



# ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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## HUNTING SEASON DRAWS NEAR AT THE FIN

# OCTOBER 21ST / 8AM



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 17th Last Sporting Clays Shoot at 9 am
- 24th Pheasant Fun Trials at 9 am
- 30th Last day to purchase Hunting Badges

### OCTOBER

- 1st Pheasant Fun Trials at 9 am
- 3rd Executive Board Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 8th Pheasant Fun Trials at 9 am
- 10th Membership meeting, Elections for Officers and Board members, 7 pm
- 21st Opening Day Hunting Season, "A" group hunts at 8 am  
Reminder all ranges are closed until 10 am on stocking days ONLY.

### NOVEMBER

- 11th Pork Dinner starts at 6 pm
- 23rd Thanksgiving hunt, all groups
- 25th West field is close to stocking till end of season

### DECEMBER

- 5th Executive Board meeting at 6:30 pm
- 10th Last day for items for the newsletter
- 12th Membership meeting at 7 pm
- 24th Annual Club Christmas get together starts at 1 pm





## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Dick Palmer, President*

Members, it has been a great pleasure for me to serve as your President during the past year. The Membership meeting on Oct 10th will be holding elections; I will be stepping down and moving on to the Executive Board. We have accomplished a lot during the past year, as you can see. Many thanks to our Chairpersons for enhancing their programs to provide our members with the opportunity to shoot, fish, hunt, and to enjoy their membership here. I need to thank the existing Executive Board for their hard work and commitment to ensure our Club is the best it can be.

Thank you again for your hard work and for making our Club the best in Connecticut.

## HUNT

*Shawn Covell, Hunt Chairman*

With cooler nights and changing leaves approaching, this could only signify one thing; hunting season is right around the corner.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to make sure your work hours have been completed and any outstanding obligations have been taken care of. Failure to do so will forfeit the right to hunt until all is done.

Make sure your permits are in order and your hunting badge is visible for all to see and anyone with a tree stand has it labeled properly.

This year we are looking for assistance to catch pheasants. This is a great way to get hours and help the members that make it possible for you to hunt on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Without any help, there will not be any birds to hunt. Please contact me at 860-428-0041 if you can help.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe season.



# OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Reminder that October 10th at 7 pm, is the Club's Membership meeting and in this meeting is the Annual elections of Officers, and Executive Board members.

September membership meeting was the nominations, so this meeting is voting only.

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## USING CLUB TABLES & CHAIRS

Members, over the years the Club has allow members to use Hall table and chairs for their benefit. Unfortunately during these times, items have been returned damage from use or handling. Now the Club has to spend money to replace them. Based upon tables and chairs being return damage and no indication that they were damage by the members barrowing them, the Executive has made the following decision that tables and chairs cannot leave the grounds effective immediately.

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## AND THE WINNERS ARE...

This Year's Family Picnic held two contests – Bake Off and Birdhouse.

The Bake Off winners were:

- 1st Alyssa Dobrecki
- 2nd Carolyn Morris
- 3rd Zoey Nixon

The Birdhouse winners were:

- 1st Nancy Davidson
- 2nd Tom Potter
- 3rd Tie – Bradley Nixon & Alex Volpe

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## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENTS

Members, anyone wishing to advertise their business in our Club's newsletter can do so, by submitting your business card to Dick Palmer at [rpalmer12@snet.net](mailto:rpalmer12@snet.net). The cost is \$50 for 8 quarterly newsletters. Our newsletters go out to over 725 members. The deadline for submitting your new or renew existing advertisements is December 2017. After that all existing advertisements will be removed. The March 2018 newsletter will reflect the newer ads. Your advertisement will run through December 2019.

## MEMBERSHIP

*Bob Hruskocy, Membership Chairman*

So far to date the club has added 71 members, which is slightly less than last year at this time. The club's membership categories are as follows: Regular 354; Associate 223; Junior 23; and Life 157.

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 2017 invoices in mid-November. If there are any discrepancies, please let me know.

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## TRAP

*Bob Hruskocy, Trap Chairman*

Now that the cooler weather is approaching, please remember to let the pump warm a few more minutes than normal. If you turn on the "release" switch and the machine continues to throw targets, please turn off the switch and let the machine warm up for a few more minutes. If you notice any other issues, please let me know.

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# FUN TRAILS

Pheasant Fun Trails are planned for Oct. 1st, 8th, and 15th. These trails start at 9 am across the street from our entrance. Bring your dog down to start them early for the season.

## FALL HUNTING SEASON

Reminder that Hunting season is just around the corner and with that comes the restriction for stocking days that all ranges are closed until 10 am Wednesday and Saturday.

Also, your Hunt Button must be purchase by October 1st. After this date only new members will be allow to purchase these buttons. All work hours and obligations must be paid for. For you deer hunters, only bow hunting is allowed on Club land and NO Sunday Hunting. Lease land Sunday hunting is allowed.

All State license and regulations plus The Fin Fur Feather Club's regulations must be followed.

## RIFLE

Every year a group of our rifle shooters head to Camp Perry to compete in many different categories against other shooters through the nation. This year two of our members took home medals. Pete Mathewson was given a Silver Medal for his classification, and Keith Morehouse received a Bronze Medal for his classification. Well done shooters.

## SPORTING CLAYS

*Dick Palmer*

Members our last Sporting Clays shoot for 2017 is Sunday the 17th. We had some pretty good shoots with many individuals from all over the state and out of state coming to the Fin to enjoy Sporting Clays this year. On Sept 9th the Ducks Unlimited organization was here at the Club for their Annual Sporting Clays Shoot and Benefit. At this shoot there were over 114 shooters. The Club is a great host for them and they will continue to hold their shoots here as 2018 is already on the books. The Sporting Clays Committee works hard to ensure all the shooters have a great time, and see different target presentations for each shoot. I want to help everyone who shot these events, and especially my committee members consisting of Matt Halloran, Bruce Macaro, Mark Holland, Mike Fromerth, Mike Holland, Jim Skoglund, Ernie Dore, Ron Palmer, and Dave Fromerth, as it wasn't for their commitment these events would be very difficult to run.

See you in 2018



# SCOUTS FROM JUNE NORCROSS WEBSTER AT FIN 2017

*Hoss Haskell, JNW NRA Shooting Sports Coordinator*



For the 9th 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, Skeet and 5 Stand. Fin members Mike Sobol Sr, Randy Russo, and Jim Davidson 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.



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# TIME TO BRING THOSE PUMPKINS IN!

Every growing season has it's challenges. If you have either a large or small pumpkin or no pumpkin at all, come join us for a night of fun and friendly competition.

## Main Event

Our Seeds

## Open Class

Any Seeds

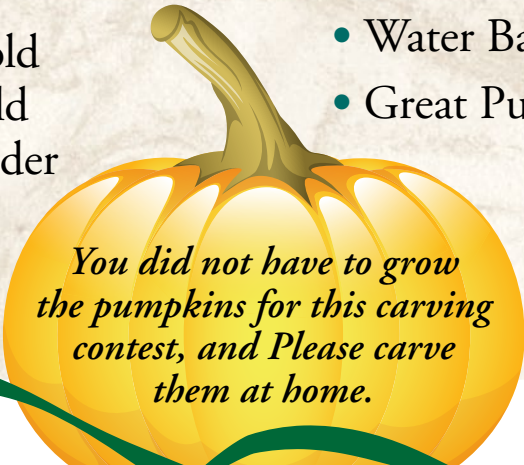
## Carving Contest

3 Classes:

- 1) Up to 8 yrs old
- 2) 9 to 16 yrs old
- 3) 16 yrs and older

## Family Fun Night

- Potluck Dinner - Bring a Dish to Share
- Raffle
- Pumpkin Painting
- Kid's Costume Contest
- Crafts
- Water Balloon Chucking
- Great Pumpkin Search



*You did not have to grow the pumpkins for this carving contest, and Please carve them at home.*

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