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and CCSSEF, Keene, NH



Rifle Ranges to Open, But Work Continues

- Larry Parker, Sr.-
General Manager

The 200 yard rifle range will open Saturday July 8th and the 100 yard (covered) 22 Rifle Range will be open on Saturday, July 15th.

Obviously, our hope was to open for general use sooner, but the weather and equipment availability was a major factor the past few months. We appreciate our member's understanding of the need to ensure we are operating safely.

The improvements to the rifle ranges are both physical and procedural.

On the open 50/100 yard range, the road to the 200 yard pits has been moved from the right on the concrete pad w/benches to the left of the pad.

The right end of the pad will be built up with additional benches added, and the area will have a permanent cover built over it.

A work party will still be needed to construct the cover. Watch for our call

for volunteers to help out.

The current 10 point, 100 yard covered rifle range will be for 22 rimfire rifle with a new short berm added at 50 meters. On both ranges, the 100 yard backstop berms will be dressed up.

Additionally, ALL target placements on the rifle ranges must be at the berms. The use of portable target frames/targets at any other distances or locations for general shooting 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.

New target bases and frames are all constructed and will be put into place once the ground work is completed.

The greatest challenge I see with the new procedures will be getting everyone to return their target frames to storage when they're done shooting

for the day. This is something that must happen.

Those who've been members longer than three months must attend a Range Re-Orientation session. (Those who joined recently have already been through the training.) The re-orientations will continue to be done by our volunteer Range Safety Officers on Saturday mornings at 9am.

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.

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. Thank you for your support of the Foundation and Shooting Sports.

Information is also available on our web site at www.ccssef.org

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– North Branch Bowmen News –

Archery's Summer of Rain

- Dan Deyo & Mike Wright-
North Branch Bowmen

While archery has been getting together for a little over a month now, the weather hasn't been cooperating as we have been getting rained out almost every Tuesday.

We will be posting any non-scheduled gatherings on the North Branch Bowmen FaceBook page when we get rained out. If you would like someone to shoot with or would like to try out archery we have some basic equipment that you could use just follow the FB page for updated cancellations and changes.

The 3-D Range is set up and available to members daily please put your \$5 target fee in the box under the pavilion. We will have some spray bottles of ammonia next to the box please take one around the range as you shoot and spray the targets as you shoot to help prevent damage from our local population of bears.

This year we will be hosting the New Hampshire Bowmen state field archery championship on August 12th and 13th. You can shoot either day or come shoot both days (same cost) \$20 for adults \$10 for 14yrs and under. All are welcome to shoot as a guest however you must be a current NH NFAA member to qualify for state champion awards.

Visit nfausaarchery.com for more information and follow New Hampshire bowmen on FaceBook for current field archery information in the state.

We will also be holding another outdoor ZOMBIE shoot August 26th and will be doing a Hamburger and Hotdog BBQ prior to the shoot with a few door prizes too.



Cost is \$10 per shooter and additional \$5 for the BBQ please contact Dan Deyo at 209-6721 if you plan on attending.

I can tell you that last year we held our first outdoor zombie shoot and we had an absolute blast. You don't want to miss this event. Of course while we are at the range for any of our events the range is open to everyone member and non-members.

With the archery season only a few short months away keep in mind that there are never any broadheads allowed on the ranges or practice range. They create a dangerous situation for everyone. Our targets are filled with rolled up plastic shrink wrap, and if hunting type points or blades get stuck in this material someone can all too easily get hurt.




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Junior Rifle Team Update

- Larry Parker, Sr.-
Head Coach

2017 NRA Sectional matches have concluded and results are available. Our Team ranked 6th nationally in 4 Position Conventional.

Ashley Sprague was the #9 junior shooter in the nation in the 3 position metric match. She finished 4th in her age category.

Scores can be viewed at; <http://competitions.nra.org/championship-results/nra-national-indoor-rifle-pistol-championships-results.aspx> For 2017, Our 3 Position score was very good this year and placed us 11th 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. Our summer program for our Gold/Silver Travel Team shooters will continue.

At the end of June, our 3 Position Air Rifle Team travelled to the CMP



National Matches at Camp Perry. The new Smallbore Rifle organization, American 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 2 of our athletes to the NRA/CMP Rifle Camp in

Camp Perry in July... A very busy summer indeed.

For 2017, we have a new air rifle and lots of equipment thanks to the NRA Foundation. They have been generous sponsors of our equipment needs for over 12 years!

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Jr. Rifle Team... from page 4

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

Notes on our active ALUMNI (shooting, college & military)...Tobin completed his first year at the University of North Georgia shooting NCAA Collegiate Rifle with the UNG Nighthawks. He finished the season 2nd in his Conference in Smallbore Rifle. Andrew Solomonides finished his 2nd year at West Point on their Army Black Knights rifle team.


Both Tobin and Andrew were named to the 2017 Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association Scholastic All American List. Lt Joe Bogar is with the 4th Infantry at Ft Carson, CO. Alex Martin 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, a US manufacturer in the competitive smallbore rifle market. Capt John Nikiforakis is attending college in preparation of his upcoming promotion to Major. Lacey Hamelin is attending her senior year at college in Springfield Mass. Greg Ganio is in his 2nd year of machine studies up in Maine.

Contact Larry Parker Sr or Neil Jeneral for details about Smallbore rifle shooting:
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Freedom Hill Gear & S3F Solutions are excited to announce the 2nd Annual Live Free or Die Shoot on Saturday, September 16th, 2017 in Keene, NH!

Come out and enjoy a balance of fun and training while celebrating the firearms heritage, culture, and freedom New Hampshire has to offer at the Cheshire County Fish & Game Club.

The Live Free or Die Shoot will feature an open range for attendees to use all day, a 3-gun course sponsored by S3F Solutions with ammunition sponsored by Gorilla Ammunition, a Polymer 80 Builders Tutorial, firearms workshops taught by Rob Pincus, Ian Strimbeck of Runenation LLC, and others, medical training by Tactical Development Group, K-9 Demonstration by Crusade K9 Academy during lunch, weapon disarms by Ronin Krav Maga, machine gun rentals by Highlander Arms, vendor tables and more!

Online Pre-registration by August 26th includes an event shirt by Warrior Culture Gear, patch by Bastion, BBQ Lunch by CC&D's Kitchen Market, swag bag filled by event sponsors, and entry into prize drawings at the end of the day.

Shirts sizes cannot be guaranteed after August 26th and you must be present to win any drawings. Machine gun rentals are an additional fee. All classes are first come first serve. Signups will be available after check in. Gates open at 8:30 for registration with safety brief at 9:00.

Check out the Live Free or Die Shoot event page on Facebook for our list of sponsors and additional information. Tickets are limited. Register online at www.freedomhillgear.com.



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Basic Pistol Training

Open Basic Pistol Training segments will be conducted by Jim Fisher on Wednesdays through the month of August from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.



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The Shotgun Corner

- Chuck Tatham -

Ok...the weather is hot and sticky. So, where is a good place to cool off?

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The trap shack is air conditioned and the refrigerator is well stocked with soft drinks. We even have cold water on hand (if you're a trout).

There is always someone around to talk to and there are usually several shooting or sporting magazines available to peruse while you drink your cold soda.

So come join us and shoot 'til your barrel is hot and then cool off in the shack.

Watch for more 'Intro' classes this summer

Following the success of two classes earlier this year, CCSSEF's Action Pistol crew will again offer another *Intro to Action Pistol Shooting* class later this summer.

Watch the website for details and info on how to sign up. This is a very inexpensive way to develop pistol handling skills and learn about Action Shooting competition in a fun, low stress environment.

The 3½ -hour class costs just \$5.00 and offers participants the opportunity to learn to shoot accurately, quickly and safely in a variety of situations. Participants will be closely supervised by certified Range Safety Officers and will receive 30 minutes of classroom instruction and three hours of shooting time.

"We'll stress proper technique and safety in the class," said Mark Timney, event coordinator and CCSSEF Action Pistol program director, "but we'll also go beyond the basics with rapid fire techniques, target acquisition, rapid reloading and safe movement with a firearm. Participants will also get to shoot two different 'stages' to experience what Action Pistol events are like."

The class is open to shooters 18 and older who've had previous pistol shooting experience. "You don't have to be a great shot," adds Timney, "just someone who

has shot a few hundred rounds with a centerfire pistol and feels reasonably comfortable with a handgun."

Participants only need to bring a center-fire pistol, two or more magazines, 100+ rounds of ammunition, and a holster for their firearm. (Please note that 'behind-the-back' and 'shoulder holsters' are prohibited use.)

— Action Pistol News —



Pre-registration is required and each class is limited to twelve students. To register, or for more information, contact Mark Timney at (603) 321-2213.



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Membership Report

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

New Membership Applications & Orientations and Membership Renewals can be completed on

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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. Mark Timney is working on a new Introductory/Safety Video. We'll announce when it is completed and up on the website.

A reminder to all Active Military and 100% Disabled Members that must complete and submit a renewal application each year with a copy of your documentation.

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.



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Safari Shoot Set

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Clinic on 600 Yard Shooting

- Pete DeSantis -
High Power Coordinator

The High Power rifle season is in full swing and going well. We've had two 600 yard prone matches and haven't been rained out yet. A welcome change from last year.

I have been asked several times about putting on a clinic, so I'm planning a mid-range prone high power rifle clinic at 600 yards on July 9th. The start time will be 9:00 am at the club house.

Please arrive about a half an hour early to get signed in. I am going to request that you preregister so I know how many handouts and assistants to have available.

We will FIRST spend about an hour discussing prone shooting. Topics will include: Shooting Disciplines, Positions, Equipment, Ammo, Reloading, Wind Reading, and Shooting Strategies.

Wind reading and shooting strategies will dominate the discussion. Learning to cope with the wind, which is half science and half art, is the key to successful shooting. Make the wind your friend. We will then put some of these ideas to the test on the firing line.

To attend, you will need the following: A 600 yard "zero" for your rifle and about 50 rounds of ammo - target quality if possible (69 grain or heavier bullet for .223/5.56), a

spotting scope if you have one (I will have a few extras available), shooting gear you feel comfortable with (bi-pod, rear bag, shooting mat, etc.), and most importantly lunch.

I will be available for you to get a 600 yard "zero" on Saturdays from 10:00 am till Noon. Try to attend one of our practices on Thursdays at 9:00a.m. till noon or 4:00p.m. till finished. The fee for the clinic is \$10.00 to cover costs.

With cooperation from the weather, I think we can have a very productive day. If you want to attend or have any questions, contact me at: americandesignhomes@gmail.com, 603-352-7720 (Home) or 603-721-1985 (Cell).

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Jim-Bob missing, but grill is open

Jim-Bob's taking a break until September, but Becky Stearns will be stepping in to provide food on Saturday afternoons.

Have a nice summer, Jim-Bob! And thank you, Becky!



NRA LINK

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For further details, contact Larry Parker, Sr. at the Club at 352-8563, or by email at gm@ccfandg.org

RICOCHETS...by Chuck Tatham

Question: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

Answer: Pilgrims. ...Dave Swenson

The only man whoever hurt me was the Doctor who slapped my tush when I was born. I'm still looking for that S.O.B.

...Buddy Driscoll

A man's future depends on three boxes: The voter box, the jury box, and the cartridge box.

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NHHPRL – July 16, Sept 10, Oct 1

600 YARD MATCHES - July 30, Aug 20, Oct 8

Cowboy Buffalo Shoot – Aug 6, Oct 22

CMP “LEG” Match – July 23

M-1 Garand Match – Aug 12

African Safari Shoot – Aug 13

START Junior Team 2017-2018 Season – Sept 9

Live Free or Die Shoot – September 16

Cowboy Shoot – Sept 17

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