

100 YARD COVERED RIFLE RANGE OPEN FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP .22 RIFLE SHOOTING

- Larry Parker, Sr., GM -

Our new 100 Yard Center-fire Rifle Range is still temporarily closed while we complete necessary safety modifications to them. They are close to being completed. The firing point cover is framed and trusses were put up on September 16th. Thank you to our volunteers - Jack Commerford, Stan Berdinka, Mark Timney, Dave Swenson, Ron, Josh, Tim Licciardi, and Lar-

We expect another work day soon to put the roof deck and metal roofing on. We are working as diligently as material, weather, and equipment availability will allow. The 100 yard covered rifle range will officially open for general membership .22 rifle shooting on October 1st. There is still work to be done on the range "floor" to cover it in stone, but the range is good to go. Be sure to use the 50 yard SHORT frames at 50 yards and put them back under cover when finished. Scheduled events on these two ranges still continue under supervision as planned. All pistol bays are open for pistol (any

pistol caliber) and 22 rimfire rifle shooting. We appreciate everyone's understanding of the need to operate safely.

The improvements to the rifle ranges are both physical and procedural. ALL target placements on

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 will be getting everyone to return



the rifle ranges will 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

their target frames to storage when done shooting for the day. This will be a requirement of everyone.

ALL members intending to use our rifle ranges still must attend a Range Re-Orientation session.

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600 YARD MID-RANGE PRONE SHOOTING

- Pete De Santis -

is coming to a close, and we've had an excellent year. Only one prone match remains on October 8th. We were blessed with good weather for all of our matches and clinic, and I hope the sun continues to shine on us in October.

Attendance for the matches and the practice sessions have grown try. We still have a few weeks left. over last year. I'm encouraged by the increase in interest by our membership and with some good luck that will continue.

I will still be available Saturdays from 10 am until noon for 600 yard qualifications at the 200 yard line for the remainder of the season. I'd like to thank Ron Avery for helping and filling in for me with the qualifications.

The 600 yard range improvements continue with all 8 range flags being in place and new match targets being built. Finishing touches will resume in the spring.

The wind reading clinic was attended far better than I had expected with 14 shooters. We had a great day with the wind gods cooperating. I think everyone left with a greater understanding about how to deal with the dreaded "wind." I hope to have another clinic next year if interest demands.

I plan to have about the same number of matches next year and on the same relative Sundays. Plans for hosting the Mini-Palma match and possibly the Mid-Range State

The 2017 prone shooting season Championship are being discussed. I would run them together on a weekend in September. It would make for a great event.

> I'd like to thank all who attended our events this year and all who helped out. I'll keep you posted about future events and dates.

It's not too late to give the 600 a

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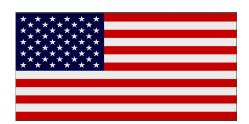
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The re-orientations will continue to be done by our volunteer Range Safety Officers on Saturdays at

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

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





JUNIOR RIFLE TEAM UPDATE

- Larry Parker, Sr., GM -

The 2017 NRA Sectional Match results are still 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 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. At the ASSA National Matches held at the Blue Trail Range in Connecticut, Ashley and Tobin finished the 3-Position Matches in 2nd and 3rd place. In the 4 day, 6400 point 4 day Prone Matches, Tobin was 1st. This included shooting back to back 1600s in the any

sight matches using metallic sights. Here's our starting Gold and Silver Travel Teams for the 2017-18 Match Season: Co-Captains Hunter Lang and Evie Proctor along with Joey Wilson, Rachel Brown, Natalie Davidson, Ashley Sprague, Kyle Huston, Shea Wilkins-Fleck, Mason May, Justin Caminiti, and Lillian Prigge. We have an extremely busy 2017-2018 season ahead of us. At our season opening safety orientation on September 9th, we had 15 new shooters sign up. Our current roster has 30 ac-

For 2017-18, 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! They're not just about politics!

tive athletes in our rifle program.

Here's our 2017 sponsors so far: The NRA Foundation, Pinney Plumbing & Heating, Mia Capelli Hair Salon, Emerson's Towing, Keene Transmission, Matt Symonds Landscaping, JDJ Builders, Full Throttle Powersports, Wood 'N Nail Builders, Coll's Cleaning Service, Keene Door, Dave Swenson, Victor Lawrence, The Car Family, The Piazza Family, and Scott McFarland. PLEASE SUP-PORT our local businesses that generously donate to our youth program. These donations help us send our shooters to Regional/National Championships and Camps. Please consider donating to the Junior Rifle Team! With travel, equipment, awards, range and entry fees, and ammunition, our annual budget is over \$11,000.

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JUNIOR RIFLE TEAM, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Notes on our active Alumni (shooting, college, and military): Tobin is starting his second year at the University of North Georgia shooting NCAA Collegiate Rifle with the UNG Nighthawks. Andrew Solomonides is entering his third year at West Point on the 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. Tom Csenge has moved to Virginia to work for TEAM TURBO rifle manufacturing – a real US manufacturer in the competitive small-bore rifle market (www.turboaction.net). Capt. John Nikiforakis is in preparation of his upcoming promotion to Major. Greg Ganio is in his 3rd year of machine studies up in Maine.

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We'd like to see the Action Pistol Program back in "action" in 2018.

This program needs one or two people willing to step forward and run it. We have the targets and props. Pistol Bay 4 and the Carbine Bay are completed and ready to use for training and sponsored events. Pistol Bays 5 and 6 may be ready for next spring. A plan of activities would need to be put together before April.

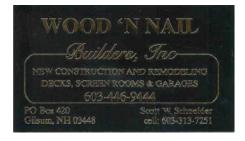
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NRA WOMEN ON TARGET (And Were They Ever!)

- Elaine H. Croteau, Director -

The NRA Women on Target Instructional Shooting Clinic event was held June 11th at CCSSEF/CCF&G. It was a beautiful day for this event, which provided professional instruction to 30 women, who had not previously handled or had limited experience with firearms, the opportunity to learn the basic skills to enjoy shooting in a safe and comfortable, friendly environment.

The morning began with light refreshments and a NRA Safety Briefing. The women were then divided into three groups, with each group designated to one discipline - handgun, rifle, or shotgun - where live fire began following a specific safety briefing. Each participant during the pistol and rifle segments had a one-on-one volunteer to provide additional instruction and support, as needed. Shot gun participants went to two stations, in groups of 5, and had alternating one-on-one time with the instructor. When a clay pigeon was hit, the WHOLE facility could hear the excitement of the group!! It was very exciting. After completing all three segments, volunteers and participants gathered for a simple, yet delicious, lunch. Our dedicated and very much appreciated instructors and volunteers were recognized, some of which have been with the program since its inception, over 11+ years ago. Thank you to each of you, as this



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USDA TROUT HABITAT PROJECT

The aim of the recent Trout Habitat Project on the CCF&G property was to restore the trout habitat in Ferry Brook.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), along with Trout Unlimited, led these restoration efforts. Trees, felled prior to the workday, were placed across the brook to create shade and scour pools for spawning as well as protection for the young.

"This is going to benefit all of the aquatic species in this brook, not just trout," says USDA Soil Conservationalist Wendy Ward.

Other participants were: Trout Unlimited Project Team, Joel De-Stasio and Sam Burnham; CCSSE



Members, Dan Madden, Dan Harrison, Don Doody, Wade DuGray, and Ken Cook; and from the Junior Rifle Team, Joey Wilson, Rachel Brown, Ben Sims, Lee Sprague, and Larry Parker.



The Shotgun Corner

- Chuck Tatham -

Hunting season is here! If you are a bird hunter, a trip or two on our five stand range is required to get some realistic practice. Every possible shot of a wild flushing bird is presented by one or more of our high speed traps. The entire five stand presentation of targets has been re-programmed by Tyler. It really is "the most fun you can legally have with a shotgun!" So come give it a try and watch your average on high flying pheasants improve!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 15th. That is the date for this years' annual Running Deer and Sighting-In event. This year the club has something special; the club will offer a one hundred dollar cash prize to the person who shoots the highest score of the day on the running deer.

The cost to enter will be \$3 for three shots. You may enter as many times as you like. The highest score at the end of the day wins. Any normal deer rifle is eligible with or without a scope. So come give it a try. You could be a winner!



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event wouldn't be an event without your time and expertise! Other CCSSEF programs were highlighted, NRA gift bags and door prizes were distributed along with certificates to the participants.

Watching the participants throughout the event was powerful. When the women arrive, many are uncertain about what to expect, nervous, and even anxious about handling a firearm for the first time. By the time everyone gathers for lunch it's all excitement, shared stories of successful hits, and just their feeling of empowerment. Several became members of the club and others discussed joining other programs.

I want to express my thanks to my husband, Arnold Croteau (have to embarrass him, as he did me), and the others for surprising me with a birthday cake and song. He also knew I had wanted to try my luck at shotgun and hitting the clay pigeons, so he set it up with Sandy Tatham. Wahoo! I hit several of them after her expert instructions. I couldn't have been more thrilled.

I did learn my lesson though, not to host WOT on my birthday again. With that being said, the next WOT is going to be held on Sunday, June 17, 2018.

If you are interested in volunteering, becoming a participant, or even sponsoring this event, please contact me at 603-903-4070 or email elainehcroteau@gmail.com.

Our sincerest thank you to our 2017 WOT Sponsors: Samson Manufacturing, D'Angelo's of Keene, Auto Mall, Clearwater Pool

and Spa of Keene, Inc., Evan James Ltd. Goldsmith, and Jewelers, Inc., Highlander Arms, LLC, and Stowa-way Marine.

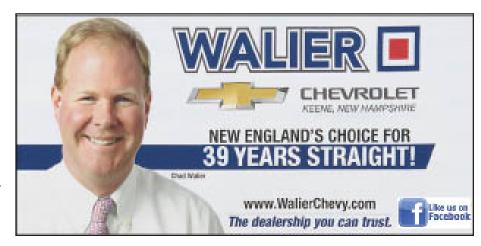


WINTER ADULT SMALLBORE 4-POSITION RIFLE LEAGUE

- Larry Parker, Sr.-General Manager

If you're interested in the 2018 adult smallbore rifle league, we have a couple of target rifles with scopes that can be signed out to members. This will start up in December. Contact Larry Parker, Sr. or Neil Jeneral for details about smallbore rifle shooting, smallbore@ccfandg.org, gm@ccfandg.org, or 600yard@ccfandg.org.





2018 Membership Renewals & Dues Increases

Larry Parker. Sr.

Our Membership Renewal drive for 2018 will begin as soon as new membership cards & forms are printed in mid-October. Please refer to the JOIN page on the website for details regarding all of the membership fee changes for 2018. The regular membership rate will be \$150 and the senior rate will be \$100, effective after January 1, 2018. Renewals completed up to this point will be at the current rate of \$125 for regular and \$80 for seniors. Renewals and new memberships can be completed on weekdays during office hours (Mon, Wed, Fri 9am to 1pm) and on Saturdays from 10am to 1pm.

New members must have a NH criminal background check completed. They have the option of viewing the safety video on the website or when they come in to complete their application, pay their dues and orientation fee, and tour the range. The New Member Initiation/Orientation Fee will increase to \$75 after January 1st.

A reminder that all active military and 100% disabled members must complete and submit a renewal application each year with a copy of your current documentation.

My thanks to our Saturday membership volunteers: Sandy Tatham, Jack & Sarah Commerford, Mike Hagan, Jean & Kim Goodell, Lori Cook, Marilyn Huston, and Rebecca Stearns. If anyone would like to assist with membership, please contact me.

JUNIOR TEAM DISPLAY AT REPUBLICAN SHOOT



Four Junior Rifle Team athletes were invited to the 2017 Republican Shoot to demonstrate competitive rifle position shooting and to offer an opportunity for folks to try out a target .22 caliber rifle or Precision Air Rifle. Pictured above with Coach Larry Parker, Sr. are: Shea WilkinsFleck, Joey Wilson, Ashley Sprague, and Kyle Huston. Coach Lee Sprague is assisting with Air Rifle in the background.

CCSSEF/CCF&G GENERAL MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE

For those not aware, I am planning on retiring from the Club's GM position at the end of this year. This position allows a maximum of 15 hours per week with a salary of \$10 per hour. Availability during daytime hours is required, but you can set your own

schedule. If anyone is interested in taking over the running of the range office, please contact Mike Hagan or me. We can forward you a list of responsibilities and discuss an interview. Training for the position should begin by early December.

You can contact me at the Club at 352-8563 or email gm@ccfandg. org. Mike can be contacted at 313-2542 or email president@ccfandg.org. Thank you for your support of the Foundation and Shooting Sports.

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LADIES' PISTOL NEWS

Jenifer Marchesi, NRA Certified Instructor and RSO



After being dormant for a few months, Ladies' Pistol restarted in July under the direction of NRA Certified Instructor and RSO Jenifer Marchesi. We got off to a great start with donations of ammunition from Dave Swenson and of targets, hearing, and eye protection from the instructor. Jack Commerford has provided setup support in the classroom and on the range so everything runs smoothly.

So far, more than 30 women have attended the sessions held on the last Saturday of the month. These are organized into two 2-hour segments on each date. The Beginners' segment starts with approximately one hour of classroom instruction covering safety rules and shooting fundamentals. The second hour is on the range and incorporates the classroom information to handson application using the club's .22 pistols. The fee for the Beginners' class is \$15 and includes pistol and eye protection use, hearing protec-

tion, and 50 rounds of .22 caliber ammunition.

For ladies who have completed the Beginners' segment or have had equivalent training, the Ladies' Pistol Part II continues with shooting skill development using different calibers, target distances, and scoring games. In this segment, attendees are expected to bring their own pistols, ammunition, and eye/hearing protection. They can also take advantage of any firearms that the instructor, coaches or RSOs bring. The fee for Part II is \$5.

All proceeds collected from attendees go back to the club, so donations are always welcome!

Please contact Jenifer Marchesi at jtmarchesi@ gmail.com or call 508-259-6735 if you would like to volunteer, donate, provide any comments, or have any questions. The goal is to have one coach or RSO per two students for the range portion of the Beginner segment, so member support for the second hour is always appreciated!



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Saturday Lunch At Beccy-Bob's (Famous) Smokehouse Grille

Rebecca Stearns has volunteered to take over Jim-Bob's Smokehouse Grille.

Come to the Clubhouse on any Saturday between 11am and 1pm to have lunch at Beccy-Bob's Grille. Five bucks will buy you a tasty lunch. And there are lots of great folks to visit with.

See ya on the range!

Rebecca



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 website's home page.

Your support of the NRA is important in the preservation of our 2nd Amendment Rights!

TOYS FOR TOTS

Vicki & Jim Flanders

We are accepting new, unwrapped toys now through mid-December on behalf of the annual U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots drive.

Our donations are submitted to Marine veteran Wally Reny, who uses local social service agencies and organizations to identify needy children and to help coordinators



distribute toys in the area. Some toys are distributed directly via hospitals, hospices, shelters, etc. "Toys" for children of all ages are gladly accepted, but in the past, items for ages newborn to 2 years and 15 to 17 years are especially needed.

Your support will be appreciated by all those young, smiling faces. Happy holidays to you and yours!

Need a gift idea for the upcoming holiday season? Check out the merchandise in the clubhouse!

RICOCHETS... by Chuck Tatham

A reasonable amount of fleas is good for a dog. Keeps him from brooding over being a dog. ~ David Harwin

I'm not crazy about reality, but it's still the only place you can get a decent meal. ~ Groucho Marx

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. ~ Will Rogers

Laziness trots so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him. ~ Poor Richard He who fears death, enjoys not life. ~ Spanish Proverb.

Fear gives intelligence. Even to fools. ~ French Proverb



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

October 1 – final NH High Power Rifle League Match of the season

October 8 - final 600 Yard Match of the season

October 15- Running Deer / Sighting In Day

October 22-Cowboy Buffalo Shoot

October 28-22 Rifle English Match

October 31 – Junior Team starts indoor

season at Peterborough Sportsmen's Club

December - Winter Trap League begins

December 1 - Start of Cheshire-Windham

4 Position Winter League warm up matches

January 1 – Annual New Year's Day Hangover/Sap Shotgun Shoot

February 4 – 22 Rifle / Pistol Shoots begin

February 11 - Muzzle Loader Winter Poker Shoot

March 31 – 22 Rifle Gallery Match at Peterborough Sportsmen's Club

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