

SPRING 2015

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## \*\*\*\*\*Membership Survey\*\*\*\*\*

*We can make our club even better!*

- Matt Pereira -  
Contributing Writer

You can help change Cheshire County Fish and Game for the better with just ten minutes of your time.

The club needs you to fill out a survey to help it learn more about its members and to better their experiences at the club. You can fill the survey out online by visiting the website or by connecting to the link on a recent email sent out to all members.

Two lucky people who complete the survey will win a free year's membership.

The survey will not only provide the club with demographic information, but help it create new programs and possibly new facilities.

The survey asks for basic contact information, but also needs you to provide feedback about the programs already offered, what you'd like to change, and how you receive information about club activities.

The Board of Directors believes the information will help it improve members' experiences, as well as guide it toward making decisions for the future of CCF&G.

The club has partnered with Keene State College to

produce, distribute and evaluate the survey. Club member Mark Timney, a professor at the college, has donated the time of his students enrolled in a public relations class this semester.

"We are really excited to help out the club," said Timney. "Not only are the students learning great public relations skills, but we are advancing a great organization."

The class is also working on videos, newsletters and pamphlets for the club. They also contributed to the production of this quarter's newsletter.

CCF&G has already received 265 responses to the survey, and the goal is to reach more than 500 members by the end of the month. The results of the survey will likely be released in the next newsletter.

If you are a member, take the time to fill out the survey. It will make your membership more worthwhile.

Also, don't be surprised if you receive a call on the phone asking if you've completed the survey. If you haven't and you have a few minutes to answer some questions, the public relations students making the calls will fill out the survey for you.

**You can fill out your survey here:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VFXSP57>

## GM's Notes...

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

I am here at the range at least four hours each weekday.--Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri from 9am until 1pm, and on Thursdays from 1pm until 5pm. I so adjustment my normal range hours, so watch the web site.

Check our web site calendar for all activities and scheduled events: [www.ccfandg.org](http://www.ccfandg.org). 2015 is starting to fill up with activities.

Please be mindful of 300 yard and 600 yard activities on Thursdays and weekends. Remember that these events close the rest of the ranges.

Both the 300 and 600 yard activities are open to all. If you want to shoot 600, be sure to check the web site for the requirements. There will be experienced shooters on hand that can help new 600 yard shooters to get 'in the black' with their 1st shot.

### MEMBERS ONLY PAGE--

There was a great suggestion at the January member's meeting to have members be able to easily access the monthly BOD minutes.

There is now a link from the web site Home Page (lower left column) that members can log into.

In addition to the minutes, the Facilities Manager's and GM's Monthly Reports. at there. Our 2014 income/expenditures are also summarized. Our 2015 Budget summary is on the page as well.

The user ID is 'Member.' The password is CCF&GXXXX (the X's are the current year's gate combination)

**CALENDAR CHANGES--** Except for training classes, all changes are coordinated through this office. Training classes are entered by Sophie Chapman (313-5838 or at [training@ccfandg.org](mailto:training@ccfandg.org) )

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

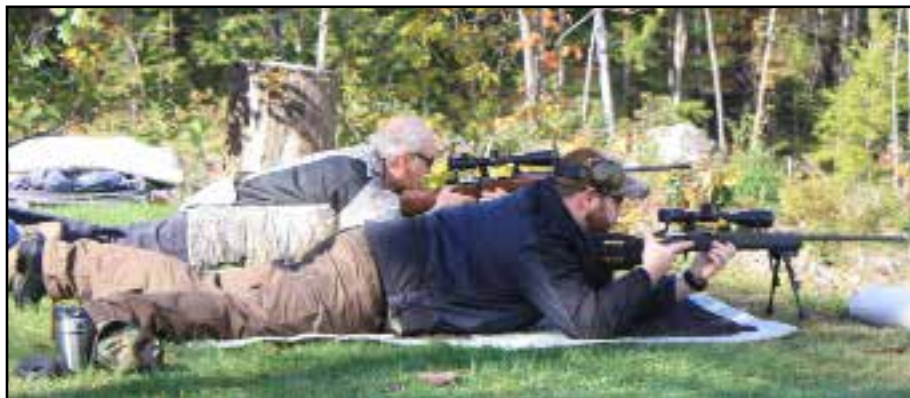


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## Coming to the "600" this season

- Pete De Santis -

The 600 yard range opened late last fall. Thanks to Neil Jeneral and his cadre of dedicated volunteers, the first 600 yard match was fired on the new range November 2nd.

Ron Coburn fired his salute cannon (a photo is in the display case in the club house) and we played the National Anthem to officially open the range.

With the temperature at 20 degrees and the wind speed about the same, seventeen competitors still couldn't resist the inaugural Sniper match. The match results are posted on the web site.

The range is not quite finished, however all the major components are in place and operational.

The final items, like locating range flags and setting target number boards, will be completed as soon as winter lets go. Refinements will be on going and the CCF&G Club 600 yard range will

become a first class facility.

I hope the "600" generates a lot of interest among the membership. If you are not yet a competitive shooter you are still welcome to use the range on scheduled practice days.

Since safety is paramount, there will be some basic requirements for all who want to shoot "600."

You will need a center fire rifle chambered for a cartridge capable of reaching 600 yards safely, have at least a 200 yard zero, and known values for sight adjustments. Then, an experienced shooter can help get you on target. A complete list of requirements will be posted on the web site.

Planned CMP National Match Course matches, Vintage Sniper Matches, NRA approved Mid-Range matches, and weekly practice sessions make for an ambitious calendar this season. See the web site for match details.



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## Mini-Palma at CCF&G

- Pete De Santis -

International High Power Rifle competition will be coming to our 600 yard range this summer.

A Mid-Range match on July 12 will be used as the final competition to select the New England "Mini-Palma" team for 2015.

For thirty five years a friendly long range rifle competition between the New England States and the Canadian Maritime Provinces has alternated between countries. This year we travel to Nova Scotia for three days of shooting.

The Canadians have invited us to compete in their "Atlantic Championships" on September 5th & 6th with the "Mini-Palma" Match and banquet on the 7th.

Each team consists of twelve firing members. Eight sling

shooters and four F/FTR shooters make up each squad. Any New England resident is eligible to try out for the US team. The course of fire is determined by the host team.

We will shoot from 300 to 800 meters at a new range just outside of Halifax, NS. For the next few years Larry Racine, Larry Piazza and I are serving as co-captains for the "Yanks."

I plan to have CCF&G Club host the match next year when the Canadians visit us. We have a new "600" to show off. I know they will enjoy shooting here.

Posted on the web site is a document about the "Mini-Palma" Match along with the High Power information.

Give it a look.

## Range Safety Report

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

We will be starting up our RSO roster this April, so watch for these folks to be out on the range to help you out.

We encourage members to seek out our RSO's and have them assist members whenever needed. If an RSO is not able to answer your question they will do their best provide direction to someone that can.

Volunteer Range Safety Officers will be out on the range every Saturday and Sunday from mid morning through early afternoon. You may find Dave Swenson or Mark Timney on the range on weekdays.

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 Jack Commerford, selfdefense@ccfandg.org to find out when the next RSO Class is scheduled. The plan is to hold an RSO Class at least once 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. When shooting on the 100 yard Rifle Range, your targets must be placed high enough so that your bullets are hitting the impact berm.

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## Jr. Rifle Team gets ammo grant

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

I'm pleased to report that the Junior Team received ammunition support from the Youth Shooting Sports Alliance for 2015.

We have been allowed to purchase three cases directly from Federal/CCI Cartridge at a special price. Our RA Foundation has been approved for the purchase of five more cases.

Any financial support to help us purchase more ammo this year would be appreciated.

Contact me at the club at 352-8563 or by email at gm@ccfandg.org



## Lunch at Jim-Bob's Grille every Sat.

Be sure to drop by the Clubhouse on any Saturday between 11:00 and 1:00 p.m. to have lunch at Jim-Bob's Grille. Five bucks will buy you a tasty lunch and a soft drink or coffee. Lots of great folks to visit with too!

See ya on the range,  
Jim-Bob

# Junior rifle team update

- Larry Parker Sr. -

We look forward to the posting of the 2015 Junior Sectional Match scores. Our 3 Position and 4 Position scores will put us in the TOP 10 JUNIOR TEAMS in the Nation this year.

The 2015 NRA Sectional Matches results should be posted in late May at the web sites noted here: <http://competitions.nra.org/championship-results/nra-national-indoor-rifle-pistol-championships-results.aspx>

We are nearly finished with our indoor season at the Peterborough Sportsman's Club Range. Our top Team in the CMP Postal Match that we fired on January 14th earned a spot at the CMP's Regional Championships at Camp Perry on March 26-28. Congratulations to Andrew, Tobin, Jeremiah and Joey for making that Team.

Grace earned the spot as alternate.

We probably will not have final results of that before this goes to print. We sure could use some financial help in funding this trip. Contact me if you can help out.

Here's our Gold and Silver Travel Teams for the 2015 Indoor Match Season: Andrew Solomonides, Grace Hackler, Greg Gano, Tobin Sanctuary, Aaron Bresnick, Lucas Maxfield, Lucas Beteau, Olivia Beteau, Hunter Lang, Aidan Bradley and Matt Bechard, Evie Proctor, Joey Wilson, Jeremiah Huntley and Noah Car. 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. These shooters include Natalie Davidson, Rachel Brown, Ashley

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## Women on Target reminder

The Women on Target date for 2015 is May 17th.

Applications and information have been posted on the website ([www.ccfandg.org](http://www.ccfandg.org)) soon. Look for the link on the left side of the page.

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. The best way is to download the application and mail in with check/credit card to reserve your space.

We have instructed over 900 women with our WOT program in the 9+ years we have been running the WOT program. I would like to thank all the great volunteers we've had, those that have been involved since the beginning and those that are new each year. 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! Contact Laurel Csenge at 603-313-9952 for more info.



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## Trap & 5 Stand News

- Chuck Tatham -

The weather is finally beginning to improve, so find your shotgun ASAP and come to the range for some trap or five stand.

ATA registered trap will soon be going in earnest and I know that many of us need to shake off the winter rust before we start shooting registered scores.

Trap is open Wednesday afternoons at Noon. Trap is also open Saturday from 10 :00 a.m. on. Five stand is also open Sat. from 10:00 a.m. on. If you need to practice and you cannot make these times, let me know and special arrangements might be made.

A few weeks ago, a major trap shoot was held in Florida. This shoot attracted many of the best shooters in the entire country. When the last shell was fired and the smoke from thousands of rounds had cleared, Mike Blaisdell emerged as the top gun/ high overall winner. This is a major accomplishment! If you see Mike at the club offer your congratulations.

During this brutal winter, several individuals helped run trap and five stand. Without their help these activities would have been impossible. They are: Dan Madden, Bill Westin, Mark Timney, Phil Chase and Jack Commerford. I apologize if I have overlooked someone. Without the help of members like these, our club would not be nearly as much fun!

*(You can email Chuck Tatham at [trap@ccfandg.org](mailto:trap@ccfandg.org).)*



## Ready for the “Shoot Heard Round the World”?

- Robin Oke -

The Snake Hound Machine 3rd Annual Shoot Heard Round the World, hosted by Freedom Hill Gear, will take place at the club on April 18th.

Snake Hound has stepped up its game this year with an all-new operating platform. This year registered attendees will receive a free bag upon arrival with an exclusive event T-shirt and patch, along with some Breakthrough Clean and other goodies that are yet to be announced.

The shoot will feature a firearm giveaway as well as a whole slew of other prizes from Ares Armor and their other sponsors. Show up for a chance to win!

There will be multiple events going on all day, from machine gun rentals to training classes and guest appearances from Rob Pincus and Jim Erwin.

S3F Tactical will be running a 3 gun course for all attending, during which you can learn how to run a course or show off your skills for a chance to win some prizes. All in all this years shoot promises to be the

biggest yet with a plethora of sponsors and with a limited number of attendees they will be easily available. Tickets are only \$60 and available at [www.snakehound-machine.com](http://www.snakehound-machine.com) Tickets are limited.

Sponsors include: S3F Tactical, Samson, SIG, Breakthrough Clean, Wicked Weaponry, Snake Hound Machine, Ares Armor, Fight Soap, Highlander Arms, Overland Safety Systems, Twin State Hydrographics, Bastion, Warrior Culture Gear, Alex and Ryan Design, Beyond the Brand Media (who will be doing some drone footage of the event), Freedom Hill Gear, Blue-U Defense,

Schultz Photography, ArmorTargets and Original S.W.A.T., and Wishes for Warriors.

With a list like this I am sure there will be plenty of chances to network and have a good time. For further details, you can contact Robin Oke at [roke@freedomhillgear.com](mailto:roke@freedomhillgear.com)



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## Junior Rifle Team... from page 4

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. Our NRA Foundation grant has been approved this year. Air rifles and ammo are coming!

AGAIN, A BIG THANK YOU goes out to our 2014/2015 donors: Youth Shooting Sports Alliance (YSSA), Federal Cartridge /CCI, the NRA Foundation, 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, Allison & John Solomonides, Tony Souza, Eversource Energy.

Andrew Solomonides was just accepted to West Point and will be on the Army Black Knights rifle team. He reports at the end of June 2015.

Joe Bogar is now a senior at West Point. When he graduates this spring he will be ARMY 2Lt Bogar and headed for 19 weeks of officer training at Ft Leonard Wood, MO. His duty assignment after that will be with the 1st Brgd, 4th Infantry at Ft Carson, CO.

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 around somewhere in the badlands. Wish him well! Heather Greathouse is starting a family in Utah. Lacey Hamelin is attending college in the Springfield Mass area and was able to still participate with the Team for her last year as a 'junior.'

Recruit (Joe) Nikiforakis just started his freshman year at Norwich University's ROTC Program. Lacey & Joe are applying to be shooting counselors at the Cape Cod Sea Camp this summer.

The adult smallbore rifle league for 2015 ended on March 27th. If you think you might be interested for next 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: [smallbore@ccfandg.org](mailto:smallbore@ccfandg.org) [gm@ccfandg.org](mailto:gm@ccfandg.org), [600yard@ccfandg.org](mailto:600yard@ccfandg.org)

## Training Report

**Attitude and Mindset: Forgotten components of safe shooting**

- Sophie Chapman -

Attitude is probably the most important aspect of safe firearm handling, but one that is often neglected.

No matter how long you've been shooting, accepting that there is always room for learning is an important part to continued improvement. On or off the range, most accidents happen when one gets too confident as it leads to complacency in gun handling.

Getting a tight shot group or being the fastest on the trigger isn't always synonymous with safety, and an unsafe handler is simply not a good shooter. A hint of doubt should be kept; it's called having respect for firearms. It is what makes you double-check yourself and keeps you safe. That goes double for storing, maintaining, and inspecting your gear.

Mindset refers to the frame of mind you have when you pick up your firearm. Whether your purpose is hunting, protection, or competition, replicating the emotional aspects of the situation you are practicing for is far more important to achieving your goal than pulling the trigger repeatedly under perfect conditions.

Many boxers took ballet classes to improve, so don't limit yourself to just one purpose. Recreational Pistol or .22 shoots will help a competitive shooter and a "plinker" too so give them a try!

Great opportunities are available to help you achieve your goals and are hosted by fantastic people. Attitude or mindset--take a refresher class, try something new, participate or even volunteer at one of the activities! Check the calendar, website, or ask at the clubhouse. You will be a better and safer shooter for it!

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## Membership Report

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

We encourage members to renew at the Club to help save on postage. We will send one more reminder for membership renewals.

We will be also be sending a post card with a member meeting and vote to take place later this spring. We need at least 10% of the membership to show up for this meeting.

Our New Member Safety Video is available for viewing on the web site's Membership page. I will 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. Renewals for 2015 are up to almost 600.

My special 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 at the Club at 352-8563 or by email at [gm@ccfandg.org](mailto:gm@ccfandg.org).



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Indoor 3-D shoot at the Kene Recreation Center.



## Recap of the winter & plans for the summer

- Dan Deyo -

Our indoor archery season is complete for 2015. This year we saw some new faces at our Sunday open shooting, as well as a couple of our youngsters from our youth program going on to compete in tournaments.

The record setting NH Bowmen State Championship turnout of 71 shooters held at Pioneer Sportsmens had several State champions coming out of our club.

We had two Zombie shoots this winter at the Recreation Center. They were fun and challenging. Check them out on NH Bowmen's website or the facebook page for NH Bowmen. The neat aspect of this shoot is everyone is playing with a handicap. Some of the targets are designated as contaminated, while others are instant death... and you cannot tell that from the shooting line.

Now it's time we focus on the outdoor ranges. We will be holding a work party WEEKEND the first weekend in May to rebuild indoor targets, work on outdoor targets, put up 3-d's and discuss plans for scheduled field shoots.

This work party weekend will be held during the afternoon and evening, all weekend. If you can

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## Hunter Ed Instructors needed

Cheshire County really needs volunteers to serve as instructors.

A small number of people are doing all the work, so any assistance would be welcome. Help keep hunting alive in the next generation.

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](mailto:gm@ccfandg.org)

# New Rec. Pistol Practice Night

- Jordan Crowley -  
Contributing Writer

It's hard to predict how you might perform during a life-threatening situation, but perhaps the club's Recreational Pistol events can better prepare you to use a handgun in case of a dire event.

Starting on April 15th, CCF&G will be holding recreational pistol practices each Wednesday from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. The practices will continue until the end of September. A \$3.00 fee will cover an entire evening of shooting. Whether you're a beginner or veteran shooter, male or female, all are welcome.

Here you will learn to compete in IDPA-like, defense handgun events, and you'll learn techniques that might just save you and your love ones' lives. You will be able to practice a different set-up/stage each night, as well as prepare for the official IDPA Qualifier.

The practices will give you a chance to develop shooting skills without the pressure of competition or shooting "on the clock." You can practice your timing on 'pop-ups,' draw, or shooting on the move as many times as you please.

"We want to make it easier for people to get involved in this type of action shooting," said Mark Timney, a CCF&G member, who will be running the practices.



photo by Al Patnode

Another CCF&G member and Recreational Pistol Practice coordinator, Mark Carey, said the practices will help "people develop better gun-handling technique and marksmanship as it allows them to take themselves to the next level."

Regular Rec. Pistol events will be held the second Saturday of every month. While these events are formal competitions, they are still "low-key" competitions with the goal of making people more comfortable with their handgun than finding out who's the best shot.

Recreational Pistol events will take place on May 9, June 6, July 11, August 8, September 12 and October 10 this year.

For more information, contact Mark Timney at [mtimney@keene.edu](mailto:mtimney@keene.edu).

## Archery... from page 9

help out a little or a lot we would love to have you come up and see what is going on. We'll have the grill going and some refreshments available.

If you want to know what times we will be at the range email me at barebowdan@yahoo.com.

Tuesday evenings after work many of us get together and shoot at the range. If you need some help with your form or would like to shoot one of the courses and need some guidance stop by.

You do not need to be a member to shoot when we are shooting Tuesday evenings or while we are having a shooting event. The cost for members and non-members is \$5.00. NH Bowmen field shoots are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for youth.

Bring someone new into the sport of archery as it is a hobby that can last a lifetime.

email [newhampshirebowmen@yahoo.com](mailto:newhampshirebowmen@yahoo.com)

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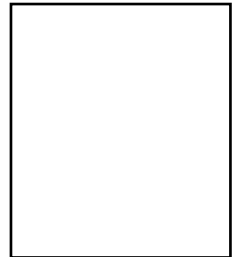
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