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Welcome from your new General Manager

~ Peter Crowell

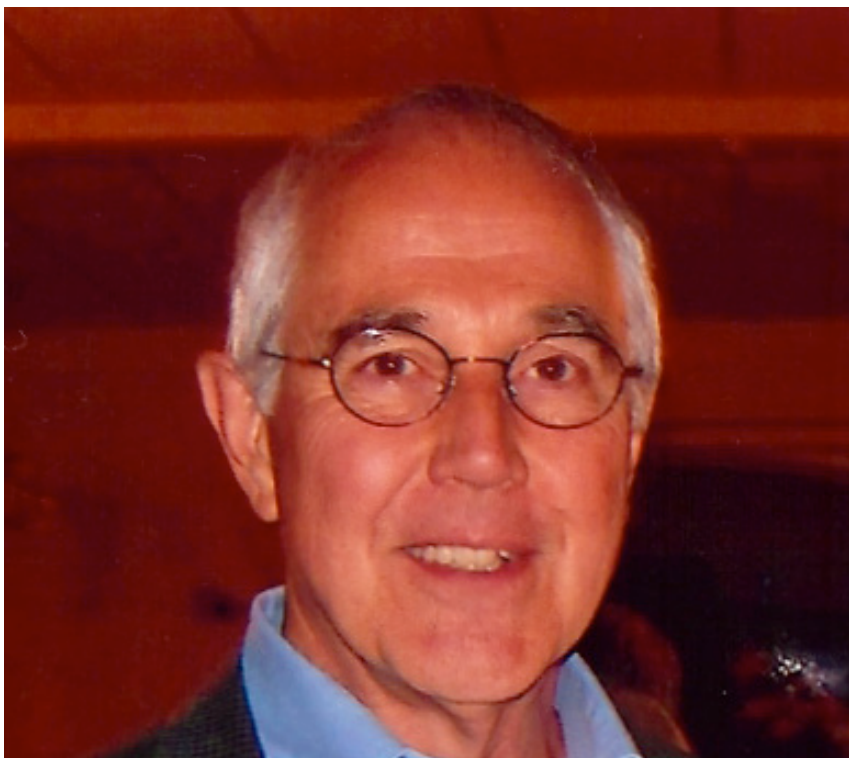
I am approaching the end of my first quarter in the job and am still, clearly, rattling around in Larry's shoes. Those are big shoes to fill...

Here is a quick bio: I was born and raised in Keene a long, long time ago (Elliot Community Hospital). I effectively left after high school (class of 1961), although Mom and Dad lived on Court Street until 1976 when they packed up and moved to Florida for health reasons.

After working in and around New York City for most of forty-five years, I moved back to Keene in 2008 and immediately joined CCFandG. Afters years of quite modest interaction with the club, I decided to try for the GM job, get off my rear, and have some fun, while contributing to the club at the same time.

As a shooter, I am a life member of the NRA, an IPSC and IDPA shooter, a really bad trap/skeet/sporting clay shooter, go by the name of J. D. Keene in cowboy shooting, and have reached a point in my life where I wonder how I will afford all of that ammunition.

These first three months have impressed me in so many ways: the dedication I see to making the facility all that it can be, the amazing number of volunteers, the passion for the club and shooting that is present here, and the amazing schedule that will soon start to roll out when, (if?) it ever warms up!



Read on to get some quick views into the warmer weather activities that are on the way. More information can be found on the calendar, on the website, and on the Facebook page.

Another very impressive thing I have experienced is the number of folks who are up here shooting on the most amazing winter days. Trap folks, pistol folks, rifle sighters. We all owe a huge thank you to Jack Commerford who makes it possible to drive into the club in even the worst weather.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as quickly as possible, but don't expect me to remember everyone's name. I am "older" after all.

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Jr Shooters Rifle Team

~Larry Parker Sr.

2017 NRA Sectional match results are still available and 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. We had excellent Team scores again in 2018 and expect our 3-Position Team of Ashley, Kyle, Natalie, and Evie will be ranked in the top 5 in the Nation. In 4-Position, we had the exact same score as last year, so should hold our ranking as 7th. We expect 2018 results to be available in June.



Here's our Gold and Silver Travel Teams for the 2018 Match Season; Team Captain Evie Proctor along with Joey Wilson, Rachel Brown, Natalie Davidson, Ashley Sprague, Kyle Huston, Shea Wilkins-Fleck, Mason May & Lillian Prigge. We've have an extremely busy indoor 2018 season so far. Our Air Rifle Team has qualified for the CMP's Regional Air Rifle Championships this month and expect they will make the cut for the National Air Rifle Match in June. We are looking to send 7 of our athletes to the CMP's National Rifle Matches in July.

Our current roster has 17 active athletes in our rifle program.

We received a new air rifle for 2017 and two new rifles for 2018, plus a bunch 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!

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North Branch Bowmen News

~Dan Deyo & Mike Wright

Now that the indoor archery shooting at the Keene Parks and Recreation department has finished up, and the weather is warming up, we look forward to shooting outdoors. We have much to do outdoors with spring cleanup and maintenance on the range and we're sure to need a few extra people for help. Get in touch with Dan Deyo or Mike Wright if you want to help out or would like more information.

Three local archers traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio for the Indoor NFAA Archery Nationals where nearly 1900 archers competed. Dan Deyo and son Ben in the men's barebow division and Luke Ruel in the young adult male freestyle.

Last summer we had a major renovation to our practice range up in the parking area. We owe a BIG THANK YOU TO LUKE RUEL and congratulations on his Eagle Scout Project completion. If you haven't seen the new layout come up and check it out. We are now able to have one shooting line with fourteen different distances at 5 yard increments!

Although the range is always open to members if you are a non-member or know

someone that shoots and isn't a member yet, our weekly open practice is Tuesday evenings. We typically arrive around 5pm, should you want company to shoot with.

The summer schedule for outdoor shoots looks to be a busy one. That being said, we will be at the range quite often. While we are there the range is open and someone is likely to be there to answer any questions and or help with sighting in. We do have a target fee donation box under the pavilion and any money donated goes back into supplies and new targets.

We will be putting out the 3-D targets towards the end of May and we will need some help to do that, if you have any input

on setting up the courses, feel free to join us.

Most current information lands on the North Branch Bowmen Facebook page, if you would like to be on the mailing list or for more information email Dan Deyo at barebowdan@yahoo.com



Pictured left to right: Ethan Merrill, Kyle Merrill of Manchester, NH; Ben Deyo, Luke Ruel, Dan Deyo, and Dennis Stevens of Epsom, NH at the indoor nationals



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Jr Shooters Rifle Team

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Notes on our active ALUM-NI (shooting, college & military)...Tobin is in his second year at the University of North Georgia shooting NCAA Collegiate Rifle with the UNG Nighthawks. Andrew Solomonides is in his 3rd year at West Point on their Army Black Knights rifle team. Both Tobin and Andrew were again named to the 2018 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 smallbore rifle market. <http://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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Shotgun Corner

~ Chuck Tatham

Early this spring we will have a new piece of equipment for you casual scatter gun shooters. It will be a hand operated, spring powered trap that will be set up next to the upper trap house.

This will allow any member to shoot clay targets on an informal basis at any time without having to wait for the "trap range" to open. This new machine is quite powerful and will throw challeng-

photo by Al Patnode



ing targets. It will also throw doubles!

You will have to provide your own clay targets and ammo. However, these can be purchased at the club. Please be sure not to leave your empties on the ground. Thanks! So, come and try our new trap. It should be available soon.



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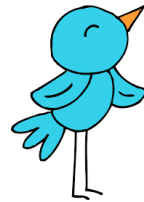
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Ladies Pistol

~ Edith Allyn-Page

The Ladies' Pistol is designed to provide a basic, hands on training with pistols, including revolvers, semi-automatics and more. While this is not a NRA course, it will give experience on the range and handling handguns.

Action Pistol

~ Mark Timney

Action Pistol events will be held on different weekends this season, and there will be some special events throughout the summer for those interested in giving action shooting a try.

Our regular (IDPA-like) matches will be held the third Saturday of the month this year instead of the traditional second Saturday. The dates are April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21 (during "Family Day"), and Aug. 18. There is a conflict in September for the third Saturday. We will hold our match on September 8th.

The weekend change was made to adapt to Pioneer Sportsmen's now scheduling IDPA matches on the second Saturday of the month. Our switch will allow for CCSSEF members to more easily participate in events at both clubs, and hopefully add to the number of competitors at these matches.

Also new this year, Action Pistol will offer opportunities for interested members to try out Steel Challenge-type shooting. A single, steel stage will be set up during various events throughout the summer. You'll be able to stop by with a handgun (no magnums or 10mm!), .22lr rifle or pistol caliber carbine and run through the stage. Watch the website and the next newsletter for more information.

Wednesday night practices will start very soon. Check the website for an official starting date and more info. The practices begin at 4:00 p.m., but even if you can't show up until 6:30 or later you can still get in about an hour or more of shooting. The cost is \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. Instruction is provided at no additional charge.

The Wednesday night practices are a great way to learn and develop competition-type shooting skills which can help you defend

yourself and protect others. You'll get to shoot in a variety of situations under the close supervision of range safety officers. Action Pistol stresses weapon familiarity, target identification ("threats" vs. "non-threats"), rapid engagement of targets, accurate fire, quick reloads, and safe movement with a firearm.



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Family Day & Swap Meet

~Elaine & Arnie Croteau and Jack Commerford

Saturday, July 21st ~
Bring a friend, your spouse, family, or grandchildren to the annual **Family Day** that will be held this year on Saturday, July 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 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, Carbine, 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 chesterfieldelaine@yahoo.com or call 603-903-4070.

Also, a great time to clean out your garage and basement for the annual **Swap Meet** to be held Saturday, July 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 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.

Again, this year, we are welcoming non-members/businesses to join us. 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, July 14th), email chesterfieldelaine@yahoo.com or call 603-903-4070.

RICOCHETS

~ Chuck Tatham

You might as well laugh at yourself. Every else does. ~Unknown.

My uncle was so sick he felt like the underside of a toilet seat.
~Henry Crowell (father of Peter)

Remember to look up at the stars; not down at your feet.
~Stephen Hawken

My husband didn't cause me to vote for Trump. Bill Clinton's wife did.
~Political insider.

He is a fool who makes his doctor his heir. ~Poor Richard

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~Larry Parker Sr.

Cheshire County Shooting Sports Education Foundation appreciates the generosity of the NRA Foundation for their consistent support of our youth shooting program Ferry Brook Junior Rifle Team. Team Captain Evie Proctor and Team Member Shea Wilkins-Fleck are pictured here setting up two of our newest articles obtained through the NRA Foundation's Grant process. The rifle on the left is an Anschütz precision model 1915 Air Rifle. This is the 14th air rifle the NRA Foundation has sponsored for our Team. The rifle on the right is an Anschütz model 1903. The 3rd rifle awarded was an Anschütz 1903 Left Hand model. We also received new jackets and gloves. We have averaged over \$3,000 per year for the past 15 years from the NRA Foundation toward equipment and Team travel. The NRA

Foundation supports firearms safety and marksmanship programs throughout the



nation through Friends of the NRA Banquets.

Our Team competes annually in NRA and Civilian Marksmanship Program Air

Rifle and .22 Rifle competitions.

We will be travelling to Ohio in April to compete in the CMP's 3-Position Air Rifle Regional Championships to qualify for the CMP's National 3-P AR Championships in June. Team members Tobin Sanctuary, Kyle Huston and Joey Wilson have qualified for the National Junior Olympic Championships held at the USA Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs in April.

For information about our Program and how to join, check out our web page at www.ccssef.org/ferry-brook-rifle-team or our FaceBook page.

NRA - Women on Target Clinic

~ Elaine H. Croteau

Save the Date! Sunday, June 17, 2018 is the next instructional clinic. This clinic is for women who have no or limited firearms experience. For further information please see the website at www.ccssef.org. Space is limited to 30 women!



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High Power Rifle Schedule Posted

~ Pete De Santis

Hope everyone has survived the winter ok, and I know you're anxious to get out on the range.

Like last year, the High Power committee has planned an ambitious season. We start with two warm up off hand fun matches at 200 yards, followed by the first of six New Hampshire High Power League matches.

We will host four 600 yard NRA approved prone mid-range matches and the NH State Mid-Range State Championship. Two M-1 Garand matches and a vintage sniper/service rifle match are scheduled. A 50 round and an 80 round National Match Course along with an Excellence In Competition "Rifle Leg Match" will be shot here.

Two Service Rifle clinics and a 600 yard wind read-

ing/prone shooting technique clinic will be held. The 600 yard morning and afternoon prone practices start in May.

Like last year, I plan on being available most Saturday mornings from 10:00 am 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.

We will also be hosting this year's "Mini-Palma" match. This is a one long range/mid-range match between teams from New England and the Canadian Maritime Provinces. This

will be the 41st year of the competition and the first time it will shot on our range. This is my fourth year as the US team captain and several shooters from our club have been on the team.

The dates for all of the high power rifle events are also posted on the main calendar and listed on the High Power web page. Check out these matches. There is something for everyone. Contact the event organizers for details.

Contact me if you have any questions at (603) 721-1985. See you on the range.





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

Come to the Clubhouse on any Saturday between 11 and 1 to have lunch at Beccy-Bob's Grille. Five bucks will buy you a tasty lunch. 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 home page on the web site. Your support of the NRA is important in the preservation of our 2nd Amendment Rights.

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30/30 RAFFLE

~ Peter Crowell, General Manager

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1000 tickets will be sold at \$30 each (excellent odds!). If you win for any given day, your ticket will be put BACK in the bin. So, it is actually possible for you to win ALL thirty guns! Probable? No. BUT, possible.

Tickets will soon be going out to local gun shops and some other retail locations in and around Keene. Check the website to see where and go and "Buy Local".

You can also buy tickets at the range. You can call me (603) 352-8563 and I will sell you one or give you an envelope with tickets you can sell.

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April 7 Defensive Carbine with Onsite  
Firearms Training

April 14 Action Pistol begins

April 15 NH HP Rifle League starts

April 28 Two Person Armed Defense

May 13 Cowboy Long Range Buffalo

May 26 Runenation Functional Pistol  
App 2

June 2 Runenation Functional Carbine  
App 1

June 16 Fundamentals of Armed  
Home Defense

June 17 Women on Target

July 21 Family Day & Swap Meet

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