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and CCSSEF, Keene, NH

President's Message

- Michael Hagen -

By now you've heard about a home near our facility being struck by a bullet. Fortunately, no one was hurt and the homeowner isn't holding the organization responsible.



Mike Hagen

We've been lucky here, but we can't depend upon luck when it comes to firearm safety. That's why we've closed the rifle ranges and have scheduled safety classes for the membership. (See article on this pages 1 and 2 for more information.)

Please understand that we will not reopen the rifle ranges until these improvements are made, and members will not be allowed to use the rifle ranges until they've been recertified.

This club has had an excellent safety record. We want it to stay that way, and we want to be good neighbors to those around us. To do this, we need your help.

If you ever see anyone doing something which you think isn't safe or is against range procedures, politely ask them to reconsider their actions. If the individual is less than cooperative, contact a Range Safety Officer or mention the incident to myself or Larry Parker.

I'm not asking you to police others at the range. I'm only asking that you remind other members about the importance of safety. Our continued enjoyment of shooting sports depends upon all of us behaving responsibly at all times.

The cost for the project will set the club back about \$40,000. This is money that I'd rather see spent on our indoor range project, but safety is a priceless commodity. Please do still consider donating money toward the project. We need you now more than ever before.

Rifle Ranges Temporarily Closed



Safety Classes Planned Pistol Bays Still Open

- From the CCSSEF Board of Directors -

CCSSEF's 100 and 200-yard ranges will be closed for about two months for a range improvement project. As part of this project, all members will be required to receive instruction on range safety operations before they use either range once they reopen. Pistol Bays one, two and three, are still open and can be used by any member during normal operating hours.

"We're doing this voluntarily in response to a bullet recently striking a home about a half mile away from our facility," said Larry Parker, Sr., CCSSEF's General Manager. "Safety has always been, and will always be, our number one concern."

The project, which was approved unanimously by CCSSEF's Board of Directors on March 1, will alter the berms on the 100 and 200-yard ranges. Additionally, the 100-yard range will see the installation of a berm at fifty yards, and the range will be limited to

rimfire rifles in the future. (See the GM's Message for more information on the range projects.)

"This project will make it even more difficult for a bullet or a ricochet to ever leave a range in the first place," said CCSSEF's Board Chair Mike Hagen.

Sometime near the end of April, each CCSSEF member will be required to take a safety training class or seek out individual training with one of the club's certified Range Safety Officers. The instruction will introduce members to new range operating procedures. Details and dates for the classes will be available on the website.

"We hope to get the ranges open again by the end of April. We've had an excellent safety record, and we will do everything we can to be a good neighbor to those around us and to make all of us safer shooters."

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GM's Report

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

The rifle ranges are closed for open shooting, but scheduled events on these two ranges will continue under supervision as planned.



All pistol bays are open for pistol and 22 rimfire rifle shooting. We appreciate our member's understanding of the need to ensure we are operating safely.

The improvements to the rifle ranges will be both physical and procedural. On the open 50/100 yard range, the road to the 200 yard pits will move from the right on the concrete pad (with benches) to the left of the pad. The right end of the pad will be built up with additional benches, and the area will see a permanent cover built over it.

The current ten point, 100 yard covered rifle range will be for .22 rimfire, with a new short berm added at 50 meters. On both ranges, the 100 backstop berms will be dressed up.

Additionally, ALL target placements on the rifle ranges will be at the berms. The use of portable target frames/targets at any other distances or locations will NOT BE ALLOWED.

All fired projectiles must go directly into a backstop after engaging their target. Individual range "total bullet containment" is our goal at keeping the range safe. Once the rifle ranges are completed, we will be reviewing our pistol ranges to ensure all bullets are contained. Target placement is the solution to this.

We hope to start the mandatory Re-Orientation sessions in late April. The plan is to have evening sessions for 2 weeks and Saturday morning sessions. The re-orientation will be done by our volunteer Range Safety Officers. There is a Range Safety Officer meeting on Saturday April 8th at 2pm to review these new procedures. We will also be scheduling a target base/frame work party for some time in April.

You can contact me at the Club at 352-8563 or by email at; gm@ccfandg.org to discuss the upgrades to the rifle ranges.

- North Branch Bowmen News -

Archery, Summer 2017

- Dan Deyo & Mike Wright-
North Branch Bowmen

With indoor archery season wrapping up, we are anxiously waiting for the snow to melt to set up our outdoor ranges. Hopefully we'll be ready by mid-April.

We will be setting up the practice range and rebuilding some of the targets that are already in need of some TLC. One of our junior archers has an Eagle Scout project to rebuild the practice range and make it more user friendly and accessible. One goal is to make it so people can shoot at different distances at the same time from the same shooting line.

If anyone likes to work with their hands, or would like to hear what is planned, stop up on the third Tuesday in April as I'm sure we will be in good shape with the snow by then.

Or you can contact Dan Deyo or Mike Wright and we can put you in contact with this Scout as I'm sure that he would appreciate your help.

Andrew Bernard was the winner of the bow raffle that was gener-



Andrew Bernard (left) being presented a new bow by Dan Deyo. .

ously donated by Mathews Bows and Pete's Archery. We don't have to tell you he was very excited to get that phone call, especially since he was due for a new bow. Congratulations, Andrew!

We will be posting an events calendar here on the club's calendar webpage as well as in the pavilion at the range. Check it out as we have some fun events planned including a marked distance animal round and a zombie shoot in August.

Check out our Facebook page, 'North Branch Bowmen,' as it is growing quickly and the best way to contact us for archery related events and activities.



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Family Day/Swap Meet 2017

Family Day Fun Saturday, June 3rd

Bring a friend, your spouse, family, or grandchildren to the annual Family Day that will be held this year on Saturday, June 3rd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During this open event, there will be free BB and archery for kids and adults to try, and for a minimal fee for young adults and adults, they can try other disciplines, including air rifle, pistol, black powder, .22 rifle, Running Deer, Gong, and Trap. All equipment will be provided.

This is a great day out for some shooting fun in a safe environment with trainers and range safety officers in charge at each site.

For those interested in volunteering on this day, email fearlessleader4@yahoo.com or call 603-852-0119.

photo by Lori Cook



Annual Swap Meet... With A Twist

Time to clean out your garage and basement for the annual Swap Meet to be held Saturday, June 3rd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event coincides with Family Day, and is a chance for people to sell their outdoor sporting equipment, fishing gear, canoe and motor boats, archery equipment, guns, and more.

This year, we are welcoming non-members/businesses to join us to make the Swap Meet more of a draw.

Members price for a spot at the Swap Meet (everyone brings their own tables) is \$15. Non-members will pay \$20. Included in the cost is one ticket for lunch that day.

For more details or to reserve a spot (reservations with payment must be made by Saturday, May 20th), email cookken61@gmail.com or call 603-207-1171.

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Junior Rifle Team Update

- Larry Parker, Sr. -
Head Coach

The 2017 NRA Sectional matches have concluded. 2016 Junior Sectional results are still available. 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>*

For 2017, we will hold our 4 Position place of around 11th as our score was 4 points better than 2016. The major improvement we will see is our 3 Position score was very good this year and should place us approximately 7th in the Nation. Ashley Sprague should end up in the top 5 of the Intermediate Junior Category and better than 15th Overall in the Nation.

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, Kyle Huston and Shea Wilkins-Fleck. Grace Hackler



shot in both CMP 3P Air Rifle Matches.

About the time this comes out, we will be back outdoors again (April 8th). Our Annual Awards Banquet is coming up on May 5th. Our summer program for our Gold/Silver Travel Team shooters will continue. At the end of March, our 3 Position Air Rifle Team will be travelling to the CMP Regional Matches at Camp Perry

where they hope to qualify for the CMP National 3P AR Match that will be held in June.

We have 2 athletes, Ashley Sprague and Kyle Huston, headed to the Junior Olympics in Colorado in April. The new Smallbore Rifle organization, American

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Jr. Rifle Team... from page 4

Smallbore Shooting Association (ASSA) will be conducting their National Matches at the Blue Trail Range in Connecticut. We will be supporting and attending that event in July. We also are sending 4 of our athletes to the NRA/CMP Rifle Camp in Camp Perry in July... A very busy summer indeed.

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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These donations help us send our shooters to Regional/National Championships and Camps. Please consider donating! With travel, equipment and ammunition, our annual budget is over \$12,000.

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The Shotgun Corner

- Chuck Tatham -

As most of you know, your club operates two trap ranges and one state of-the-art five stand range. The reason your club operates these ranges is for one reason and one reason only: Your shooting enjoyment!

Therefore, if any of you have any ideas, suggestions, complaints, or even compliments, I would like to hear from you.

For example: Should we operate on different days or at other hours? Should we operate more days per week? Are the target presentations too hard/easy? (This would apply to the five stand range.)

Are our prices fair? If you are a beginner, do you think you get enough help to get started? Are you willing/able to help run the ranges? (Help with snow removal, loading targets, debris pickup etc.?)

Please feel free to see me at the range, call me at 847-9040, or email at: standard@myfairpoint.net.

Just a reminder:
Tuesday night doubles begins when the winter league ends. It is FUN!



– Action Pistol News –

Carbines, shotguns and classes

- Mark Timney -
Action Pistol Coordinator

Action Pistol will add pistol caliber carbines to the mix this year, as well as shotgun and revolver-specific events, a new type of steel match, and introductory classes for people who want to try action shooting.

Pistol caliber carbines (PCC) will have their own class at our usual matches. Competitors can still shoot their regular pistol class if they like and throw in an extra \$10 to shoot PCC too. Calibers will be limited to 9mm, .40 and .45acp.

Competitors should have at least two large capacity magazines (20+), a magazine pouch, chamber flag, and a sling or a soft case for transporting the carbine when not on the firing line.

The shotgun and revolver-specific matches may be held in lieu of regular Action Pistol events or scheduled on separate days, depending upon overall interest. If the events are held during regular Action Pistol matches, competitors who want to shoot semi-auto pistols will still be allowed to participate.

The steel matches are an attempt to combine IDPA-type shoots with Steel Challenge shooting. For lack of a better name, we're going with Tactical Steel. Initial plans are for three strings of fire on each of six different stages, making it similar to Steel Challenge in that we'll throw



out the time for the slowest string.

The scenarios and target placement, however, will be more akin to IDPA. For example, you might have to hit five steel poppers while moving or engage two steel plates with two shots each from behind a barrel before hitting the (final) 'stop' plate with a single round.

Tactical Steel matches will allow for .22 rimfire rifles and pistols, and for pistol caliber carbines. Those using .22s or PCCs will begin each string from a low-ready position.

All other pistol classes, however, will draw from a holster.

PCC and .22 rifle/pistol classes will have iron sight and optics divisions. Centerfire pistol classes will include 'stock' (limited to production gear only), 'limited' (no optics/compensators/race holsters) and 'open' (no equipment limitations).

Competitors will ideally have three magazines or a few very large (20+) capacity magazines. If you use a long gun and don't have a

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WOT 2017 at CCSSEF

- Elaine H. Levlocke -
WOT Coordinator

The 2017 NRA Women on Target Instructional Shooting Clinic is scheduled for Sunday, June 11, 2017.

This event provides professional instruction to women who have never handled or have had limited experience with firearms. It's an opportunity to learn the necessary skills to enjoy shooting in a safe & comfortable, friendly environment.

The event will be held at CCSSEF/CCF&G on Ferry Brook Rd in Keene. The brochure/registration form is available online at www.ccssef.org. You can download, print out, complete and mail it along with your check payment to reserve your space, to the address indicated.

This event is limited to 30 women. If you or someone you know is considering participating, please do not hesitate to register.

Volunteers Needed

Would you like to volunteer for this event? There are volunteer positions available (RSOs, trainers, food set-up, guides, etc.) If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me. *(Info at end of article.)*

photo by Al Patnode



My Thanks to Many

The October 2016 event was my first opportunity to be a part of Women on Target and as Director. Thank you does not express the gratitude to the over 35 volunteers who donated their precious time

and firearm expertise to make this event a complete success with raving attendee's reviews.

I would also like to thank the local sponsors for last year's NRA

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An advertisement for Walier Chevrolet. On the left is a portrait of a smiling man, identified as 'Chief Walier'. To his right is the 'WALIER' logo in large blue letters, followed by the Chevrolet bowtie logo and 'CHEVROLET KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE'. Below this, a blue banner reads 'NEW ENGLAND'S CHOICE FOR 39 YEARS STRAIGHT!'. At the bottom, the website 'www.WalierChevy.com' is listed, along with the tagline 'The dealership you can trust.' and a Facebook logo with the text 'Like us on Facebook'.

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Women on Target Instructional Shooting Clinic: Auto Mall, Big Deal Discount, Clearwater Pool and Spa of Keene, Inc., D'Angelo's, Evan James Ltd Diamond Jewelers & Goldsmiths, Highlander Arms, Mahraki LLC, Stowaway Marine, Inc., and Walpole Creamery.

If you are a local business owner and would like to consider being a sponsor for this year's event, I would love to hear from you.

You can reach me at:

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Membership Report

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

Don't forget-- new membership applications & orientations and renewals can be completed on weekdays during office hours (M/W/F) 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 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. We welcome Bill Stearns as our new webmaster. Our thanks to Mark Timney for all of his work on the web site and continuing as a back-up webmaster. Please visit our web site at www.ccssef.org.

Action Pistol... from page 6

sling, or a .22 pistol and don't have a holster, you'll need a carry bag to transport your firearm around the range. Best of all, we're going to only charge \$10.00 for this event, and you can run a 2nd gun for another \$5.00.

The dates for the introductory classes will be May 6 and 27. The cost will be \$5.00 and each class will be limited to ten participants. The three-hour course will consist of less than 30 minutes of classroom work and two+ hours of range time.

Individuals who want to get started sooner can also show up for a Wednesday evening Action Pistol Practice on Pistol Bay #1. The practices begin April 5. They begin at 4:00 p.m., but you can come as late as 6:30 and still have fun as mini-seminars run throughout the evening.

Check CCSSEF's website for more information and event dates, or contact me directly at 603-321-2213.



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Busy schedule for summer

- Pete DeSantis -
High Power Coordinator

A 600 yard clinic is planned for July 9th. It will be geared to the shooter who wants to progress beyond having fun on Thursday practices. We will discuss equipment, ammo, position, wind, shooting strategy, and then put it to practice on the line.

A guide from various sources covering most of these topics will be handed out, and I'll have several experienced competitors to help out. A \$10.00 range fee will be charged to cover cost.

If you have a rifle you would like to use at the clinic, you will have to get qualified with it. Not all rifle/ammo combinations will work.

If you would like to attend the clinic or have any questions, please contact

me so I can have enough of everything for everyone.

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 600 yards. 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 will allow you to compete at your skill level at other matches.

I have the dates scheduled for the NRA approved prone matches this year: April 30, June 4, July 30, August 20, and October 8. There are fewer matches here this year, as 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.

The Thursday morning and afternoon 600 yard practices begin May 4th. The morning practice runs from 9:00 a.m. till noon, the afternoon from 4:00 p.m. till dusk.

The dates for all of the other high power rifle events are posted online. Check out the variety: 200 yard off-hand, vintage sniper rifle, service rifle clinic, NH league, and CMP EIC Leg. There is something for everyone. The website has details and registration information.

NRA Pistol Classes

LADIES BASIC PISTOL CLASSES will be offered on Wednesday evenings May 10th through the 31st from 5-8pm in the club house.

The class is limited to 6 participants. The instructor is Jim Fisher and he can be reached at 903-8791, or by email at muzzle.disciplinelc@gmail.com or jimfisher514@gmail.com.

OPEN BASIC PISTOL TRAINING SEGMENTS will be conducted by Jim on Wednesday evenings starting in June from 5-8 p.m.

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See ya on the range...
Jim-Bob



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

RICOCHETS...by Chuck Tatham

"If Donald Trump walked across the Hudson River, The New York Times headline would scream 'TRUMP CANNOT SWIM!'"... Dennis Miller

"We don't need gun control, we need idiot control." ... Unknown

"If you don't read the newspapers you are uninformed. If you do read the newspapers you are misinformed." ... Mark Twain

"He is so clumsy, he carries his own china shop."... Winston Churchill

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Service Rifle Clinic - April 8
NHHPRL – April 9, May 7 & 21, June 25, July 16, Sept 10, Oct 1
600 YARD MATCHES - Apr 30, June 4, July 30, Aug 20, Oct 8
Mike Blaisdell TRAP CLINIC – May 5&6
Cowboy Long Range Shoot – May 14, Aug 6, Oct 22
Family Day / Swap Meet / Remington Day – June 3
WOMEN ON TARGET – June 11
Vintage Sniper Match – June 18,
Cowboy Shoot – July 2, Sept 17
600 YARD CLINIC – July 9
CMP “LEG” Match – July 23
African Safari Shoot – Aug 13
Live Free or Die event – September 16

Have a firearm that you no longer want?

A gun taking up space in your safe? Consider donating it to CCSSEF. The Education & Marksmanship Center's Fundraising Committee is looking for fully functional firearms in 90%+ condition to sell to help raise money in this year's 30-for-30 raffle. Please call Vicki Flanders of the Board of Directors at 357-3190 or email intrepid1313@hotmail.com. Your donation would be greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged.

ADVERTISE IN GUNSMOKE!

Advertising your business and/or services through CCSSEF has many benefits

1. *People want to use the services of others whom they know, trust, and are of like minds.*
2. *Your business/services are advertised through the newsletter that is published 4x a year.*
3. *Your business card is listed on the CCSSEF Website for everyone to see.*
4. *For those who purchase the largest ad offered, it will also go on the Wall of Sponsors in the clubhouse for members and visitors to view.*

To learn more, call Lori Cook at 603-852-0119

Lost & Found

We have a small collection of items left on the range. If you think you're a victim of anything lost on the range, call or email the office with a description. 352-8563 or you can reach me at gm@ccfandg.org.

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