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Do you really want an indoor range?

- Larry Parker, Sr. -
General Manager



We sent over 1000 letters to current and past members in October to get our fundraising drive in motion. It certainly has been a slow start.

We have had only 40 donations resulting from the effort. Everyone's help is needed! For the folks that have already stepped up and donated, THANK YOU!!

Our Matching sponsor (dollar for dollar) is requiring the users of this facility to show a true interest through our own fundraising before he starts his match. This means all of us must do our share.

This facility is far too important, and we have invested a great deal of time and money at lining up a lot of help and sponsors to let it pass us by. The indoor workings of 7 firing points of a shooting range (what used to be the Centerfire

Indoor Range in Hinsdale) has been donated to us.

All of the pieces of this bullet backstop, collection, containment and recycling system is here on our property waiting for a building to install it in. This equipment includes the target handling system and the air exchange system.

We will start with the 7 completed 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 done.

Donations can be made in a variety of levels to try to fit everyone's comfort zone. Pledges can be paid over a year in quarterly or even monthly payments. 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. Information is also available on our web site. www.ccssef.org.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to our Members & Friends!



Membership Report

- Larry Parker. Sr. -

2017 Membership cards and applications are ready and available on the web site and at the office.

Please stop by the range during office/membership hours and RENEW. Renewals completed prior to our year end save us in postage and time putting together the mailing.

New Membership Applications & Orientations and Membership Renewals can be completed on weekdays during office hours. Office hours are Mon, Wed & Fri 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

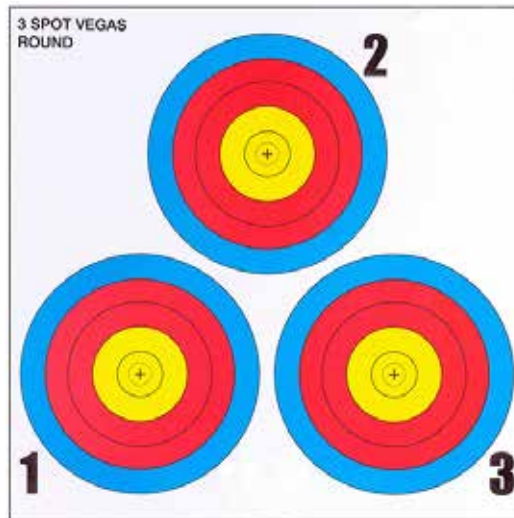
New members have the option of viewing the safety video on the website or when they come in to complete their application and pay their dues, orientation fee and tour the range. All Active Military and 100% Disabled Members must complete and submit a renewal application each year.

My thanks to our Saturday Membership volunteers; Sandy Tatham, Jack & Sarah Commerford, Mike Hagan, Jean Goodell, Lori Cook, Marilyn Huston and Rebecca Stearns.

If anyone would like to assist with Membership, please contact me. Another volunteer for this activity would be a great help.

- North Branch Bowmen News -

photo by Dan Deyo



Indoor Archery 2017

- Dan Deyo-
North Branch Bowmen

North Branch Bowmen is now shooting at the Keene Recreation center on Washington St. every Tuesday night through March following our very full youth archery program.

With open shooting from 7-9:00 p.m. we have plenty of room for everyone. We also shoot on Sundays from noon to 4:00 p.m. with the exception of a few weekends when we have scheduled tournaments. On the tournament Sundays open shooting will be from 3-4:00 p.m. Our tournament dates are 1/1/17, 3/5/17 & 3/25-26/17

A little about our tournaments....North Branch Bowmen is affiliated with NH

Bowmen, the state organization which hosts the State Championship and the NH Bowmen Grand Slam. The tournaments are friendly competition which match age divisions and styles of archery to compete against fellow archers.

We begin the season competing on the Vegas-style targets at a distance of 20 yards, as some NH archers will travel to Lancaster PA for the popular eastern Lancaster shoot in January and some will travel out to Las Vegas for a shoot with well over 2000 archers from around the world. The Vegas target has multi colored rings with a quarter size 10 ring.

As we get into February we will be shooting at the NFAA (National Field

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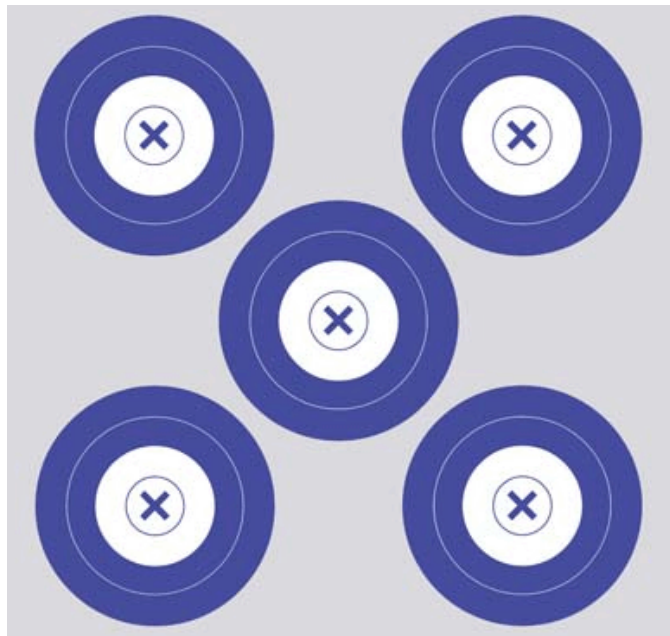
Archery Association) blue and white targets. This will prepare us for our State indoor Championship to be held at Pioneer Sportsmens.

After the state championship we will begin practicing for our 25 meter shoot, our last leg of the NH Bowmen Grand Slam to be hosted by North Branch Bowmen in March. The target is similar to the Vegas target, only much larger. Tournament fees are \$10 adults \$5 youth and \$20 adult \$10 youth for the Grand Slam events.

All are welcome at our tournaments. You only need to be a NH Bowmen member to compete in the grand slam event, and if you compete in the state championship and want to shoot for state championship title you must be an NFAA member. Otherwise, you would shoot as a guest.

The North Branch Bowmen Bow raffle to benefit CCSSEF;s indoor range project is going strong. Pete's Archery was generous enough to donate a bow to be raffled off. We have a Mathews Z2, right hand, 70lb, 28" draw length. Only 250 tickets will be sold at \$10 per ticket donation. Dan Deyo will have tickets available at the rec center on Sundays and Tuesdays or contact him at 603-209-6721.

Finally if you have never tried archery, or you tried it when you were a kid and wanted to give it another chance, why not come up to the Rec. Center? Certified instructors are available to help guide



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Junior Rifle Team Update

- Larry Parker Sr.-
Head Coach

2017 Sectional matches are in February. We will be sending a couple of teams. The 2016 Junior Sectional results are still available online.

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 2017 Match Season: Hunter Lang, Joey Wilson, Evie Proctor, Matt Bechard, Rachel Brown, Natalie Davidson, Ashley Sprague and Kyle Huston.

We have been shooting indoors at the Peterborough range since November. We have lots of events planned for our Team again this season.

We have 4 new air rifles thanks to the NRA Foundation. Thanks to Youth Shooting Sports Alliance for their generous



support of 4 replacement air rifle cylinders through their Grant Program. We have applied to the NRA Foundation for equipment.

A big thank you again to all our 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.

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Jr. Rifle Team... from page 4

Notes on our active ALUMNI (shooting college & military)...

Tobin is at the University of North Georgia to shoot NCAA Collegiate Rifle with the UNG Nighthawks.

Andrew Solomonides is starting his 2nd year at West Point on their Army Black Knights rifle team.

Lt. Joe Bogar is with his first command with the 4th Infantry at Ft Carson, CO.

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

Tom Csege continues in the US Army Reserve. Tom has moved to Virginia to work for TEAM TURBO rifle manufacturing. A real US manufacturer in the competitive smallbore rifle market. <http://www.turboaction.net/>.

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 January. The first League Match is the 6th. If you're interested in the adult smallbore rifle league this year, we have a couple of target rifles with scopes that can be signed out to members. Contact Larry Parker Sr or Neil Jeneral for details about Smallbore rifle shooting:

smallbore@ccfandg.org

gm@ccfandg.org 600yard@ccfandg.org.

photo by Al Patnode



The Shotgun Corner

- Chuck Tatham -

For all you shotgunners be aware that the Winter Trap League is going "full bore!" Come on down to watch or even participate if one of the regular shooters is missing that day.

Also know that Doubles only night will start in the Spring right after the end of Winter League. Shooting doubles, if you have never tried it, is more fun than you can imagine!

Trap shooting will continue all winter on Wednesdays starting at noon, and on Sat. starting at 10:00 a.m. Come and join the fun, and bring your lunch to eat in our heated trap shack.

Five stand shooting will also go all winter. We shoot on Saturdays beginning about 10:00 a.m. As I have said before, "it is the most fun you can legally have with a shotgun!" Just because it is cold it is no reason your shotgun barrel has to be!

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What type ‘steel’ should we shoot?

- Mark Timney -
Action Pistol Coordinator

It looks like Action Pistol will be able to expand into Steel Challenge-type matches in 2017. I’ve been told the targets will be bought and the new pistol ranges will be finished in time for us to hold a few events.

The question, at least in my mind, is do we want to be “official” about it or go our own way? You can find a description of Steel Challenge here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steel_Challenge.

We could follow these rules, or even become a USPSA club and hold sanctioned matches. But we could also slightly modify the event, much as we do with our IDPA-like matches, to make them a little more shooter friendly and less expensive.

In particular, I’m thinking we might only shoot four strings of fire instead of five per stage. This would save each shooter at least 20 rounds of ammo. (You’ll still need a minimum of 100 rounds to shoot the match, with most shooters probably firing 125+ rounds.)

We might also modify a stage or two to mimic a self-defense scenario. For example, there might only be three targets to shoot instead of five. Here you would double-tap two of the targets before you hit the ‘stop plate’ with a single shot.

Let me know what you think. The warm weather is going to be here sooner than you think.

By the way, Action Pistol is all about about helping individuals develop familiarity and competency with their handguns during simulated self-defense scenarios. Our practices and events are more for learning than they are for competition.

If you’d like to learn more, contact me at 603-321-2213, or by emailing me at mtimney@keene.edu.



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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 down 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.

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See ya on the range...
Jim-Bob



NRA LINK

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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



Thank you to members who responded to the plea to support this year's Toys for Tots campaign. Some even involved co-workers and friends with this annual effort. You have helped less fortunate children to experience the joy of Christmas and receive a message of hope that otherwise would not have been there. You are part of a nationwide effort started in 1995 that, last year, collected and distributed 18 million toys to 7 million children in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. However, your donations of toys and cash remained in the Monadnock Region for the children here. May your assistance be paid forward in the future!


Vicki Flanders





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Long Range Prone for 2017

- Pete DeSantis -
High Power Coordinator

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Winter has finally settled in and it's time to fire up the reloading bench. I have some new bullet and powder combinations to try this spring, and I'm screwing a new Krieger barrel on my #1 Palma rifle.

I have the dates scheduled for the prone matches this year and they are posted on the calendar. There are fewer matches here this year and I tried to coordinate with the other active 600 yard ranges so we don't step on each other's toes. Hopefully we will all have better attendance.

Like last year, I plan on being available most Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. till noon to get you sighted in to shoot at the 600 yard range. Several members qualified last summer and are having a blast at the Thursday practices. A few have tried their luck at the matches and have done remarkably well. If you shoot two NRA approved matches (120 rounds for record), you will receive a Mid-Range Classification Card which allows you to compete at your skill level.

A 600 yard clinic is also planned this summer (date to be announced). This will be geared to the shooter who wants to progress from just having fun on Thursday. We will discuss equipment, ammo, position, wind, shooting strategy and then put it to practice on the line.

I'll try to have several experienced competitors to help out. A small range fee may be required, but this will have to be determined at a later date.

The dates for all of the other high power rifle events are also posted. Check out these matches, 200 yard offhand, vintage sniper rifle, service rifle clinic, NH league, and CMP EIC Leg. There is something for everyone. Contact the event organizers for details.

Contact me if you have any questions. See you in the spring.



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"I hate it when I see a really old man and realize I went to school with him"... Email from Moose

"Experience is what we call our mistakes"...Frustrated Trap shooter

"God heals and the Doctor takes the fee"...Poor Richard

2017 COMING EVENTS

Winter 22 SHOOTs – Feb. 5 & 19, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16

Winter Trap League – Feb. 5 and March 12

Cowboy Long Range Shoot – March 5

200 Yard High Power Offhand Match – March 19 & 26

Service Rifle Clinic - April 8

Family Day / Swap Meet / Remington Day – June 3

Live Free or Die event – September 16

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