Bob Hruskocy, Membership*

The best way to keep current with club news is to be on the Fin's email distribution list. If you have an email address but are not receiving club updates, please provide me with your email address. You will receive updates on work parties, club functions and other important information. There is a misconception that you will not receive the club's hardcopy newsletter if you provide with me your email address, and it's just that, a misconception. Anyone can still receive the hardcopy version if they request one. If your email address has changed, please provide me with that info.

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## ARMBANDS 2011

Armbands are 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 2011 calendar year. Armbands and consent forms will be available for pick-up at the same time. When you purchase your 2011 armband at the clubhouse, just tell the bartender which group you wish to hunt with (Group A, B, or Wed) and he/she will issue the armband and assign you to the specific group. The cost for a 2011 armband is \$25 and may only be purchased at the bar during regular bar hours from April through December 2011. Please note that the rules/regulations for hunting on club-owned and club-leased property are at the bar. Crossbow hunting for disabled hunters will be allowed as per Connecticut hunting regulations.

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## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

September member-of-the-month was **Brenda Liappes**.

## MEMBERSHIP

*Bob Hruskocy, Membership*

Invoices for 2012 dues will be mailed in early November, however, if you would like to pay your dues early, payment can be made at the bar. Just indicate to the bartender your membership number, and please make sure that your name or membership number is on the receipt. For those that are eligible for Life membership, I will be mailing your Life membership cards in November. Also, work hours needed to be completed by September 30th ; if you did not fulfill your work hours commitment this year, you cannot hunt until your work hours are paid for. Payment for your work hours can be made at the bar.

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

*Cameron Faustman, Newsletter Editor*

Please note that the deadline for material to be submitted for the next newsletter will be December 15th. Written submissions and photographs can be dropped off at the Bar and added to my folder.

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## \$50 REWARD

It's almost time for the 5th annual Bakeoff and Dessert Silent Auction at the FFF Family Picnic on August 21st. Make your favorite non-refrigerated dessert item and enter it into the silent auction. The dessert item that receives the most votes will win its baker \$50 and bragging rights for one year.





## PHEASANT REPORT

*Paul Cardinal, Pheasant Committee Chairman*

The pheasants arrived safe and sound and many thanks to the 30 members that were present to unload the crates from the delivery truck. It was a great turnout and very impressive to see the club members participating in the program.

The birds are doing well and we have had many members volunteering for the feeding rotations. We also have Shane Enright who is completing requirements for his E.O. Smith High School agriculture science project, feeding the birds, and learning the growth characteristics and habits of the birds. He is doing a great job and is a huge help.

Hurricane Irene resulted in a lot of work for us. A large tree branch came down on the pen, but fortunately did little damage and was quickly removed by members. The loss of electricity did present a challenge because the automatic watering system stopped functioning. Bob Mullen, Wayne Mather and I filled water tanks at my house and pumped it into a master tank which directed water to the birds. Though time-consuming, it worked well. Thanks to all who helped keep these birds alive.

The pheasant committee put on a very successful chicken BBQ fund-raiser. Thanks to Wayne Mather, Will Lucier, Glen Krukoff, Brenda Liappes and Nancy Davidson for cooking a delicious meal. We received numerous compliments about the good food and excellent service! Everyone had fun and it is always nice to see club members working together for a successful event.

Hunting Season will be here before we know it and I hope everyone enjoys the pheasant season and safe hunts. Reminder: We will need help throughout the season on Tuesday and Friday evenings to catch and load birds for stocking. Please pitch in if you can.

## PHEASANT FUN TRIALS

If you would like to work your dogs and get tuned up for the fall hunting season, the Pheasant Fun Trials can provide you with a great opportunity. The remaining dates are September 25th, and October 2nd and 9th. The event begins at 9:00 am on all dates.

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## TRAP

*Bob "Moon" Hruskocy, Trap Chairman*

The club had a registered trap shoot on July 31st and a total of 30 shooters participated in the event. After all expenses were accounted for, the club made a profit of \$392. I would like to thank Jack Salisbuty, Dave Rorrio, Mike Ford, Tony Kubasek, Bob Cooper, Ed Smith, Ray Nurme, and Brian Scussel for their assistance. A special thank you to Connie and Frank Mauri for handling the kitchen.



## PHEASANT HUNTING 2011

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

OCTOBER 15    A  
OCTOBER 22    B  
OCTOBER 29    A  
NOVEMBER 5    B  
NOVEMBER 12   A  
NOVEMBER 19   B  
NOVEMBER 26   A  
DECEMBER 3    B  
DECEMBER 10   A  
DECEMBER 17   B

### 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. If you checked hunting group Wednesday, your starting schedule is as follows:

OCTOBER 19  
OCTOBER 26  
NOVEMBER 2  
NOVEMBER 9  
NOVEMBER 16  
NOVEMBER 23  
NOVEMBER 30  
DECEMBER 7  
DECEMBER 14  
DECEMBER 21  
DECEMBER 28

## STATE SHOOT RESULTS

*Larry Shewokis*

<b>Dave Held</b>	State Titles H.O.A., DBLS, .410 BORE, CLASS 12Ga AA2, 20 Ga AA1, 28 AA3
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<b>Larry Shewokis</b>	State Titles 12 Ga, CLASS 20 Ga A1
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<b>John Mathewson</b>	State Title 20 Ga
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<b>Andre St George</b>	Class 12 Ga AA1 , 20 Ga R.U., DBLS R.U.
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<b>Corey Dancosse</b>	Class 28 Ga C3, 12 Ga B3
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<b>Chip Smith</b>	Class .410 BORE A3
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<b>Dennis Jolly</b>	Class 28 Ga B1, DBLS C1
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<b>Ed Prest</b>	Class 28 Ga B3
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<b>Frank Decker</b>	Class 12 Ga C1, DBLS B3
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The Fin boys did a great job at the state shoot this year. Did anybody see Charlie or Winfield at the state shoot?

## THANKS FIN MEMBERS!

On August 10th the Fin Fur Feather hosted a group of Boy Scouts from the NRA Shooting Sports Camp at June Norcross Webster (JNW) for an introduction to Trap and Skeet. The scouts that attended this week of camp were introduced to many of the shooting sports at JNW. They came to the Fin to experience what it is like to shoot on a regulation Trap and Skeet field as they don't have those facilities at camp. Fin members Mike Sobol and Pete Cafazzo provided instruction throughout the day. Many thanks to the Fin and its members for hosting the Boy Scouts for this outing.



# WATERFOWL HUNTING 2011

*Donald A. Bajger, Hunting Chairman*

Waterfowl hunting is allowed on club-leased property. In addition to club rules, all state and federal hunting regulations and bag limits must be observed. Please note that there are special regulations that apply on Saturdays and Wednesdays. During the upland bird (pheasant) season waterfowl hunting on Saturdays is not allowed before 1:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays not before 10:00 a.m. There are no permanent blinds or dug pits on club-leased land. The hunting committee will post a notice when goose hunting will be allowed on Saturday and Wednesday mornings; this usually occurs towards the end of November as pheasant stockings have finished up by this time.

## SPORTING CLAYS

*Dick Palmer, 860-933-4768*

Well, another season has come to a close. I first want to thank all Club members who helped make this program a success. Without your support in trapping, setting up and breaking down the course, scoring the big shoots, and whatever it took to make sure everyone enjoyed themselves, we would never have made it through the season. I wish that I could name everyone who provided assistance, but I'm sure that I'd miss someone and so, thanks to all. I'm already in the planning stages for next year's shoots. This is a great sport and fun to participate in; it's always nice to enjoy the woods and the target presentations. In our March 2012 newsletter I plan to have the dates posted for course set up, and the dates of each shoot. Enjoy the fall season, I'll be looking forward to 2012 shoots and in renewing acquaintances. Until next time, *be safe and keep breaking those targets.*



## THANKSGIVING DAY PHEASANT HUNT (NOVEMBER 24, 2011)

All areas will be stocked and open to all hunters starting at 8:00 a.m. We will also be having our Thanksgiving Day Turkey Hunt Raffle. Please support your Pheasant Program by participating.





# FAMILY PICNIC 2011 MEMORIES



## FAMILY PICNIC

*Kevin Theriault, Family Picnic Chairman*

The 2011 Family picnic was a great success. I would like to thank all of the members and non-members who helped make it a wonderful day. Without all of your help the Picnic could not have happened. Special thanks to Brenda who helped me keep track of receipts and income. Mother Nature cooperated and just when it looked like rain the clouds took a detour right around the club! The food was great, the beer was cold, and the club made a few dollars (\$1500 +). I look forward to another great picnic next year.



## RESULTS OF THE 5TH ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC - BAKEOFF

*Nancy Davidson*

Many thanks to the 12 bakers who donated their time and effort to prepare delicious entries for us to sample. The results of this year's competition were:

- 1ST PLACE:** Carol O'Hara for an amazing cookie box;  
**2ND PLACE:** Roberta Cardinal for her cupcake tray; and  
**3RD PLACE:** Tanya Dominique for her traditional Russian desserts.

## PUMPKIN NOTES!

*Nancy Davidson*

October 15th and the Great Pumpkin Festival will be here very soon. Every growing season has its challenges. If you have a large, small or even no pumpkin, come join us for a night of fun and friendly competition. There are several ways in which you can participate for honors (i.e., Main event, Open class, Carving event). The Carving event is especially popular and need not involve a pumpkin that you personally grew; carving can take place at home. There are 3 classes, Kids up to 8 years; Juniors aged 9 to 16, and Adults. There will be a Pot Luck Dinner and raffle so please bring a dish to share. For kids there will be a great pumpkin search, balloon chucking, paint-a-pumpkin, and the opportunity to decorate the pumpkin tree. Please sign up your kids (at the bar) in advance so that we can ensure an adequate number of pumpkins will be present.

## RANDOM SHOTS



*Fin members John Lonergan, Chris Jackson, Greg Foss and Jeremy Matson participated in a Sig Sauer Rifle Defense course in New Hampshire.*

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