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HUNTING

SEASON'S GREETINGS

*May your Season be Safe
and Bountiful.*

Check out our gallery on pages 4 and 5.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First and foremost I would like to thank all members for giving me the opportunity to serve you as president. The 2020 season is coming to a end, and the Holidays are upon us. I hope everyone had a great season.

The club has had a successful year despite the wear and tear of COVID-19. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

I would personally like to thank Donald Bajger for stepping up to the plate and taking over the pheasant program after a ten-year absence. Donald, John Mathewson, and Corey Curtis-Gray have done a fantastic job working together and running the program.

I would also like to thank any other members that helped out to make the program run smoothly.

Every year we will face new challenges by working together there is nothing we can't achieve!

All committees are gearing up for 2021, I encourage all members to reach out and help any committee if interested, any help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Troy Quick, *President*

SPECIAL THANKS

The Club needs to recognize Joey Rijs for his dedication to the Club over the years. Joey has snow plowed the Club grounds. Thank you Joey, your time, and commitment never goes unnoticed.

President Quick



BUILDING & GROUNDS CHAIRPERSON

The Club is in need of a member or members to help take care of general maintenance on the Kubota tractor, help with the training on the operation/care of the tractor, and maintaining the Club's equipment. Working with the different chairpersons on projects around the Club, and general property maintenance, (like brush clearing, taking down trees, repairing picnic tables, etc). Also help with light building maintenance/repairs as needed, plus head up larger projects that need to be completed around the Club's main buildings. A member or members with this type of experience is needed, please contact President Quick.

GAME DINNER

Reminder, the Annual game Dinner is postponed due to the pandemic. One of the items distributed at the dinner was the annual raffle tickets. You can see Bill Neff's article on page 7 about the Raffle for closer review.

MEMBERSHIP

The club added 101 new members in 2020. Highest amount in many years. The membership categories are as follows:

Regular:	337
Associate:	284
Life:	165
Junior:	19

The 2021 dues invoices were mailed in late November, if you have not received an invoice by now, please notify me ASAP. Payment must be made by January 31st, 2021. If you were billed for work hours in error, please let me know the function/ event you worked so I can correct your file. Update any information on your invoice and return with your payment. When making payment at the bar, be sure that either your name or membership number is on your receipt. Please bring in your invoice so the bartender can apply your payment correctly. If you are mailing in your payment and want your membership card mailed, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please pick up your cards in order to save on postage costs for the club. If you are planning on not renewing your membership, please contact me so I can remove you from Club membership list.

Bob Hruskocy, *Membership Chairman*

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2020 Fin Fur and Feather Shotgun Championship was held September 20th. A total of 54 shooters participated in the 125 clay event. In total, 6,750 clays were thrown. The wind and chill of the day effected the scores and made things quite interesting. A total of 28 members worked the event, spanning from the kitchen, to all the lower skeet fields, to the 5 Stand and into the 4 station Sporting Clay Course.



Top Club Overall Shooters: Paul Prevost (center); Roger Phillips (far right); Tim Rakovan (center left); Jim Hooper (center right); and Spencer Shirshac (far left).

The Top 5 Overall Shooters (members only)

First	Paul Prevost	99 Clays
Second	Roger Phillips	98 Clays
Third	Tim Rakovan	97 Clays
Fourth	Jim Hooper	96 Clays
Fifth	Spencer Shirshac	94 Clays

Under 18

First	Brandon Jones	80 Clays
Second	Leah Mucha	72 Clays
Third	Eric Mathewson	63 Clays

Thank you to all the non-members who also participated in on the fun. Among them, Tim Blais, scored the highest.

The 50/50 winner donated winnings back to shotgun sports. Thank you, Jon Moseley, for half of the \$390 raffle.

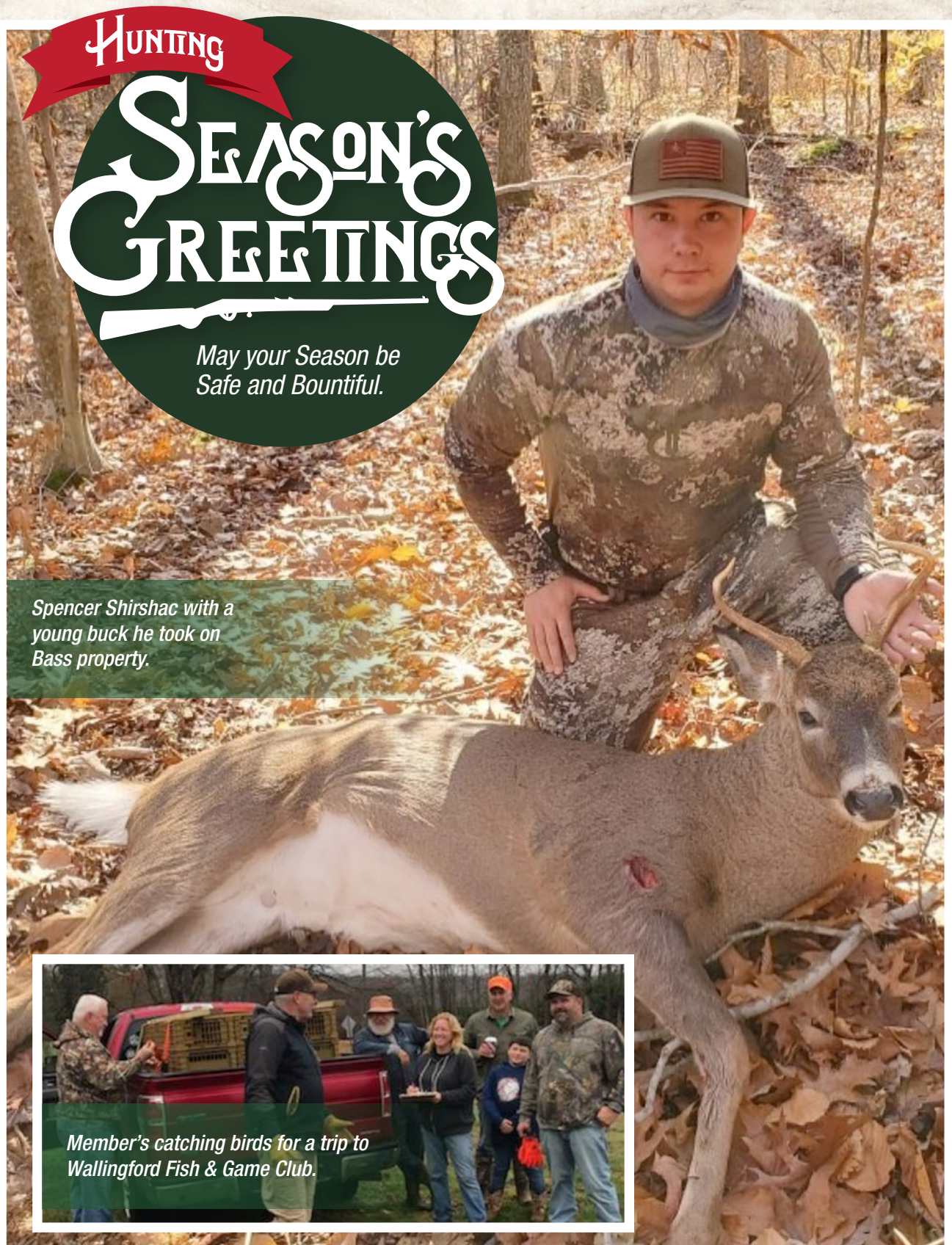
Congratulations to all the shooters, all who participated, and all who volunteered their time to make a great event come together.

David Jones, 5 Stand Chairman



Under 18: Brandon Jones (center); Leah Mucha (right); and Eric Mathewson (left).

MEMBER'S PHOTO GALLERY



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Spencer Shirshac with a young buck he took on Bass property.



Member's catching birds for a trip to Wallingford Fish & Game Club.



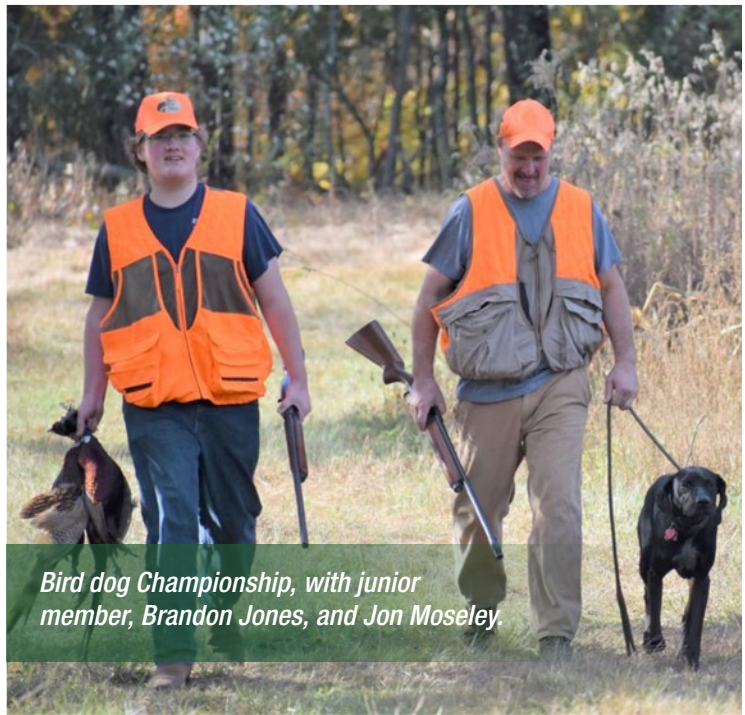
Couple of young hunters on Opening Day.



Pete Mathewson with grandson and a nice harvest.



Rick Turcott and Rudy fine morning hunt.



Bird dog Championship, with junior member, Brandon Jones, and Jon Moseley.



SPORTING CLAYS

Members, the 2021 dates has been selected and please mark them in your calendars. The Set Up date will be Saturday May 8th at 9 am. This is setting up the traps, blowing leaves, trimming branches, clearing brush. The first shoot is May 23rd, registration starts at 8:30 am, shooting starts at 9 am. The June shoot is on the 13th, registration at 8:30 am, shooting starts at 9 am. The July shoot is on the 11th, registration starts at 8:30 am, shooting starts at 9 am. August shot is on the 8th, registration is at 8:30 am, and shooting starts at 9 am. September the Ducks Unlimited organization will hold their Annual Sporting Clays Shoot, that's a Saturday Sept 11th, their registration is limited at 100, and they fill up. They will only accept a few walk in's, check their web site for advance registration. The Club final shoot is the 12th Sunday, everyone enjoyed the 100 target format, and it appears this will be continued for 2021. Registration is at 8:30 am, shooting starts at 9 am.

We need members to step up and sign up for these events to trap, a lot of the traps are electric with remote releases, there are a few manual traps as well, very easy to operate. Contact Matt Halloran, Chairperson.

Matt Halloran, *Sporting Clays Chairman*
birdhunter312@gmail.com | 860-428-1818

SKEET REPORT

The temperature is dropping and winter is almost upon us. However, skeet shooters are not fair weather shooters and the shooting continues despite the conditions. The ECSC Winter League is progressing with all eight (8) FFF Teams doing well. Hopefully, we will be allowed to finish the season! The Fin is scheduled to host the league spring shoot and we also have two registered shoots coming up next year. One Two-Gun shoot in May/June and the CT State Shoot on Labor Day weekend. Please monitor emails for particulars.

Please remember all Covid-19 safety protocols and implement them. Be safe and respect all Fin members and their guests.

The Skeet Committee has monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of every month. Watch emails for possible cancellations. Everyone is welcome to attend and, again, keep safety in mind while attending any meeting.

Keep shooting often and safely and as always, keep that muzzle under control. One last reminder: the cold weather is tough on the skeet and trap machines; be sure they are warmed up and operating properly.

Thanks to all who have helped the Skeet Program.

The Skeet Committee.

TRAP

Just a reminder, during the colder weather, please let the pump warm up on the trap machines. This will prevent the machine from throwing targets unneccasrily. Any issues with the equipment, please let me know.

Bob Hruskocy, *Trap Chairman*

FISH COMMITTEE

Members, the upper pond were stocked on 12-3-2020 with about 125 trout, measuring 12 to 16 inches. Ponds are open for all types of fishing. Good Luck

President Quick

2021 ANNUAL GAME DINNER & RAFFLE

The annual Game Dinner has been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. Therefore, raffle tickets will be sent to members the last week of January 2021. The official start date of the raffle will be January 25th and the drawing will be held on Tuesday May 11th at 7:30PM.

This adds a month to the typical duration for ticket sales and the delay may allow us to hold the drawing at the regular membership meeting. If we're unable to hold the May meeting we'll hold the drawing outside as we did last year.

Any member who does not receive their tickets should contact Bill Neff for replacements at tbneff@charter.net or (860) 573-1126.



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