



WINTER 2015

President's Message

- Michael Hagen -

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as I was only recently elected President of the Club.



Mike & Taryn Hagen

A lot of members may know me from my time on the Cheshire County Shooting Sports Education Foundation's Board of Directors. I was also on the Board of Directors for Monadnock Habitat for Humanity. I really enjoyed building handicap ramps, repairing old homes, and building new homes for people who just needed a little help.

A little about myself... I grew up in Lame Deer, Montana and then moved to Bedford, NH. After High School, I started working for the City of Keene's Code Enforcement Department in 2001, working my way up to Code Enforcement Officer.

I hold many certifications through the International Code Council, a few of which include Commercial Building Inspector, Residential Building Inspector, Building Plans Examiner, Floodplain Manager (FEMA), and Fire Plans Examiner (NFPA).

I really enjoy staying busy. I have always had a part time job in addition to my fulltime job with the City of Keene. I've traveled around New England doing loss prevention for K-Mart, and I've worked at Nitro Fitness as a fitness coach.

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Indoor Range progress UPDATE

- Ed Csenge -

Indoor Range Project Manager

Since my last writing your board has continued working toward the indoor range facility.

From information we received from the folks at Red River Marksmanship Center we were able to complete our business plan. An extension for site plan approval has been filed, which is good for 2 years, with minor modification due to a change in wetlands regulations.

Tim Sampson, an architect from Keene, and structural engineer Steve Tarbox are now designing the building. (See the sketch below.) People are joining in the effort to realize this dream.

I can't wait for when we will be able to shoot and socialize in our new range. Everyone wants to know when it will be ready. Just think... no standing in the cold,

wet, freezing weather. Come with your family and enjoy the events, or just be a spectator enjoying lunch and conversation. Look at the shooting trophies, club accomplishments, and big game mounts in the lobby and viewing area. Attend one of the many classes in comfort and space.

Also, we have had many discussions centered on a proposed merger of the club and foundation. I believe it would be beneficial in many ways to be operating as one organization-- cost savings, one set of directors and officers, having the same mission and operate under the tax advantages of the 501C3 corporate status.

A meeting has been scheduled for 1/17/2015 at the Elks Club, 4:00 p.m., so everyone can get the details on this. Our attorney, Rob Kasper, and Accountant, Chris Wheeler, will be there to answer questions. Please join us at that time.



Computer rendering of the new facility.

GM's Notes...

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

I am here at the Range at least 4 hours each weekday- Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., and on Thursdays from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Check our web site calendar for all activities and scheduled events: www.ccfandg.org. 2015 is starting to fill up with activities.

Winter Range procedures are in place for the next few months. Pistol Bay #1 is now closed in. Please leave the portable target bases under cover when you are finished shooting so they do not freeze in place. Please pull the shooting benches on the 100 yard range back to the center posts to help with snow removal on that range. Be careful when you are afoot. This in New Hampshire and it's winter!

Clubhouse Services: Coffee (K Cup machine) and soda are always available in the Clubhouse; Club clothing items are on sale inside the Clubhouse, including "ladies" T-shirts & men's polos; Cleaning items and safety items (hand warmers, eye and hearing protection) are also available.

Please use the honor system for buying these items and put the money in the "Drop Box" just inside the Clubhouse door. You can also drop off membership renewals and other paperwork.

The Gun Valuation Service is also available and I have the newest Blue Book! Details are in the January Newsletter. Finally, movies are still on at the Clubhouse Mon, Tue & Wed at 10 a.m.

Website and calendar changes are coordinated through this office with the exception of Training Classes. Those are done through Rick Fuller, Chief Training Officer at 876-4162 or by email at chieftrainingofficer@ccfandg.org.

Please help me keep the web site up to date. If you see anything that should be added or corrected, please let me know. You can contact me at the Club at 352-8563 or by email at gm@ccfandg.org.



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WOT charges ahead in 2015

- Laurel Csenge -

The first Women on Target date for 2015 is May 17th. Applications and information will be posted on the web-site www.ccfandg.org very soon.

Look for the Women on Target link on the left side of the page. All information for registering is on the brochure. This class fills up very fast, so if you are thinking of signing up or know of someone who is interested, please do so immediately to secure a spot. The best way is to download the application and mail in with check/credit card to reserve your space.

The morning is divided into 3 groups of ten— 10 to handgun, 10 to rifle and 10 to shotgun and we may try to include archery this year. After safety instructions for each discipline, you hear the rapid fire of pistol, the more precision

shooting for rifle and the cheers for hitting the clay pigeon for the first time.

After a short time, each group is moved to try another discipline. At the end, its door prizes, gift bags and lunch where you can talk with the instructors/volunteers you meet.

We have instructed over 900 women with our WOT program in the 9+ years we have been running the WOT

program. It is a very volunteer intensive program and I would like to thank all the great volunteers we have had, those that have been involved since the beginning and those that are new each year. Without you we would not have this program.

Anyone who would like to volunteer would be very welcome. There are many areas to help where you don't need to know how to shoot! Please contact me at 603-313-9952 to inquire about volunteering.



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Defensive Firearms Training

- Tim Cousineau -

Instructor, Freedom Hill Gear

Would you believe that the city of Keene is the 7th most dangerous place to live in NH?

A recent study conducted by Movoto Real Estate, based on FBI crime stats (2012), ranks us at #7. However, I must also mention that we are by far the safest state in our union with very low violent crime rates.

Despite the fact that we do in fact live in a low crime area, does not negate the need to be prepared to defend our self or someone else.

Luckily, we have great place to train for such events. We at Freedom Hill Gear will be conducting a series of training classes for the 2015 calendar year here at CCF&G, most notably Defensive Handgun 1, and Defensive Carbine 1 with some low light/no light shooting..

Defensive Handgun 1 is the next step in learning how to effectively use a handgun as a defensive tool, after taking a basic class which is also offered here at CCF&G. This class will help you understand how you will behave in a deadly force encounter, under high levels of stress.

ter, under high levels of stress.

We will spend some time talking about the mindset that must be present for you to prevail in the face of violence, as well as what factors play into the justified use of deadly force.

Throughout this class we will help you build the skills to effectively draw your handgun and shoot accurately with speed, reload and clear malfunctions, shooting and moving, and quite a bit more.

For this class you will need about 350 rounds of ammo, factory is preferred, but reloads can be considered.

Defensive Carbine 1 is also the next evolution in your rifle training from a basic level understanding. (We offer basic carbine clinics and private sessions).

This class will continue to build on the basic skill set, but will introduce you to new skills necessary to use a carbine effectively at close range and out to about 100 yds. You will learn how to control recoil using different techniques that allow you to fire more rounds at a faster rate, stopping the threat in the shortest amount of time.

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Range Safety Report

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

Be sure to set your targets high enough so your bullets don't skip off the ground before they hit the berm... or go over the berm!

Seek out an RSO if you have any safety questions. Volunteer Range Safety Officers will be out on the range every Saturday and Sunday from mid morning through early afternoon.

If you would like help with a new firearm or even an old firearm's performance, contact the Club (gm@ccfandg.org or 352-8563) to arrange a time when an RSO will be on the range so you can review the item with them.

An updated list of RSO's will be in the Club's SOP which is being updated and will be on the web site soon.

If you would like to become a Range Safety Officer, contact Chief Range Safety Officer Rick Fuller, chieftrainingofficer@ccfandg.org to find out when the next RSO Class is scheduled. The plan is to hold an RSO Class once or twice a year.

Remember, steel targets produce bullet splatter/debris. EYE PROTECTION is to be worn by EVERYONE at that range. Be sure steel targets are at least 30' from the firing line and that they have at least a 5 degree forward angle. Thank you all for helping make our range a safe/fun shooting facility.



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Jr. Rifle Team has ammo...for a while

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

I'm pleased to report that with the help of a couple of members, Les Bogar and Ken Firman, we have been able to purchase some .22 ammunition for both the Junior Rifle Team and Women on Target.

The Junior Team is also receiving ammunition support from the Youth Shooting Sports Alliance and a direct purchase from Federal/CCI Cartridge. We also hope to receive some through the NRA Foundation when 2015 grant applications are reviewed.

We have had to spend about \$1600 for this, so any financial support would be appreciated. With 40+ kids in the program, we go through 2 bricks of 22 per week. (That's 1,000 rounds!)

Contact me at small-bore@ccfandg.org, gm@ccfandg.org, or 352-8563 if you have questions or can help us out with some ammo.

Junior rifle team update

- Larry Parker Sr. -

Again, be sure to check the final scores for the year published by the NRA. Our 2014 Four Position score placed our Team 6th in the Country out of the 91 Teams entered.

Visit the 2014 NRA Sectional Matches at the web sites noted here; <http://competitions.nra.org/championship-results/nra-national-indoor-rifle-pistol-championships-results.aspx>

We are deep into our indoor season at the Peterborough Sportsman's Club Range. Dave Polonsky, NH CMP Coordinator, held his annual NH Invitational Match for the top 7 junior shooters in NH in November. We had 5 of the shooters in that match. Andrew Solomonides took the Silver Medal.

Junior Olympic Air Rifle tryouts were in December. January & February will be our busiest months for Team travel events along with a CMP Postal Match to be fired.

Here's our Gold and Silver Travel Teams for the 2015 Indoor Match Season: Andrew Solomonides, Grace Hackler, Greg Ganio, Tobin Sanctuary, Aaron Bresnick, Lucas Maxfield, Lucas Beteau, Hunter Lang, Aidan Bradley and Matt Bechard, Evie Proctor, Joey Wilson, Jeremiah Huntley, Noah Car and Olivia Beteau. Lacey Hamelin will likely be available for her last year as a Junior.

Some of the development team have been getting ready to move up by shooting some air rifle. They include Natalie Davidson, Rachel Brown, Ashley Sprague and Darren Duhaime. These ladies & gentlemen are all waiting for positions to open up on the Silver Team...

Thank you to the Youth Shooting Sports Alliance again in 2015 for their generous support of 4 cases of .22 caliber ammunition through their Grant Program. We also hope to

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Defensive Firearms Training... from page 3

We will also shoot in low-to-no-light conditions, when most defensive firearms use it happens, learning the proper techniques using weapon-mounted whites for maximum effect. This is important because most of us don't have the opportunity to conduct live fire training in low light.

Round count for this class is about 350 for the rifle and 50 rounds of pistol. Factory ammo is preferred, but reloads may be okay.

For required gear and full class descriptions, please check out our website www.freedom-hillgear.com!

Here are a few upcoming 2015 dates from us at Freedom Hill Gear:

April 11 Defensive Handgun 1

May 10 Defensive Handgun 1

*June 14 Defensive Carbine 1
with low light/no light*

*July 5 Ladies Defensive
Handgun*

Train as often as the budget allows. Be ready and stay safe!



photo by Al Patnode

Trap & 5-Stand News

- Chuck Tatham -

Just because the weather is cold is no reason your gun barrel has to be.

Trap and 5-Stand are going full bore unless the conditions are downright dangerous.

Clay target shooting can be fun and frustrating when trying to shoot in a snowstorm. So come give it a try!!

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(You can email Chuck Tatham at trap@ccfandg.org.)

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Ladies Pistol will help with your goals!

- Sophie Chapman -

2014 was a busy year for our women pistol shooters! With a few growing pains in the beginning, our program is continuing strong with even more learning opportunities coming up!

Via games and various exercises selected to help improve accuracy, speed, and defensive strategies, Ladies Pistol is designed to pick up where beginning classes leave off. We will get you ready for the next level.

A combination of practice, tutoring, and enrichment, Ladies Pistol will help you achieve your goals while exposing you to more pistol activities.

Don't know what to practice when you go to the range? Bored with "bullseye" targets? Want to meet other like-minded women? Have a problem you can't pinpoint? Come and give us a try!

For more information, to sign-up, or to register for our monthly mailing list, please contact Sophie Chapman at training@ccsgef.org or (603) 315-5838.

Places are limited to 10 shooters per group in the winter so reserve early!



photo by Al Patnode



Custom longbows for Vets

- Bob Lindberg -

I'm a long time Club member and fellow veteran. I am also a National Archery Association Level 2 instructor, avid traditional archery hunter and instructor, and a freelance writer.

Jeff Fouche, a boyer from Georgia, recently read an article of mine in Traditional Bowhunter Magazine on using traditional archery to help those who struggle with PTSD.

Grateful for what our military has done for all of us, Jeff got in touch

with me and generously offered to make a bow for any combat vet who comes to me for instruction. He has already made two bows for my students and is ready to make more.

If you are interested in learning to shoot a traditional bow, please contact me. I have enough equipment to get you started while we wait for your custom bow. You can reach me at 603-355-7672.



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Junior Rifle Team... from page 4

through their Grant Program. We also hope to receive support from the NRA Foundation this year, having had outstanding support from them in the past.

AGAIN, A BIG THANK YOU goes out to our 2014 donors. Lots of folks have already stepped up with monetary and ammunition donations for the Team for 2015.

They include: Youth Shooting Sports Alliance (YSSA), Federal Cartridge / CCI, Steve Bittel of Bittel Financial Services, Al & Dan Warner (Warner Tool), Ted & Irene Sands, Bob Felock, Dave Swenson, Dan Shepardson, Victor Lawrence, Bill Tuttle, Vern Peterson, Fred Breton, Al Bertin, Chris Brown, Earl Nelson, Steve Goldsmith, Dave Fitts, Larry Parker Jr, Dennis O'Brien, Conn River Sportsmen's Club, Paul & Kathy Nikiforakis, Jay & Allison Davidson, Gene & Sharon Cleary, Al & Karen Giles, Mike Korpi, Keene Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Edson & Ginger DeAngelis, The Ryan Family of Alstead, Liz Henderson, Wayne Wheelock, and Allison & John Solomonides.

Joe Bogar is now a Senior at West Point. Alex Martin is a Junior on the NC State Wolfpack rifle team. Tom Csege continues in the US Army Reserve and the US Army's World Class Athlete Program at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

Capt John Nikiforakis is driving a tank somewhere near Fort Knox and is expecting to be deployed to the badlands in a couple of months. Wish him well!

Heather Greathouse is starting a family in Utah. Lacey Hamelin is attending college in the Springfield Mass area and we hope she can still participate with the Team. Recruit (Joe) Nikiforakis just started his Freshman year at Norwich University's ROTC Program.

The adult smallbore rifle league starts January 9th. If you think you might be interested for this year, the Club has a couple of target rifles with scopes that can be signed out.

Contact Larry Parker or Neil Jeneral if you're interested in Smallbore rifle shooting.

Training Report

- Sophie Chapman -

In order to further standardize the way NRA classes are being taught, the NRA is scheduled to launch a "Blended Learning" program in 2015, starting with NRA Basic Pistol.

Under this new methodology, students will individually register with the NRA and take the first part of the class online. Once the eLearning portion is successfully completed, they must then contact an instructor to complete the live-fire portion of the course. Few details have been provided yet as to cost and official start date but we will keep you updated as we know more.

CCF&G and CCSSEF, recognizing the importance of being able to communicate with an instructor while studying, will offer group eLearning classes. We believe being able to ask questions and get actual practice as you go along maximizes learning. We also understand that many of our students do not have internet access at home which would necessitate taking the class at a public place.

We've listened to our students! In order to continue our dedicated efforts in providing quality firearm education at affordable prices, our classes will be offered at the club in a modified format once the program officially begins.

Tablets have been secured so students will be able to come to the clubhouse to complete their online version while still benefiting from the presence of certified instructors every step of the way. We strongly believe our continuation of group classes, while following NRA guidelines, will greatly benefit the student.

Until the NRA officially begins the program, classes will be held as usual. Watch for more details!

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Membership Report

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

The Membership Coordinator's position has been filled. New member Jolene Schultz has volunteered to assist with membership duties.

We encourage members to renew at the Club to help save on postage. Membership renewals have been mailed along with the formal notice of the upcoming General Membership Meeting on January 17th at the ELKS Club on Roxbury Street.

Our New Member Safety Video is available for viewing on the web site's Membership page.

I can take care of New Membership Applications & Orientations and Membership Renewals 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.

We ended 2014 at 882 members. My thanks to our Saturday Membership volunteers: Sandy Tatham, Ed Csenge, Jack Commerford, Kate & Rick Fuller, Mike Hagan and Jim Mountford. If anyone would like to assist with Membership, please contact me.

President's message... from page 1

I have always enjoyed recreational and competitive shooting and decided to become a firearms instructor through Sig Sauer Academy. Some of the certifications I hold include Master Rifle Instructor, Patrol Rifle/ Pistol Instructor and Sig Sauer Armorer.

I am also a NRA Certified Range Safety Officer. I am an active member of the NRA and a Life Member of Pro Gun New Hampshire. I feel my passion for firearms education and safety will serve the membership well.

I am honored to have this opportunity to serve as President; I would like to thank Joe Greathouse for his 8 years of service as President. He is looking forward to having a little extra time on his hands. I know I have big shoes to

fill after all the work he has done for the Club, but I am inspired and motivated to help this Club grow and maintain its unique atmosphere.

I am excited about the indoor range project and I hope all the members of the club will share in my excitement and participate in any way they know how, from planning, to building, to fundraising, or just donating time or money. Anything you can do will help.

There are some changes in the structure of the club that need to take place before we can continue to move forward on this project. We will need to consolidate operations, volunteer manpower,

and resources of the Cheshire County Fish and Game Club with the Cheshire County Shooting Spots Education Foundation.

I look forward to presenting these proposed changes at our General Membership meeting on January 17, 2015 at the Elks Lodge on Roxbury St. in Keene.

Please feel free to contact me anytime. My phone is always on-- 603-313-2542.

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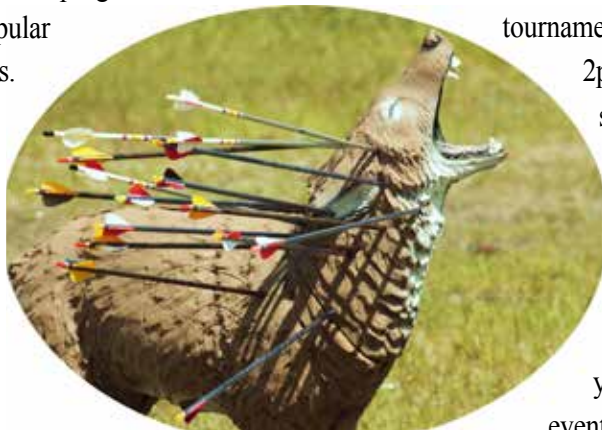


Youth archery, adult league, and a “Zombie Shoot”

- Mike Wright & Dan Deyo -

Archery is well underway at the recreation center on Washington Street in Keene. Our indoor programs are one of the Recreation Center's most popular and longest running youth programs.

The club has been teaching youngsters and adults there since the 60's. Come on up. We welcome everyone, and no previous archery experience is needed. We have equipment to fit most individuals at no extra cost and targets can be moved to match an archer's ability. Our Tuesday night league began January 6th. We shoot at 7:00 p.m., immediately following our youth program. We typically shoot until just before 9:00



p.m., with a cost of \$5 per shooter.

Our Sunday shooting began in mid December. We shoot most Sundays from 12 to 4:00 p.m., with the exception of scheduled tournament days which sometimes run until around

2pm. Cost is \$5 per shooter for open Sunday shooting and you're welcome to come and go as you please. We have open instruction between 3pm and 4pm.

We will be holding a “Zombie Shoot” on February 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Rec Center. There is a limit of 36 shooters so you must preregister. The cost is \$10 for the event.

We have several scheduled New Hampshire Bowmen shoots this winter and all are welcome. You do not need to be a member except for our Grand slam Championship

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- ▮ **Identify your target, and what is behind it.**
- ▮ **Keep your finger off the trigger till your sights are on the target.**



A job well done!

- Vicki Flanders -

A big thank you to all club members who participated in our annual Toys for Tots campaign as part of the U.S. Marine Corps League's larger national campaign.

We made a couple of trips to our regional drop site to get the toys moving toward their destinations.

I saw on WMUR-TV news that the drive collected 13,000 toys and raised \$10,000 in donations statewide for New Hampshire's needy children.

Thank you for being a part of that.

Primitive Biathlon February 15th!

- Jean Goodell -

What is a "primitive biathlon?" It's a lot of fun, that's what it is! And it's not as hard as it sounds, either.

Anyone who knows me knows I'm no athlete...but I've been competing in them for ten years now!

If you've got a muzzleloader, and you can walk upright, you can compete. Oh yeah, you do have to wear snowshoes, but that's not a big deal - anyone who can walk can snowshoe with a little practice!

The basic idea is a take-off from Olympic Biathlon, but instead of cross country skis and expensive .22 rifles, we use wooden snowshoes and muzzleloaders.

And instead of having to ski an extra "penalty lap" for a miss, you get 5 minutes off your total time on the course for each target hit. So the winner usually isn't the fastest runner, but the best shot!



The course will be a nice walk in the woods and a good excuse to get out of the house after the holidays. The targets are fun-to-hit, swinging, steel gongs, and the whole event is a great opportunity to get some off-season practice with your muzzleloader!

So dust off your old snowshoes, oil up your muzzleloader and come out and join us on Sunday, February 15th, and just maybe you could be a winner!



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For further details, contact Jean Goodell at 603-239-9915.



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

Monadnock Regional Fish & Game News

- Mike Morrison -

Students and their parents participated in the fly tying classes offered by Monadnock Chapter of Trout Unlimited, hosted by CCF&G.

The unanimous evaluation of the instructors was that this was the best group they have taught and more proficiency was demonstrated by all age groups.

Instructors, Mike Elkavitch, Lew Derby, George Walther, and Larry Anatuck presented a variety of patterns that introduced sequential techniques. Rodney Ebbighausen, the Bass Fishing Team coach for the Monadnock Middle and High School visited and the group is planning on teaching bass bug and deer hair fly tying.

Spring class is being developed as well as fishing trips. NRA / Winchester qualifier shoots will begin in February on Sunday afternoons. Please check the CCF&G calendar.

A donation can will be in the club house for the Monadnock Bass Fishing team. Thanks to all CCF&G members



Hunter Education begins in January.

photo by Al Patnode

that bought NH Fish and Game calendars from the Monadnock High School students. Your encouragement and support are growing the replacement generation.

Hunter Education Classes are being offered the last two weekends in January, February, March and April on Friday evenings, as well as Saturday and Sunday afternoon/evenings to avoid conflict with other activities.

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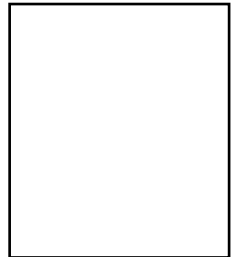
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1/17/2015, Keene Elks Club, 4:00 p.m.

Information on the proposed merger of the Foundation and the Club