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GM's Notes

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

Check our web site calendar for all activities, hours and scheduled events: www.ccssef.org.



Please remember that 300 yard and 600 yard activities on Thursdays and weekends (primarily Sundays) close the rest of the ranges. We do hope to move 300 yard activity over to the 600 yd range soon. This change will allow shooting on the trap fields and 200 & 100 yd rifle ranges.

Both 300 and 600 yard activities are open to all. See their articles & web page for details.

My office hours are Monday & Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday Membership hours will continue from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We still need volunteers willing to help with Saturday membership.

All calendar changes are coordinated through my office. Please help us keep the web site up to date. If you see anything that should be updated or corrected, contact me at the Club at 352-8563 or by email at gm@ccfandg.org.



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Join in the Excitement!

- Maryann Lindberg -
Project Coordinator

Excitement is building as more and more people are getting involved with the CCSSEF and its programs.

With an indoor education and marksmanship center in the works, and a terrific volunteer and professional team in place to help make it happen, we are seeking volunteers to help develop community-building and family events. We'd like these projects to start now and continue through the next year.

We are looking for people who want to have some fun getting our membership and the community to come together and get to know each other.

We have a great resource in the CCSSEF, and we know you agree! Contact Larry Parker Sr. at 603-352-8563 or at GM@CCSSEF.org to volunteer a little of your time to be part of something big.

(Editor's Note: See Ed Csenge's article on the next page to read about the difference this center could make.)

You can help make our Education & Marksmanship Center a part of our community



Site preparation underway!

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The 600 yard line is calling for you

-Neil Jeneral -

Here's a great chance to try some long range shooting.

Thursday mornings, first shot at 9 am, please show up between 8:30-8:45 for lane & relay assignment. We have 2 relays, a firing relay, and a pit relay.

After firing for 45 minutes, the two relays swap, and shoot again for 45 minutes. We are typically done by 11:30, and have been having 7-8 shooters through the month of May & June.

We have seen many types of rifles and sights. M1 Garand, (iron sights), 1903 with Unertl 6x scope, Savage bolt action with aperture sights, Savage bolt with scope (called "F" class), Remington 700, modern sniper rifle with Leupold scope, AR type rifles, both with iron sights and scopes. Many different calibers such as .308, 30-06, .223, 6.5 mm, .270 and others.

Please have a good 200 yard or 300 yard zero. There are some very experienced shooters that are happy to help newer shooters, so don't be shy!

It is an enjoyable, relaxed, safe shooting experience, and you get to learn how to do pit service. You will also know what a bullet sounds like, travelling just a few feet over your head!

Cost is a modest \$5. For more info, call Neil Jeneral @ 398-3238, or email at njeneral@ne.rr.com

Why I care... and why you should

- Ed Csenge -

*Education & Marksmanship Center
Project Manager*

As a hunter, I've had firearms in my life. My wife grew up in a household without guns. When our son was six years old, my wife expressed the opinion that I "needed to do something with my firearms" so our son would be safe. My response was that I "would take care of it."

When the weekend came, I took care of it with a visit to a gun store to purchase Tom a .22 Chipmunk rifle. I wanted him to understand guns rather than have them be a "forbidden fruit" that would engage his curiosity without giving him any knowledge.

Our visit to what now is CCSSEF was with his new .22 and a plywood target placed two feet in front of him. He didn't want to leave until there was no more ammo. I let him touch the holes in the target and asked him if he thought that having those holes in a person would hurt. Tom thought it would.

To cement that image further, I took out my 20-gauge shotgun. I explained to him that he couldn't use this gun yet but that I wanted to show him something. I put a four-inch hole into the plywood with birdshot, and we further discussed safety. From that first day's demonstration, he was "Mr. Responsibility."

Because he liked to shoot, he joined the Ferry Brook Junior Shooters program as

soon as he reached the 10-year minimum age requirement. He listened, learned enthusiastically, continued to be responsible, and aimed his sights high (pun intended). He gave up or bypassed other sports and activities. When his buddies asked why he wasn't going out for football, he replied that he "didn't know football was an Olympic sport."

As supportive parents, my wife and I traveled with Tom to various shooting sport events. (She since has become a gun enthusiast, serving many years as Treasurer of CCF&G and coordinating Women on Target events.)

Tom continued to progress, winning the NH state championship and qualifying to shoot at the Junior Olympic level at Colorado Springs. At age 12, an early mentor was an Olympic coach and another was the head coach at the Army Marksmanship Center in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Without trying to sound as though I'm bragging, his efforts over time garnered him a full scholarship at the University of Kentucky as a member of its rifle team.

He was happy to go there, already knowing all the other team members from his eight years of competing with CCSSEF. The University of Kentucky's Athletic Director shared with me that Kentucky's rifle team was composed of the

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Women on Target 10-2-16



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New director asks for volunteers for an important event

- Elaine H. Levlocke -
WOT Coordinator

Hello! I am the new Director for the Women on Target.

I am also a new member to CCSSEF, so I look forward to meeting you, if I haven't already.

The Women on Target Instructional Shooting Clinic provides professional instruction to women who have never handled or who have had limited experience with firearms an opportunity to learn the necessary skills to enjoy shooting in a safe, comfortable environment.

Women on Target is scheduled for Sunday, October 2, 2016 and will be held at CCSSEF. Registration is available online at www.ccssef.org.

You can download and print out the registration form, mail it along with your check payment to reserve your space to the address indicated.

This event is limited to 30 women, so if you are considering participating, please don't hesitate to register.

Would you like to volunteer for

this event? There are many volunteer positions available (RSOs/trainers, kitchen personnel, etc.). If you are interested in volunteer-

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Junior Rifle Team Update

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- Larry Parker Sr. -
Head Coach

Results for 2016 Junior Sectional scores were posted in early June. Our Team ranked 11th Nationally in 4 Position Conventional.

Tobin Sanctuary was the #4 junior shooter in the nation in the 3 position metric match. Scores can be viewed at; <http://competitions.nra.org/championship-results/nra-national-indoor-rifle-pistol-championships-results.aspx>

Here's our starting Gold and Silver Travel Teams for the 2015 - 2016 Match Season: Tobin Sanctuary, Hunter Lang, Joey Wilson, Evie Proctor, Peter Margand, Olivia Beteau, Aidan Bradley, Matt Bechard, Rachel Brown, Natalie Davidson, Ashley Sprague and Kyle Huston.

Kevin Ranta and Cooper Bean also participated in a few NRA Sectional Matches and will move to the G&S Team officially when the 2016-17 season starts back up in September. Tobin will be off to the University of North Georgia to shoot



NCAA Collegiate Rifle with the UNG Nighthawks.

Thanks again to the NRA Foundation. They continue to support us with equipment to provide air rifle training to our newer shooters to better prepare them for advancement to the Gold & Silver Travel Team.

Thank you to the Youth Shooting Sports Alliance again in 2016 for their generous support of 4 replacement air rifle cylinders through their grant program. We were unable to get any ammunition given to us through any grants this year, but we were able to purchase ammunition at a dis-

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Jr. Rifle Team... from page 4

counted cost directly from Federal/CCI through their youth discount program.

AGAIN, A BIG THANK YOU to all our other 2016 donors. They include: Dave Swenson, Victor Lawrence, Jay & Allison Davidson, Charley Troccia, Mike Korpi, Keene Chrysler Dodge, Mia Capelli Hair Salon, Andrew Solomonides, Pfizer Corp., Kevin Wheeler / Keene Transmission, Emmerson Towing, Pinney Plumbing & Heating, JDJ Builders, Jim Devine, and Eversource Energy.

We have 5 shooters (Hunter, Joey, Evie, Peter and Ashley) going to the CMP Air Rifle Regionals this April, and Tobin is headed for Junior Olympics in April.

Our 5 member air rifle Team (Hunter, Joey, Evie, Peter and Ashley) are headed again to Camp Perry for the CMP Air Rifle National Championships this week (Jun 28-Jul1). Tobin and Hunter will be going to Bristol, IN for the National Rifle Matches in July.

We are sending 8 shooters to Camp Perry in August for the NRA's Smallbore Camp. We sure could use some financial support for these shooters going to the

CMP/NRA National Matches and Camp...

Notes on our active ALUMNI (shooting, college & military) — Andrew Solomonides just finished his 1st year at West Point on their Army Black Knights rifle team. Joe Bogar is at his duty assignment with the 1st Brgd, 4th Infantry at Ft Carson, CO.

Alex Martin just graduated from NC State. Tom Csenge continues in the US Army Reserve and the US Army's World Class Athlete Program. Tom has moved back home for the summer and will be moving to Virginia later this summer.

Capt John Nikiforakis is driving a tank around somewhere. Lacey Hamelin is attending college in Springfield Mass. Greg Ganio is continuing his studies up in Maine.

If you're an adult and think you might be interested in smallbore, the Club has a couple of target rifles with scopes that can be signed out. Contact Larry Parker or Neil Jeneral. smallbore@ccfandg.org, gm@ccfandg.org, 600yard@ccfandg.org.



photo by Al Patnode

The Shotgun Corner

- Chuck Tatham -

We seem to be in the Summer doldrums for shotgunning. Things are slow at both Trap and Five Stand.

On the bright side, this means no waiting on Wednesdays at noon or Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.!

Many shooters are away at state shoots and sporting clay events. But they will be back soon and we will be busy again.

In the meantime, now is a great time to practice practically undisturbed.

Be advised that we are no longer shooting doubles on Tuesdays. However, we can easily set up one of the trap machines at almost any time if you would like to work on doubles.

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– High Power News –

A full summer of shooting but for rain

*-Pete De Santis -
High Power Coordinator*

We have scheduled seven traditional Mid-Range prone rifle matches this year. Five of them are NRA approved so competitors can obtain their first classification card or work to improve their current classification. The classification system allows competitors to shoot with others of the same skill level.

Rain in May kept our entry down to only 6 shooters and the June match was cancelled outright.

Hopefully Mother Nature will smile upon us for the upcoming matches. The remaining NRA approved matches are July 10, August 7, and October 9.

We have two other matches planned on August 28 and September 17 with a different format and not NRA approved. These matches will consist of two strings at 300 yards, a lunch break, and two strings at 600 yards. We hope to have the Gun Smoke Grill open with lunch provided for the typical Saturday fee.

On September 18th we will be fortunate to host an international "Friendly Match" between the New England states and the Canadian Maritime Provinces. This friendly call the "Mini-Palma" has been going on for almost 40 years. I am this year's US team captain and thought that our club was the perfect place to host this year's event. We will be shooting the same format used on 8/28 and 9/17. I hope members will stop by to see what it's all about.

We still plan on having an experienced high power shooter available to qualify new 600 yard shooters. This is necessary to insure safety on the range. We will examine your rifle and ammo to make sure they are suitable for 600 yards. Then we will help you obtain a "Zero" to get you on target at the 600 yard firing line.

Once you have qualified, I urge you to attend a Thursday practice to get your feet wet. Check the calendar for specific times. You'll get hooked.

Other high power events are also scheduled. Check the calendar and contact people for specific information. If you have any questions or would just like to talk about the 600 yard shooting, please contact me at (cell) 603 721-1985, (home) 603 352-7720 or americandesignhomes@gmail.com

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Membership Report

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

New Membership Applications & Orientations and Membership Renewals can be completed on weekdays during my office hours.

New members have the option of viewing the safety video on the website or when they come in to complete their application and pay their dues & orientation fee and tour the range.

All Active Military and 100% Disabled Members must complete and submit a renewal application each year. These memberships are not renewed automatically.

My thanks to our Saturday Membership volunteers: Sandy Tatham, Jack & Sarah Commerford, Mike Hagan, Jean Goodell and Randy Tefft.

If anyone would like to assist with Membership, please contact me. We need a couple more volunteers for this activity.



Documenting your training

- Seth Wish -
On Target Training

Over the past few years I've added an additional activity—a training log—to my weekly shooting practice sessions. We encourage our students to do the same.

There are several benefits to maintaining a shooting / training log. Let's start with the developmental aspects. As shooters, we're always seeking to improve our fundamental skills and monitor our progress. Are our trap scores getting better, is our precision rifle shooting getting better, is my ability to make hits at longer distances becoming more consistent? Are my action pistol scores showing better

accuracy and faster split times through the stages?

The big advantage of recording your performance, is it allows you to measure progress and guide you as you seek to improve your skills.

However, it doesn't stop there. It also can mitigate your liability if you ever have to justify your actions in a court of law. If you carry a side arm for personal protection, or plan to use a firearm for home defense, proof of training and a detailed training log is an essential component of your self-defense plan.

If you're ever forced to use lethal force, I believe a prosecutor will investigate you and look closely at

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Archery range improvements & fun

- Dan Deyo -

North Branch Bowmen of CCSSEF is seeing some great energy at the outdoor range. Just up the road from the main club you will now see a sign at the gate for those who don't know where the archery takes place. (A huge thank you to Jeff Hokanson!)

Want someone to shoot with or to watch your shooting form? Or, want to know more about our activities? Join us on Tuesday evenings, usually after 5pm until dusk, as we practice (weather permitting).

EVENTS— There are several events planned for the club this summer: Sunday, July 10th between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., NFAA hunter target round; Saturday, August 13th 7-7:30 p.m. start time, Zombie/Coon shoot with a small chicken BBQ at 6 p.m. (*The chicken BBQ must be pre ordered, \$15 meal & shoot. Let us know by August 1st for the meal...or just come and shoot for \$10 and bring your bug spray, good*

flashlight & aluminocks); August 28th, NFAA Animal Target round between 8 and 2 p.m., 14 targets shot twice at marked distances.

Everyone is welcome, members as well as non-members for shoots. Bring a friend. Maybe we can find a bow that they can shoot? The 3-Ds are out and the range is cleaned up with clearly marked trail signs and target numbers. We are always continuing to improve things.

RANGE IMPROVEMENT— Our youth are getting involved with (pending approval) an Eagle Scout project to revitalize the parking and practice range. Luke Ruel is the scout in charge and if you would like to assist with target construction or grounds work you can contact me at barebowdan@yahoo.com (603-209-6721) and I will get you connected with Luke. All the help we can get to work on this project will make Luke's project a success.

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Family Day/ Swap Report

- Lori & Ken Cook-

The first few hours were scary quiet for the Family Day/Swap Meet event, but it turned out a success. (Who could forecast MRHS graduation so early?)

We ended up with 98 people attending and eight new memberships – out of these eight were six family memberships!

We are looking ahead to next year's event and a few changes that we'd like to make. One of these changes involves the Swap Meet. Commitment numbers were down this year, so we are contemplating opening up the Swap Meet to non-members, as well as businesses who deal in outdoor-related equipment.

The Family Day/Swap meet couldn't happen each year without the help of our devoted volunteers. Thanks to all of you who have the same vision in mind... to make CCSSEF a success.

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Five bucks will buy you a tasty lunch with a soft drink or coffee. I'm told my cowboy coffee will grow hair on the bottom of your feet! Lots of great folks to visit with. Buy one of my cooking aprons or coffee mugs. See ya on the range!



NRA LINK

Remember, when renewing your NRA membership or signing up a new member to the NRA, be sure to use our "Join NRA" link near the bottom of our home page on the web site.

Your support of the NRA is important in the preservation of our 2nd Amendment Rights.

For further details, contact Larry Parker, Sr. at the Club at 352-8563, or by email at gm@ccfandg.org

Why I care... from page 1

school's finest athletes—disciplined, responsible, with good grades, and not requiring an escort to make it to their competitions on time.

Tom's next step was to the Olympic Development Team. Olympic training does not pay, so he also joined the Army, where he has been involved the last four years in its World Class Athlete team at Fort Collins, Colorado, reporting every day to the Olympic Center to train.

If he doesn't make it to the Olympics in Rio, he at least will be off to a career working for an American gun manufacturer who makes Olympic-grade guns. And, he's humble enough that he never would tell you all this...

So why am I telling you? My point is that because of my interest in my son's

shooting accomplishments, I am driven to help other youths, and adults, who want to excel at and enjoy shooting sports.

If you could train indoors year round, what a difference it would make in your skill level. I saw what it did for the youth who were in the program with my son.

I sincerely thank the Parkers and others who have assisted, as well as CCSSEF, for making this opportunity possible day in and day out.

The juniors program enhances participants' lives, giving them characteristics that make a difference to their futures and our community.

That's why I care that there will be an Education & Marksmanship Center in Keene, New Hampshire. I hope you care, too.

Summer archery... from page 8

Speaking of range development there is a lot happening, and happening quickly, with the indoor facility. Come to a meeting Thursday evenings at the clubhouse to learn more about what's happening.

FACEBOOK— Archery now has a growing FB page for upcoming and recent happenings check it out at North Branch Bowmen.

BROADHEAD/HUNTING POINTS— As always, broadheads (hunting points) are *never allowed* on any range! This creates a safety concern for all involved as broadheads break and leave sharp materials in the targets. The

practice and field targets are filled with plastic wrap that will grab the broadheads. You will lose them and create a dangerous situation for everyone!

Other safety concerns are the smallest little creatures around...the Deer Ticks! Please spray your clothes with a bug repellent and do frequent checks and a thorough check when finished at the range. These little buggers can cause debilitating symptoms and ruin your health.

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- Never point a firearm at something you are not willing to destroy.
- Identify your target, and what is behind it.
- Keep your finger off the trigger till your sights are on the target.

Documenting your training... from page 7

your experience. With proof of training and skill development you're in a much better position to defend your actions.

Scenario: Prosecuting attorney to the defendant ... "Mr. Smith, according to your deposition you state that you have been a casual target shooter for many years is that correct? Yes. And, you testified in the deposition that you shoot informally once a month at the range on paper targets is this correct? Yes. In that deposition you also stated that you have no formal training outside of your informal shooting practice is that correct? Yes."

"Prior to this shooting...Have you did you have legal advice regarding the use of force in the state of New Hampshire? No, but some guys at the range told me I could "stand my ground".

"Once again sir, have you had any formal classroom training on the use of force in the state of New Hampshire? No"

If the defendant in this scenario had a detailed record of classes he had taken and a log document ongoing skill development he might be in a much better position to defend his decisions to the jury. It's very important to understand that shooting a

handgun / long gun informally at the range is not "defensive training".

In summary, I advocate documenting your practice and getting formal training!

Seth Wish is a member of CCSSEF and the owner of On Target Training, LLC. His company trains responsible citizens in the safe and practical use of firearms for personal protection and home defense. Check for Seth's classes on the CCSSEF.ORG web site and calendar. Seth has many other classes in NH and RI throughout the summer and fall of 2016. Check Seth out at www.on-target-training.net & www.youtube.com/wishse.

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