



Quarterly Newsletter of CCF&G
and CCSSEF, Keene, NH

Gunsmoke



SPRING 2016

GM's Notes

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

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



2016 has many scheduled activities. Please be mindful of 300 yard and 600 yard activities on Thursdays and weekends (primarily Sundays). The events are open to all. Remember that these events close the rest of the ranges. See their articles & web page for details.

Please note a change to my office hours starting April 11. The biggest change will be NO OFFICE HOURS on Thursdays. Monday & Wednesday hours will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday Membership hours will continue from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We still need volunteers willing to help with Saturday membership.

Remember the club's Gun Valuation Service. I have the newest Blue Book! Details are in the Jan 2014 Newsletter.

Calendar changes except for Training Classes are coordinated through this office. Please help us keep the website calendar up to date. If you see anything that should be corrected please let me know. You can contact me at the Club at 352-8563, or by email at gm@ccfandg.org



Fun shoots this Spring & Summer

- Mark Timney -

Look for several exciting rimfire events at the club this year. We're building upon the .22 *Sniper Matches* that began last year and introducing a brand new shooting sport called *Simple Silhouette*.

Simple Silhouette is a modification of the NRA's rifle silhouette matches. It's been changed to speed up the event and make it easier for newer shooters to participate in. The event revolves around hitting four, 1/5th scale steel animal targets placed at 100 yards.

The largest of the targets, the Ram, is six inches from nose to tail and about three inches high. It will be shot from an offhand position.

The next largest target, the PIG, is about 4 inches from nose to tail. It will be shot standing or kneeling with a supported rest off of a barrier or pole.

The Turkey target is about three inches wide and will be shot from a sitting or kneeling position. The smallest target, the Chicken, is only a couple inches wide. It will be shot from a prone position.

Competitors will fire ten shots at each target—four 'strings' of fire—for a total of 40 rounds. The targets are made of steel and are mounted so they will swing when

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RIMFIRE CHALLENGE!

hit and make a nice 'ping' sound. There will be a three minute time limit for each string to add a little 'stress,' but shooters will have a break between animals to prepare for the next string.

There will be three classes of firearms: 'Sporter,' 'Smallbore' and 'Open.' The

SHOOT DATES

.22 Sniper Matches

May 15 (a.m.), June 12 (p.m.)

July 17 (a.m.), August 21 (p.m.)

Sept. 11 (p.m.)

Simple Silhouette

May 7 (p.m.), June 3 (p.m.)

July 2 (p.m.), August 6 (p.m.)

Sept. 3 (p.m.)

Sporter class is for .22lr rifles weighing less than eight pounds (including optics) that use factory barrels and lack stock adjustment capabilities other than for length. The Smallbore class is for those who shoot single shot, NRA-type smallbore rifles with iron sights. The Open class is for all other rifles.

A sling may be used for everything but the offhand string. Open class shooters may use a bipod for the prone position on the

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We Need You

- Jim & Vicki Flanders -

Give a little, gain a lot—that's what can happen to you as a volunteer at CCSSEF.

As a volunteer-driven organization, we need to mobilize the skills and talents of people of all ages to deliver creative solutions to our needs. Your assistance is needed in various roles to make the organization run as efficiently as possible.

Think about how much you receive when you give. You feel satisfaction from your accomplishments, make an impact, share a skill, get to know fellow members, gain leadership skills, stay busy, feel recognized, learn something new, feel challenged, feel proud, assure that progress is made, improve your health (research says...), and enjoy being with like-minded individuals.

You probably have some special reasons of your own. Whatever the motivation, there is plenty you can do, and some of it isn't even that time consuming.

Can you help at an annual or monthly event? Sell raffle tickets to help stream non-membership revenue? "Talk up" attendance for a discipline? Pick up trash before leaving a range? Weed the flower bed once or twice a month? Help with registration at a shoot? Deliver brochures to a nearby sport shop? Help with mailings? Assist a coach? Train to be a safety officer?

Whether you're interested in a one-time assignment, a short-term responsibility, or ongoing duties requiring training or no training, assistance ALWAYS is needed. The more people who sign up, the less time is required by each individual.

This organization needs all of us to pull together, to keep costs from going up. Contact someone on your membership card in an area that interests you, or Larry Parker, our General Manager, to offer your assistance.



photo by Al Patnode

Blackpowder Shoots for 2016

- Jean Godell -
Blackpowder Coordinator

In an effort to boost interest and participation in blackpowder shooting events, I've set aside one Sunday afternoon each month this spring for friendly muzzleloader competitions. There will be prizes awarded for the best shooters!

First, on April 24th, we will have a Turkey Shoot with metal gongs taking the place of the turkeys. Shooters will pay a \$3 entry fee, and will attempt to hit the gongs.

But the twist here is, much like wild turkeys, the gongs will be hiding behind logs! The winner will be the last person to hit a gong from increasingly greater

distances. Ties will be decided by a paper target shoot-off. And the winner gets a frozen turkey!

On May 29th, we will have another Poker shoot. Same rules as the Valentine's Day event, but (hopefully) featuring much better weather!

And on June 26th, I hope to have a 12-shot walking trail with a variety of trick targets set up. I have some really tough targets in mind for that event - so you'd better bring your "A" game! More details on the targets and the prizes will be forthcoming!

For more information, call me at 239-9915 Keep your powder dry!



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2016 Family Day/Swap Meet

- Lori Catozzi Cook -
Event Coordinator

Family Day & Annual Sports Equipment Swap 2016 will be held at Cheshire County Shooting Sports Education Foundation (CCF&G) on Saturday, June 4th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On this day, the public is welcome to come and try a variety of shooting activities. And the wonderful thing about this event is that Family Day has something for everyone – young and old. Last year, many members even brought their grandkids!

Rifles, pistols, black powder, trap, running deer, and many other

stations will be available to try at minimal costs. Archery, Air Rifle & Pistol and BB Gun stations will be set up for people to try for free.

And no event is complete without food, so the barbecue grill will be all fired up. During this event, the Annual Sports Equipment Swap will also be held on the grounds.

For those members who see this as an opportunity to give some of their time, we could always use more volunteers to help make this event a success. Call Lori Cook at advertising@ccfandg.org or call 603-852-0119 if you can lend a hand.



Range Safety Reminder

Please mount your targets to avoid the possibility of a ricochet!

Safety Officers are still having to remind shooters on a regular basis to hang targets high enough so that all shots hit the berm.

PLEASE be especially careful when shooting at close range targets. Project the flight of the bullet and set your target accordingly.



Bowling Pin at CRSC

CCSSEF/CCF&G occasionally has pin matches, but we haven't run as many as we used to.

So, if you're itching to pull down on a pin, you can shoot at Connecticut River Sportsmen Club on the third Saturday of the month.

The shoots start at 9AM and run until everyone has finished.

The club is located on 125 Whitcomb Road in Swansey.

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Junior Rifle Team Update

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- Larry Parker Sr.-
Head Coach

We have fired our 2016 Sectional scores. We should come in ranked in the top 15 nationally once scores are posted in May.

2015 NRA Sectional Matches results are still posted at the websites noted here: <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.

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. Our NRA Foundation grant has been partially approved for 2016.



Four Air rifles have been awarded! They have given us outstanding support in the past.

What the two grants have not been able to award is .22 ammunition. However, thanks to Federal Cartridge/CCI, we were able to purchase ammunition at a discounted cost. This has trashed my Junior Team budget, so any help towards our ammo purchase will be greatly appreciated.

AGAIN, A BIG THANK YOU to all

our other 2014/2015 donors. They include: Youth Shooting Sports Alliance (YSSA), FederalCartridge /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,

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Jr. Rifle Team... from page 4

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, 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.

We are sending 8 shooters to Camp Perry in August for the NRA's Smallbore Camp and 2 shooters to the National Matches in Bristol Indiana in July. (No Day Camp here at the range this year.)

We sure could use some financial support for these shooters going to the CMP Regionals, NM's and CAMP. Help us if you can.

It's looking like Tobin may end up at the University of North Georgia and be on their Nighthawks Rifle Team next year. He's meeting with their coach while at the Junior Olympics this month.

Andrew Solomonides is a first year cadet at West Point and will be on their Army Black Knights rifle team.

Joe Bogar just graduated from West Point. ARMY 2Lt Bogar's duty assignment is with the 1st Brgd, 4th Infantry at Ft Carson, CO.

Alex Martin is a senior on the NC State Wolfpack rifle team.

Tom Csenge 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.

Heather Greathouse is starting a family in Utah. Lacey Hamelin is attending college in the Springfield Mass area.

Lacey & Joe Nikiforakis are shooting counselors at the Cape Cod Sea Camp this summer.

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.



The Shotgun Corner

- Chuck Tatham -

*SPRING HAS SPRUNG,
THE GRASS HAS RIZ.*

*I WONDER WHERE MY
SHOTGUN IS?*

Well, stop wondering.
Go find it and bring it to
the club!

Both trap and five
stand are going full bore
on Saturdays at 10:00
a.m. Trap is also avail-
able on Wednesdays at
noon.

And the five stand
rabbit trap is still more
fun than you can legally
have with a shot gun!!

Now is the time to get
some practice in for all
those summer trap and
sporting clays tourna-
ments. If you and your
gun are a little rusty,
the range is the perfect
place to do the cleaning
and polishing.

For all you trap shoot-
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– NRA TRAINING NEWS –

Blended Learning has arrived!

- Sophie Chapman -
NRA Certified Instructor

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For years, the NRA has set a high standard for quality firearm education at an affordable price. Thousands of students have received training from dedicated NRA Certified Instructors.

For the past 2 years or so, the NRA has been developing a new format for firearm classes: Blended Learning.

Blended Learning is a combination of online education directly from the NRA, followed by an NRA instructor-led portion for the practical range portion. NRA Personal Protection classes will remain unchanged for the moment. Please note that NRA Basic Pistol is now called NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting.

To register for the online portion, please visit: <https://onlinetraining.nra.org/online-courses/nra-basics-of-pistol-shooting-course/>

For questions or concerns about this course, please contact the NRA at 1-800-672-3888, option 6, ext. 1496 or email basicpistol@nrahq.org

The advantages:

- *Learn at your own pace and on your schedule*
- *More time on the range with the instructor(s)*
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- *Same information, modernized and interactive delivery*

Once you have successfully completed the online portion, you will be provided information on how to complete the practical portion. We suggest that you contact an instructor ahead of time who can help you with the process.

We hope that you enjoy this new format and look forward to helping you achieve your goals for the range portion!

For more information, contact me at mschapman@outlook.com.



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Membership Report

- Larry Parker. Sr. -

We're still working on membership renewals.

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 and orientation fee and tour the range.

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

We ended 2015 at 901 members. 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.



photo by Al Patnode

Cowboy Action 2016

- Gary Lafreniere -
(Cowboy Spanky)

Here are the shooting dates for 2016 (also available on the web-site): Sundays—April 24, June 19, September 4 and October 2; registration is at 7:30 a.m., safety meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Here's a brief explanation of the requirements for guns and ammo to shoot the CCSSEF/CCF&G local Cowboy Action Six Stage Shoots.

Guns: Two pre-1899 single action .32 - .45 caliber revolvers, one pistol caliber lever action

rifle and a side by side, pump, or lever action 10 - 20 gauge shotgun.

Ammo: 120+ unjacketed lead only rifle/pistol cartridges, 30+ shotgun cartridges #4-9 shot. (SASS rules are available on the web site: www.ccssef.org.)

Cowboy accoutrement preferred!

Jim-Bob's Famous Grill will be open for lunch at a minimal cost. Coffee is available at registration.

Special thanks to Mark Carey for setting up the web site with the cowboy action video and pictures. Great job!

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Indoor was great, summer's coming

- Glenn Monesmith -

What a super, record-breaking indoor season we had. 84 different archers competed in one or more of the three legs.

We had a great battle of the "Big Dogs," aka Rick Baker and Adam Carlise. Recall they went into the final leg with identical scores, right down to the X count. Rick never dropped a point in all 3 shoots (yawn), shooting a perfect total of 1500/156X. Adam finished a very close second with 1497/150X. Not too far behind them, our young 15 year old phenome, Ethan Merrill, shot 1487/125X.

It is our hope that we can get a bunch of shooters to participate in our upcoming outdoor events. They are great fun...much more fun to shoot outdoors at different targets and ranges.

The outdoor NFAA State Championship will be at Pioneer this year. We will hopefully have our outdoor schedule out in the not too distant

future for this and other shoots.

The NH Senior Games shoot, also held at Pioneer, has changed its age categories. It now includes a class for shooters 45 years old and older. It's based on your age as of December 31, 2016, with shooters competing with archers in their particular 5 year age group and class...45-49, 50-54, etc., right up to the ROG (really old guys) group.

This is an American Round— 30 arrows at 60 yards, 30 at 50, and 30 at 40 yards, shot as (5) (6) arrow ends. We will have an American Round shoot at Pioneer a week or two before the Senior Games shoot. (Are FITA archers good enough to shoot at 60 or 80 Yards? ...Show me, 'cause I plan on trying the Olympic style outdoors myself..."trying" being the operative word! (yikes!!))

Thanks again for getting out there and making this a wonderful season.

NHB President's Message

- Dan Deyo -

Wow!!! Another great indoor season for NH Bowmen!

Thanks to all who came to each of the shoots to support the clubs, and thanks to the people who help promote and run the shoots.

Thanks to Glenn for compiling scores and sending out those reminders, as well as the daunting task of recording all of the scores (and the corrections! :-)).

This was one of the best seasons in terms of attendance that any of us can remember. Hopefully this is not due to age, but to the hard work of all that were involved.

Congratulations to all those who won their division!



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Be sure to drop by the Clubhouse on any Saturday between 11 a.m. and 1p.m. to have lunch at Jim-Bob's Grille.

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

.22 Shoots... from page 1

Chicken target. Smallbore competitors may wear shooting coats, but Open and Sporter class shooters may only wear light weight shooting vests, like those worn for shotgun sports.

Almost any .22 rifle with a scope is sufficient for the Sporter class. Ruger 10/22s will likely prove popular. You might want to use a better grade of ammo than what you'll find at Walmart, but it's not absolutely essential. Suitable firearms for the other two classes will require a little more 'buck' for the bang.

The fee for the event is \$10 for adults, and those under the age of 18 can shoot for free. Time permitting, there will be two rounds of shooting in a match.

The .22 Sniper Matches are a little more demanding of shooter equipment and skill than the silhouette matches, but these events are also designed more for fun than for competition. Competitors will need to hit targets at 25, 50, 100, 150 and 200 yards. If you haven't tried shooting long range with a .22

before, it's like shooting a .308 Winchester at 1000 yards. The tiny round eerily imitates the trajectory of a .30 caliber bullet at long range, and even a slight wind can make 2-MOA shooting very difficult at 100 yards and beyond.

Targets and strings of fire for Sniper Matches vary greatly. You can expect most of the shooting to be from the prone position off a bipod or bag, but offhand or kneeling/sitting shots may well be required. Close targets tend to require precise shot placement on paper targets. Longer range targets are generally made of steel and typically allow shooters to make multiple attempts on a 'hit,' although you lose out on points every time you miss.

The fees for this event are the same as the silhouette match—\$10 for adults, and those under the age of 18 shoot for free.

Watch for announcement of the specific times for the matches on the Club's website. For more information, contact Mark Timney at mtimney@keene.edu or at 603-321-2213.



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