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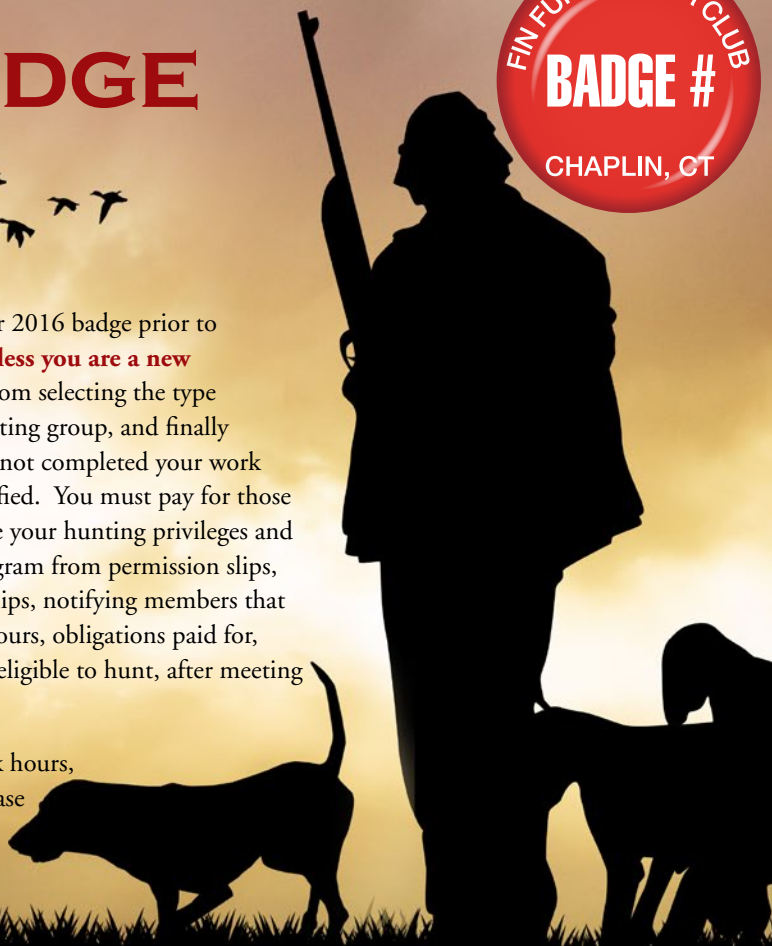
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## HUNTING BADGE DEADLINE IS NEAR!

Please mark your calendars as you will need to purchase your 2016 badge prior to October 1st. **After this date, no badges will be issued, unless you are a new regular member.** You must fill out your permission slips, from selecting the type of hunting activity you would like, to 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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

17	Chicken BBQ to benefit the Pheasant program
18	Sporting Clays at 9 am. Last event for the season.
24	Club's Annual Shotgun Championship. Sign up list at the bar. Fee is payable when signing up or by the dead line.
24	Set Back night, starts at 7 pm.
30	Last day to purchase your hunting buttons.

### OCTOBER

2	Winter Skeet League starts. Teams have priority on their fields to shoot.
7	SCAT & Pot Luck Dinner. Dinner at 6 pm, SCAT at 7 pm.
9	This is the ONLY pheasant fun trail date across the street. 9am.
11	This is our regular membership meeting and our Annual elections, please come out to vote for members who you think will do a good job
15	The State's Opening day for Upland game hunting, and the Fin's first bird stocking day. You must have your button with the correct stocking day. All ranges are closed until 10 am. This also means you can't drive to them until then.
15	Set Back night, starts at 7 pm.

### NOVEMBER

1	Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm.
8	Membership Meeting at 7 pm. work hours.
19	Set Back night, starts at 7 pm.

## BROWN SKEET BUILDING

Those of you who have travel down to the skeet fields may have notice that work has been going on at the Brown skeet Bldg. Our dear member Charles Hill love all types of shotgun shooting and after his passing has donated funds for us to use. We felt that being he love skeet shooting that we would renovate the Brown Bldg.

We had replaced all the windows to make it comfortable for heating and looking out of them. The existing deck had seen its time and was causing some Bldg. issues, so this was replaced. Now, we wanted a roof to extend over this new deck to accommodate shooters during wet conditions. We have new rafters, and about halfway from being completed. We will be setting work days to finish this in September when the weather is cooler. So please come down and lend a hand.



## WILL'S PIT

On July 24th the Club recognize all of Will Lucier efforts in having the best BBQ's known. After his passing, the Club knew what should be done to keep Will in our hearts and spirit by putting up a sign over the place he enjoyed the most.

## CARD NIGHTS STARTING BACK UP

Those of you who have interest in playing cards, the Set Back and SCAT nights are back. Starting Sept. 24th at 7 pm is the first Set Back night, with the following nights October 15th and Nov 19th.

SCAT with pot luck dinner is October 7th, the dinner is at 6 pm, and SCAT starts at 7 pm. Come on down enjoy your friends and evening of fantastic card playing.

## MEMBERSHIP

*Bob Hruskocy,  
Membership Chairman*

So far to date the club has added 83 members, which is slightly more than last year at this time. The clubs membership categories are as follows: Regular 365, Associate 215, Junior 31 and Life 152.

For those that have not completed your 10 hour work requirement, you have until September 30th to do so. If you have not completed your work hrs and are planning on hunting, you need to pay for your hrs at the bar. You can email me to see if I have your hours recorded. Also if you did not purchase your Spring Raffle tickets, you need to pay for those before you will be issued a hunting badge. I will be mailing the 2016 invoices in mid-November. If there are any discrepancies, please let me know.

## OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEMBERS ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Members please attend the annual meeting on October 11th, as this is the election of Officers and Board members. Please remember that regular members are the only ones that can vote, and you should have your membership card with you for this purpose.

## DRIVING SPEED ON THE GROUNDS

Members please slow down when driving on the grounds, to many vehicles are speeding through the parking lots and we children and animals running around. Please drive slow.



## THE FIN INTRODUCES SCOUTS TO TRAP

For the 8th year, the Fin Fur Feather has hosted Scouts from June Norcross Webster's NRA shooting sports week of camp. The Boy Scouts' June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation is located in Ashford CT. Scouts attending this week of camp do so to be introduced to the many shooting sports disciplines. The Fin Fur Feather provided a day away from camp in which the scouts engaged in an introduction to Trap. Fin members Mike Sobol Sr, Mike Sobol Jr, supported the day with their time, skills and equipment. The scouts attending this week of camp are mostly from eastern Connecticut. These Scouts are the future of shooting sports and potentially future Fin members. Many thanks to the Fin Fur Feather Club for hosting the Scouts from June Norcross Webster's NRA shooting sports week of camp.

*Hoss Haskell, JNW NRA Shooting Sports Coordinator*



## JUNIOR MEMBER ADVANCES TO THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Junior member Jacob Potter achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Saturday the 27th was the ceremony at the Club. This was a proud day for all the work that Jacob put in for this, and especially for his parents Tom and Mary Ann Potter.

Nice job Jacob.



## MOON SHOTS 100 FOR 100

Folks, one of our members Bob Hruskocy went to Illinois for the National Trap Association shoot. Moon was one of the 1,800 shooters in his class. He went 100 for 100 targets at the 16 yd. handicap, and was the only shooter to accomplish this. He was the outright winner, 1st place, what a feat and recognition.

Nice job Moon.

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## TRAP

*Bob Hruskocy, Trap Chairman*

Now that cooler weather is approaching, please remember to let the pumps warm up on the trap machines. Also, Colchester Fish & Game will once again be using field 7 during the winter months.

Fields 5 & 6 will be open to club members. Any issues please get in touch with me.

The CTA (CT Trapshooting Assoc.) celebrated its 100th Anniversary shoot at the Hartford Gun Club on June 24-26th. There were approximately 250 shooters that participated in the event.

Even though the Fin only has a few members that shoot registered events, they did quite well at the shoot. Brian Scussel is the new State Champ in Doubles ! He shot a 96x100. He was also High Over All, 658X700.

This is the first time that a FFF member has been HOA at the State shoot ! Congrats Brian. Alan Gnann also had an outstanding weekend. He won his class in the Singles event shooting 194x200, won his Doubles class with a 87x100.

He came in 5th in the Handicap event with a 93x100. Bob Cooper finally made it up from FL, He won the Veteran Class in Handicap with a 93x100. Pete Kasacek shot his personal best with a 99 in the Singles event.

I traveled to the Grand American Trapshooting Championship in Sparta, IL in early August. This facility has 128 trap fields that span over 3 miles. It has been on my bucket list ever since it was built about 10 yrs ago.

Truly an amazing place. Well I was lucky enough to shoot my first 100 in a Handicap event. I was the only one out of the 1773 entries to do so to win the Championship for that day. The following day I shot a 194x200 in the Singles event to win Runner Up in my class.

It was a great experience, thinking about going back next year !

## RIFLE COMMITTEE

It's September and the high power rifle matches has concluded. There were five(5) matches this year, all shooting at 200 yds. At each match you shoot 50 rounds various disciplines. Each year the number of shooters has gone down as with the shotgun sports. The 200 yd. line was rebuilt after years of washing out, plus the 50 yd line. This range is now in excellent shape. Target frames are stored in the small shed as you drive up to the rifle range, they contain frames that are 7 ft. tall so your rounds would impact the 200 yd berm. Reminder that members must pick up after they shoot.

**There is no centerfired rifles, shotguns,, muzzle loaders or hand guns more powerful than a 44 mag ALLOWED ON THE PISTOL RANGE. You MUST uses the rifle range.**

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## SPORTING CLAYS

Our season will close on Sept 18th. We had a Sporting Clays event each month with lots of shooters. I want to help those Club member's that could come out to help trap which makes these events successful. Without you, these events would not had taken place. I also want to thank my team of Matt Halloran, Mike Fromerth, Bruce Macaro, Jim Skoglund, Mark Holland, Ron Palmer, and Mike Holland, who sets up and runs each event to make sure each shooter enjoys themselves. Looking forward already for next year. If you haven't shot this type of shotgun sport, you're missing lots of fun. It is open to the public as well.

*Dick Palmer*

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## RIFLE AWARDS

Each year members of the Fin travel to Camp Perry in Ohio to compete in a week long program of shooting rifles and pistols. Over the years many of our members have taken home Gold, Silver and Bronze metals. This year Pete Mathewson had won gold in the Grand Senior Division shooting a M1 Garand. Keith Morehouse won a Bronze in shooting an M1 carbine. Nice job guys.

## 5-STAND SHOOTING

The Club's 5-stand field showed a lot of interest this year, and this year a Summer League was established. Photo's below showed shooter's trying this interesting sport.



## MERCHANDISE

The Fin has for sale many items sporting our Club logo. The display cabinet is in the bar area. Mark Holland is the new chairperson as Bill Spears is stepping down from managing this activity. Bill has over the years provided to our members many items that sport our Club's name. Thanks Bill for all your work, he'll continue to help Mark in this transition. Mark will be looking for members suggestions for items whether its glass ware, pens and there's a lot of interest in jackets. Prices and amounts sometimes are variable due to amounts and style of item. If anyone has any questions or suggestions contact Mark @ 860-617-3750



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For more information or questions, call Nancy at 860-456-8782



## FAMILY PICNIC

Members enjoyed another great day at the Annual Picnic. The weather was fantastic, light breezes, plenty of sunshine. Kevin's crew did a wonderful job with the grounds and food as always, from the burgers, hot dogs, clam chowder, corn on the cob, strippers, cherry stones, and yes more food, WOW.

Big Horseshoe tournament, and kid's games. The bake off contest winners was 1st place Alyssa Dubick, 2nd place Nancy Davidson, 3rd place John Antosik. The bird house winners were 1st place Tom Potter, 2nd place Nancy Davidson, and 3rd place Nika Flo Fesik & Brenda Liappes. The winner of the trailer of wood was Brian Kelleher.



Winners of the egg toss contest were; under age 10 – Charlotte Lee & Kenzie Zinchenko. Ages 11 – 16 Bradley & Sonni Nixon, and over age 16 Ramon Pagan & Tom Hoagland.



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