



# ROD & GUN GAZETTE

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## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

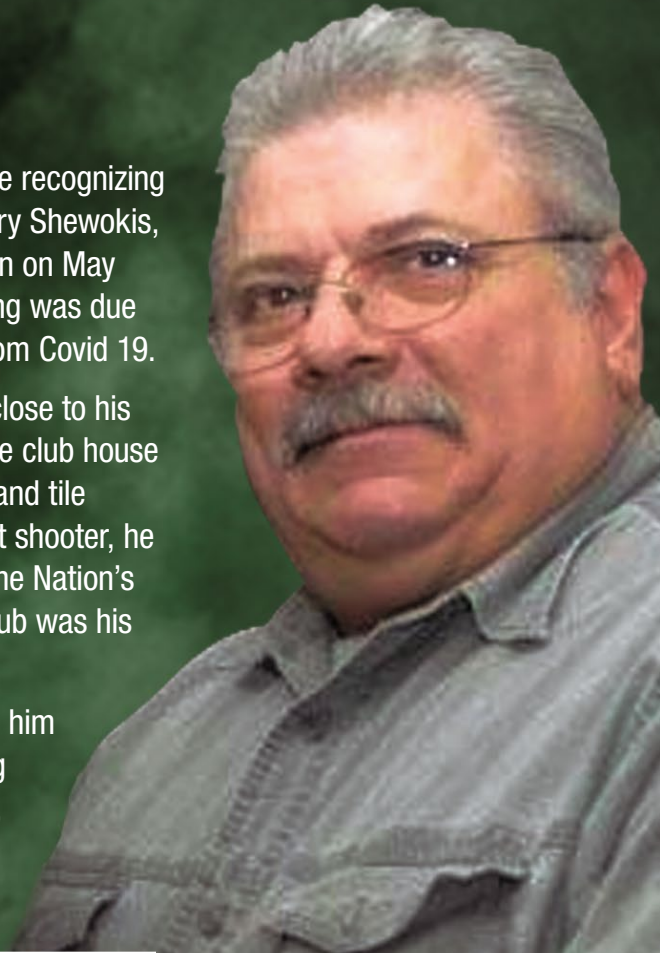
THIS SKEET FIELD DEDICATED  
TO THE MEMORY OF  
LARRY SHEWOKIS  
1953 - 2020

A Celebration of Life recognizing Past President, Larry Shewokis, took place at the Fin on May 15th. Larry's passing was due to complications from Covid 19.

Larry held the Fin close to his heart, tending to the club house with his carpentry and tile work. An avid skeet shooter, he

was heavily involved in promoting the sport; bringing in the Nation's Top Skeet Shooters to help improve the skill level. The Club was his passion and he strived to make it the best.

This day started with the dedication of a plaque honoring him at Field #1, followed by many short speeches, and ending with Larry's wife and son shooting at his toughest target, 8 low, with his ashes. RIP Larry.





## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to start this news letter by thanking all my committees for all their efforts and hard work the past few months.

I also would like to thank all members for their support and dedication to the club.

There are scheduled events throughout the Spring and and Summer now that Covid-19 is hopefully behind us let's support our club and enjoy the warmer days to come!

Troy Quick, *President*

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## MEMBERSHIP

The club has added 84 new members to date. We are on pace to add more members than last year of 101, which was an all-time high. With the increase in new gun owners, people are looking for a place to shoot their firearms

The breakdown of members is as follows;  
Regular 347, Associate 305, Junior 14, Life 166.

The Associate membership is increasing, while the Regular membership is holding steady. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a member, I can send them an application.

Thank you for those that attended the last Range Safety Seminar. Hopefully I will be able to hold another one shortly. An email will be sent out to notify the membership.

Also, remember that your 10 hour work commitment must be completed by Sept 30th. Do not wait until the last minute to get your hours completed.

Bob Hruskocy, *Membership Chairman*

## FAMILY PICNIC TIME

The Family Picnic time is approaching. The picnic is tentatively set for August 15th if COVID restrictions allow us to have 400 people or more gather outdoors. If we can have the picnic there will be some changes from how thing used to operate at the picnic due to COVID precautions. At this time, we don't know what those changes will be. The menu should stay the same as usual. Hamburgers, hotdogs, kielbasa, Corn on the cob, smoked pork & cherry stones. Safety of all those who attend and work will be a priority. If you are experiencing any COVID signs and or symptoms please refrain from attending the picnic.

There will be a work day on August 14th at 8 am to set up for the picnic and again on August 15th at 9 am for the picnic. This is a great time and way to get your work hours in before hunting season starts. It takes over 50 members to make this event happen. If you want more information on helping at the picnic, please call me at 860-428-5519 or send me an email at wfdktheriault@gmail.com.

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## RAFFLE WINNERS

The Club's Annual Raffle was conducted on May 11th, Super great prizes, and a huge thank you to Bill Neff and his helpers in this event.

**1st place went to Dennis Roy,**  
\$1,000 gift certificate from Cabela's

**2nd place Ryan Phillips,**  
\$750 gift certificate from L.L. Bean

**3rd place Steve D'Onofrio,**  
\$500 gift certificate from Center Sports

**4th place Erich Heinonen,**  
\$250 gift certificate from Home Depot

**5th place Rob Rogers,**  
\$125 gift certificate from Willimantic Brewing Company

Thank you to all of our members to help make this year's raffle a great one.



# CLEAN UP DAY



On Saturday April 24th, the Club had a Club Wide Clean Up Day. Since last year was closed due to the pandemic, the ground grounds surely needed a major clean up. We had over 34 members show up with blowers, rakes, shovels, chain saws, dump truck and trailers, zero turn mowers with thatcher's, and tractors with loaders and back hoes. The Club looks great thanks to everyone's hard work. These pictures show some of the action.







## SHOTGUN

Winter League is finally over and the Fin teams did fantastic, listed below are their positions;

<b>Division 1</b>	2nd place was the <b>Irish Birds</b>
<b>Division 2</b>	1st place was the <b>Terminators</b> 3rd place was the <b>Orange Crushers</b>
<b>Division 4</b>	1st place was <b>Station Nine</b>
<b>Division 5</b>	1st place was <b>Outta Options</b>
<b>Division 6</b>	1st place was <b>Off The Hip</b>

There were also Individual Honors for High Gun Average

<b>Division 1</b>	Kyle Hooper
<b>Division 2</b>	Ted Naumec
<b>Division 4</b>	Mike Sobol (younger Mike)

The next upcoming shoot is the State Skeet Championship here at our Club, starts on Friday the 3rd, with shooting on Saturday the 4th and finishing on Sunday the 5th, Labor Day Weekend.

We need members to step up to help with targets, cooking lunches and Saturday evening meal(this is for the shooters), making sure water coolers are full, before the shoot, field needs to be trimmed, and swept. So these are easy work hours and the end of the year for work hours is the 30th of September. Check the bulletin board at the bar for work assignments.

The Skeet Committee wishes to thank all FFF members who have worked and supported the program. Please remember to shoot safety.

*Skeet Committee*



# SPORTING CLAYS

The 2021 Sporting Clays season is in full swing and if you are not participating you are missing out on the chance to shoot at some unique clays that simulate true hunting experiences inclusive of rabbits, squirrels, pheasants, and all types of waterfowl.

Special thanks to Charlie Gagne and Roger Phillips who gifted the program the new squirrel station, a great addition enjoyed by all who shot at them!

This year I decided to try and sell some t-shirts promoting sporting clays at the Fin and to my surprise most of them sold during the first shoot, so if you want one I suggest that you come to the next shoot and get it before they are gone.

It takes a lot of manpower to keep the sporting clays program going and I would like to thank all of the members who have helped out thus far. Each 50 target shoot requires 15 or so trappers and more for the 100 target shoots. So if you need some work hours or even if you don't, reach out to me and sign up and do your part to support the club. There is no experience required as I will teach you how to trap on the morning of the shoot and I will feed you lunch when we are done.

## The remaining dates:

June 13	50 target shoot
July 11	50 target shoot
August 8	50 target shoot
September 11	100 target shoot – Ducks Unlimited
September 12	100 target Fin shoot – open to all shooters

- Shoots are open to both members and non members
- Registration 8:30 - 11:30, shooting starts at 9:AM
- Cost is \$20 per round (50 targets)
- Lunch will be available to purchase afterwards

Matt Halloran, Birdhunter312@gmail.com, 860-428-1818

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# TRAP

Just a reminder to **PLEASE do not adjust the height of the targets in the trap houses**. The targets are set at a specific height for a reason. The trap house on field 5 is setup for trap doubles. **DO NOT change**. A lot of targets are wasted trying to change back to the correct way. Please use fields 6 and 7 to shoot regular trap. Also, when done shooting please do not leave the machine empty. This is happening way too often. Take all the cardboard to the burn barrel. If anyone is interested in a lesson on the basics of Trapshooting, please let me know. Any issues with the machines or equipment, please let me know.

Bob Hruskocy, *Trap Chairman*



# FISH REPORT

Im happy to say the Fish program is going great this year.

We had a great turnout for both the Kids Fishing Derby and the John Shea Derby.

The Fishing Derby had over 70 kids participating this year.  
The John Shea had over 74 participants, winner being **James Shea** going home with \$425.00.

Special thanks to Steve Sanborn for a successful and delicious prime rib dinner and Mike Nowsielski for stepping up to plate when ever needed to cook especially kids derby and other events!

I sincerely hope all events will continue to prevail throughout the year club support is very important keep up the good work!

Troy Quick, *President*





# WE'RE FIRING UP THE GRILLES

## BBQ BRISKET & RIB DINNER

Saturday,  
June 26th  
6PM

**\$20** per person

Tickets on sale at the bar  
through June 22



## FLIPPING THE BIRD BBQ

Saturday, Sept 18 – 5PM

Tickets will be at the bar. This BBQ consists of half of a chicken, salads, cole shaw, beans, potato salad, rolls, it is a great meal and helps outset the Pheasant program.

Watch your emails and get your tickets.  
Help is always needed contact Wayne Mather.



## Cook Your Own – Just the way you Like It!

(or we'll cook it for you)

**Friday, July 9**

4:00 to 7:00 PM  
at the Pavilion

**Tickets: \$15**

Purchase Tickets at the Bar  
*Until they're gone!*

**Meal Includes:**

- Steak
- Baked Potato
- Vegetables
- Salad
- Dessert

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