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It is time to lay your money down

- Larry Parker, Sr. -
General Manager



It's time to get serious about our indoor Education & Marksmanship Center and show that there is truly an interest in this project.

Our dream of a \$3 million, 26,000 square foot facility is yet to be realized, but we have an opportunity now to get the facility started with a basic range, classroom and functions area. The cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$750,000.00. And before we can expect Matching and Corporate sponsors to kick in, we need to do our part.

Our Matching, dollar-for-dollar sponsor is requiring us to hit the \$350,000 mark through our own fundraising. This means our members and friends must contribute. This means us—you and me. Members of our Club have already invested their time and money in this project and have worked very hard at lining up contributors-in-kind and sponsors to prevent this opportunity from passing us by.

Seven firing points from the Centerfire Indoor Range in

Hinsdale have been donated to us. All of the pieces of the bullet backstop, collection, containment and recycling system are here on our property waiting for a building in which to install them.

This equipment includes the target handling system and the air exchange system. We will start with the seven completed firing points and leave the other section of the range open. It can be used for Archery and Air Gun events until further expansion can be completed.

We will soon send members, alumni and friends a letter asking for help in raising money. We will be looking for donations to be made in a variety of levels to try to fit everyone's comfort zone. More information on pledge levels, payment options and special membership offers will be forthcoming. We have the demand, we have the space and we have the momentum! However you can contribute, NOW is the time!

You can contact me at the Club at 352-8563 or by email at gm@ccfandg.org to discuss the many ways to set up a contribution. Thank you for your support of the Foundation and Shooting Sports.



Membership Report

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

Although we spent a LOT of money beyond our budget for pistol and training range improvements, there will be no increase in dues.

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. NEW MEMBER Year End Specials are in effect for the end of the year. New Members pay in full for 2017 plus \$10 for each remaining month in 2016.

2017 Membership cards and applications will be ready by November 1st and we will put on a renewal drive via email at that time. Renewal completed prior to our year end 'snail mailing' saves us in postage and time putting together the mailing.

My thanks to our Saturday Membership volunteers: Sandy Tatham, Jack & Sarah Commerford, Mike Hagan, Jean Goodell, Lori Cook and Marilyn Huston. If anyone would like to assist with membership, please contact me. Another volunteer or two for this activity would be wonderful.

- North Branch Bowmen News -

photo by Dan Deyo



Hunting, indoor & a raffle

- Dan Deyo-
North Branch Bowmen

Now that the summer archery shooting season is wrapped up, many of us are thinking of the upcoming hunting season.

Whether you're a seasoned hunter, a dabbler, a beginner or someone that travels around the country to pursue your game of choice, always keep safety in mind, especially while hunting from tree stands or in unfamiliar territories.

Always wear a safety harness while in a tree stand. Get to know your hunting grounds using a GPS and/or compass. Tell someone where you're going and when you expect to return, and be prepared.

Take someone new hunting with you this year. You might appreciate having

some company, a companion to help push you to the next ridge or around the next swamp. And you may end up with a hunting partner for life.

Activities at the archery range this summer included a couple of National Field Archery Association (NFAA) shoots and a night zombie and raccoon shoot. The Zombie shoot was held on Saturday, August 13th. (The rainiest day of 2016, I think). We had 9 shooters and made it about halfway around before the next round of Thunder and lightning started to come through. Everyone that shot the night shoot had a great time and can't wait till to do it again next year.

As to work done on the ranges, we

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cleaned up quite a bit this summer, and Jeff Hokanson made a great metal sign for the entrance gate and new stakes and target numbers for both the 3-D and the field course. Thanks, Jeff!

As we move closer to the indoor season, and with Christmas being just a few short months away, it's time to start thinking about putting archery equipment under the tree for a future archer. Talk with a reputable archery dealer before buying equipment so you don't get gear that doesn't fit. Eye dominance and draw length play a huge part in purchasing the right equipment for a beginner, and it makes it more fun too.

We will begin shooting at the Recreation center very early in December on Sundays, and in January through March on Tuesday evenings as well. We will be giving lessons from 3-4:00 p.m. on Sundays, and we have equipment that will fit most people to try at no extra cost. We do ask \$5.00 for shooting fees, and you can shoot as long as you would like while we are there.

We have started a Facebook page for North Branch Bowmen to post upcoming events and share results. Make sure to "like us" we will keep you up to date as events are scheduled.

North Branch Bowmen is raffling off a bow to benefit the indoor range. Tickets are \$10.00 each, and only 250 tickets will be printed. The drawing will be at our indoor shoot in March of 2017, or before possibly sooner if all tickets are sold early.



This is the bow: Mathews Z2 (in Lost Camo), 70lb, right hand, 28" draw. The bow is worth \$750.00 and was generously donated by Mathews!

Contact Dan Deyo 603-209-6721 or Mike Wright 603-209-8007 for more information about the archery program or the raffle.

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Junior Rifle Team Update

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- Larry Parker Sr.-
Head Coach

In case you missed it, at the 2016 Junior Sectionals 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. (Tobin is now at the University of North Georgia to shoot NCAA Collegiate Rifle with the UNG Nighthawks.)

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 2016-17 Match Season: Hunter Lang, Joey Wilson, Evie Proctor, Peter Margand, Olivia Beteau, Aidan Bradley, Matt Bechard, Rachel Brown, Natalie Davidson, Ashley Sprague and Kyle Huston.

We have started our new season outdoors and will move into the Peterborough range in November. We have lots of events



planned for our Team again this season.

We have 4 new air rifles thanks to the NRA Foundation. 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 discounted cost directly from Federal/CCI through their youth discount program.

A big thank you again to all our 2016 donors. They include: Dave Swenson,

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Jr. Rifle Team... from page 4

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.

Our 5 member air rifle Team (Hunter, Joey, Evie, Peter and Ashley) went to Camp Perry for the CMP Air Rifle National Championships Jun 28-July 1. Tobin and Hunter went to Bristol, IN for the National Rifle Matches in July. We sent 7 shooters to Camp Perry in August to the NRA/CMP Smallbore Camp.

Notes on our active ALUMNI (shooting college & military)— We already told you about Tobin, Andrew Solomonides is starting his 2nd year at West Point and is on their Army Black Knights rifle team. Joe Bogar is with his first command with the 4th Infantry at Ft Carson, CO. Alex

Martin just graduated from NC State and is off to work.

Tom Csenge continues in the US Army Reserve. Tom has moved to Virginia to work for TEAM TURBO rifle manufacturing <http://www.turboaction.net/>. We think Capt John Nikiforakis is still driving a tank around somewhere.

Lacey Hamelin is attending her senior year at college in Springfield Mass. Greg Ganio is in his 2nd year of studies up in Maine.

The Adult Smallbore 4-Position Rifle Winter League starts in December. We have a couple of target rifles with scopes that can be signed out if you're interested. Contact Larry Parker, Sr. or Neil Jeneral for details about Smallbore rifle shooting at smallbore@ccfandg.org, gm@ccfandg.org and 600yard@ccfandg.org.



photo by Al Patnode

The Shotgun Corner

- Chuck Tatham -

You can keep your shotgun skills sharp through our harsh New England winter by joining our travelling Winter Trap League.

The league consists of five-man teams competing at ten shoots here and at clubs in Peterborough and Brattleboro.

At the end of the season there is a banquet where the food is good and the company is even better. For more information and to sign up, call Dan Madden at 903-2763 or Sally Alexander at 876-4442.

October 1st marks the start of bird season. If you are a bird hunter then you know that a pheasant, grouse or woodcock can be a challenging target. The key to success is practice...lots of practice with your favorite scattergun.

Where can you get this practice? The answer is at our five stand range! We have nine traps that throw a variety of targets, each designed to simulate a bird in flight. Some targets are easy, some not so much.

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*-Mark Timney -
Action Pistol Coordinator*

Action Pistol had an excellent season. Although attendance was down slightly this year, we were able to buy several new targets and still turn a nice profit. We hope that we'll be able to institute Steel Challenge events next year when the other pistol bays are done so we can start making some serious money for the club.

We have one more match in November. Watch the website for news about the event. It will happen rain or shine, but the match may be limited to Pistol Bay #1 and shortened if the weather is bad.

The Wednesday night practices worked very well this year. We generally had a dozen-plus shooters between each week. (Unfortunately, the practices will likely be discontinued by the time you read this because of how quickly dark is coming on.) We had several new shooters show up and many are now anxiously awaiting the opportunity to participate in matches next year.

In case you don't know what Action Pistol is about, it's a way to help individuals develop familiarity and competency with their handgun during simulated, "real world" self-defense scenarios. Our practices and events are more for learning than they are for competition. We help people develop beginning and advanced skills, including target identification ("threats" vs. "non-threats"), rapid engagement, accuracy, fast reloads, and safe movement with a loaded firearm.

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Winter .22 shoots set Feeling cold yet?

We will have winter .22 shoots again this year starting in February.

The shoots are scheduled as follows: Feb 5 – Rifle, Feb – 19 Pistol, March 5 – Rifle, March 19 – Pistol, April 2 – Rifle, and April 16 – Pistol.

Cost is \$10 per session. These shoots have traditionally been run with a timer and plate racks. You have a specified amount of time and shots to drop the plates. Your score is how many you drop in the allotted time. We do multiple runs for each event, so if you have a bad string of fire it won't drop you out of the running.

Any type of semiautomatic .22 rifle or pistol can be used. You'd be at a disadvantage with a bolt action rifle, but it can be done. Ruger 10/22 rifles are very popular, as are Ruger mIII pistols. It's good to have at least four magazines, but more is better.

For further details, contact Bryon Austin at baustin2@ne.rr.com.

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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



Too early to think about Toys for Tots? Not really. Our annual drive, under the auspices of the US Marine Corps Reserve, to collect toys for children whose families may not be able to provide them this year is getting underway.

We collect, we drop off, Wally matches them to local-area families, they get wrapped, they get delivered. It all takes time...

Our drive is unique in that Wally Reny, a USMC veteran, has directed the local campaign for so long that he has an agreement with the NH Toys for Tots program that all gifts collected in our area are redistributed within our area to needy children.

Please consider adding one or more new, unwrapped toys any time through mid December. Gifts for children of all ages gladly are accepted but those for ages 15-17 especially are needed.

No ideas? Sporting equipment/bags/balls, art supplies, books, backpacks, cosmetics, purses, watch/wallet gift sets, bath gift sets, board games, radio control cars/trucks, hand-held electronics, skateboards/helmets, curling irons, hair straighteners, hair dryers, and gift cards are some suggestions...


A collection box will be set up in the CCSSEF/CCF&G club house, which regularly will be forwarded to the program, so that this huge undertaking for area's children is not all left to the last minute. If you can't make it to the club house, call Vicki or Jim Flanders, Secretary and Vice-Chair/USMC Veteran respectively, at 357-3190 to arrange a pickup in Keene.





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