

The Reluctant Spring

by Peter Crowell, General Manager

This newsletter will arrive a bit late, just as the spring season seems to be a bit slow in coming!

We had a cold and snowy winter season, but there have been shooters here each and every day that I was officially in the office, even on the most chilling days! are getting all manner of fun things lined up for the warmer weather. All of the activities can be found on the calendar. Not all of the details may be in all of the

We hosted the Winter Trap League four times, there have been 22LR matches every other Sunday all winter, our amazingly weather resistant trap shooters were regularly here every Wednesday and Saturday, local law enforcement departments have been training here regularly, and our short range rifle ranges (50 to 200 yards) saw plenty of use. We plow access to the 200 yard target line to keep those folks going.

Today, Sunday April 7th we had the final 22LR pistol shoot and I didn't even need hand and toe warmers! Come on Spring!

After this cold but active winter at The Cheshire County Shooting Sports Education Foundation, we are getting all manner of fun things lined up for the warmer weather. All of the activities can be found on the calendar. Not all of the details may be in all of the events, but that information will be filled in soon.

Look forward to a robust Hi-Power schedule, a full Action Pistol schedule and some refinements in the Women's Shooting League that will make it easier for both new and experienced shooters to progress and improve their skills.

There will be more shotgun shooting with a new enhancement. Some of our dedicated shotgunners are beginning the process of creating a junior program. This will be an AIM (Academics, Integrity, Marksmanship) program where AIM is the official youth program of the American Trap Association. Need information? Call or email me at 603-352-8563/gm@ccssef.org.

We have special events like Live Free or Die, the Republican Shoot, Open House (previously known as Family Day), Women on Target and many others. Watch the website, calendar, and Facebook page for info on everything. Looking for training? Again, call me and get set up with a trainer who best matches your desired level of skill training.

Looking to get more involved? There are so many ways. One more time, call me.

Crank up the reloading, look out for those ammo specials, and maybe even head out to one of our great local gun shops.

See you at the range! Peter

Jr Shooters Rifle Team

~Larry Parker Sr.

We shot our 2019 NRA Junior Sectional events in February and March at Blue Trail Range in Conn, Northfield VT and Hudson NH. 2018 NRA Sectional match results are still available at the link below. Our 2019 4–Position match score was only one point off our 2018 score. Our overall 4-P ranking for this year is 9th. Our 4P Team this year is the same as last year. Evie Proctor, Kyle Huston, Ashley Sprague

and Natalie Davidson.
https://competitions.nra.org/
results-and-records/national-championship-results/
nra-national-indoor-rifle-pistol-championship-results/.

Our plan for 2019 Summer

activities will be the CMP National Matches at Camp Perry in July. We have one person signed up for the CMP Smallbore/Air Rifle Camp and hope to have approximately 6 athletes attending the Championships. We're looking forward to it! It's been our Summer vacation spot since 1984!

Our current indoor roster has only 11 active athletes in our rifle program this season. One of the MAJOR negative aspects of NOT having our own indoor range is when we transition from Saturdays and from Keene we lose several athletes! This year, we went from 27 participants in the fall to 11. The Peterborough Sportsmen's Club has been an outstanding host to our Junior Program. We held our New England Indoor Prone Match in December and had 50 entries

from shooters from NH and MA. Our CMP 3-Position Air Rifle State Championships and POSTAL Matches in January had 12 participants. Our Travel Team competed in the CMP 3P Air Rifle Regional Championships on March 28-30. They finished 9th out of 44 teams to qualify to compete in the National Championships in July. We had 3 athletes qualify for the USA Shooting Junior Olympics in April at the US Olympic

Training Center in Colorado Springs. Ashley Sprague, Lillian Prigge and Kyle Huston.

Here's our 2018 sponsors: The NRA Foundation, Mia Capelli Hair Salon, Dave Swenson, Al Warner, Scott Ryles, the CAR Family and Freedom Hill Gear.

Our 2019 Sponsors

have already started to show their support. Our thanks to; Dave Polonsky, Matt Morgan, Bill Strumski, Kevin Wheeler (Keene Transmission), Lee Sprague, Jay & Allison Davidson and Eversource's match to the Davidson's donation. We appreciate the support of all our sponsors.

PLEASE SUPPORT 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 & entry fees and ammunition, our annual budget is over \$11,000.

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Changing of the Guard

~Elaine H. Croteau

WOMEN ON TARGET

For the past few years I have had the distinct honor to serve as Coordinator for Women on Target. But like many good things my time has come to move on.

It has been a wonderful experience to be a part of these Women on Target clinics that provide an opportunity for women who have never handled or had limited experience with a firearm in the disciplines of shotgun, rifle and pistol.

I want to again express my heart felt gratitude with sincere thanks to each and every one of the 30+ volunteers who I worked alongside as this program is only made possible only by the cooperative efforts, time and expertise of its volunteers.

The clinic will continue under the direction of co-coordinators Patrice Nesbitt and Lascia Hodgkins. The next Women on Target is scheduled for June 16, 2019. Please watch the website www.ccssef.org for further details.

FAMILY DAY

I also had the privledge to coordinate Family Fun Day in 2018. This event is being changed to an OPEN HOUSE. The new coordinator(s) along with details of this great day will be made available on the website as they become secured.

EDITOR IN CHIEF

The range is also looking for someone to take over the Editor in Chief for this quarterly newsletter. If you may be interested, please contact Peter Crowell at gm@ccssef.org.

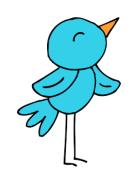


Jr Shooters Rifle Team

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Notes on our active ALUM-NI (shooting, college & military)...Tobin is in his Junior year at the University of North Georgia shooting with the UNG Nighthawks. Andrew Solomonides is a senior at West Point on their Army Black Knights rifle team. Lt Joe Bogar is with the 4th Infantry at Ft Carson, CO. Tom Csenge has moved to Virginia to work

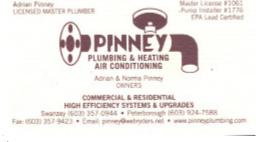
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Shotgun Corner

This unwritten Shotgun Corner is dedicated to Chuck Tatham. Thank you for the laughs, stories and your unparalled zest for life. Rest in peace my friend!

photo by Al Patnode





Winter Adult Smallbore 4-Position Rifle League

~ Larry Parker, Sr.

If you're interested in the Friday night adult 4-Position smallbore rifle league for this winter, we have a couple of target rifles with scopes that can be signed out to members. Their 2019-20 season will start in December. Contact Larry Parker Sr or Neil Jeneral for details about Smallbore rifle shooting. smallbore@ccfandg.org or 600yard@ccfandg.org



CCSSEF Annual 30/30 Gun Raffle

This is your chance to win a gun or theoretically ALL 30 OF THEM! Tickets are now available for \$30 each with a maximum of 1000 tickets. One ticket will be drawn each day during the month of June and that ticket will be put back in, you have a chance to win more than once! Winners will be announced daily in June and will be posted on the clubhouse and here on the website. Tickets will be available to purchase during regular office hours and Saturdays from 10 am. to 1 pm. All guns will be available through Monadnock Firearms LLC.

June 1st. - 30th

1st. – Ruger 10/22 .22lr.

2nd. – Remington 870 Tac. 12 Gauge.

3rd. – Ruger 22/45 .22lr.

4th. – Remington 700 .308.

5th. – Savage Axis .270 With Scope.

6th. - Glock 48 9mm.

7th. – Mossberg 590 Shockwave 12 Gauge.

8th. - Smith & Wesson M&P Shield .380 EZ.

9th. – Savage Mark II .22lr.

10th. - Heritage Rough Rider Revolver .22lr.

11th. – Taurus G2C 9mm.

12th. - GSG 1911 .22lr.

13th. - Glock 19X 9mm.

14th. - Taurus 605 Revolver .357 Magnum.

15th. - Ruger SR1911 .45ACP.

16th. - Sig Sauer P320 Compact 9mm.

17th. – Remington 870 Pump 21" 12 Gauge.

18th. - AR556 .223/5.56

19th. - Charter Arms Revolver .38 Special.

20th. - Marlin 336 Lever Action 30-30.

21st. - DB15 AR Pistol .223/5.56.

22nd. - SCCY CPX-1 9mm.

23rd. - Glock 43X 9mm.

24th. - Savage 110 24" 6.5 Creedmoor.

25th. – Ruger LCR Revolver .38 Special.

26th. – Sig Sauer M17 9mm.

27th. - Sig sauer P365 9mm.

28th. – Bergara 6.5 Creedmoor.

29th. – Ruger Alaskan .454 Casull.

30th. – Browning Hells Canyon 6.5 Creedmoor.

The Ferry Brook Range and Land Stewardship

~Dan Madden

Not that long ago, the NH Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) and Trout Unlimited (TU) worked with us at your range to reintroduce instream wood to Ferry Brook to improve Brook Trout Habitat.

Why in the world would we add wood to our little portion of Ferry Brook? It turns out that wood in streams benefits fish populations by creating deeper pools and a diversity of habitats which sustain Brook Trout during our hot summer months and long winters. Cascades and riffles are formed as the stream

flows over logs. This increases the oxygen content for the fish and creates gravel bars for spawning.

Logs and brush provide escape cover by collecting leaves and twigs. This organic matter feeds insects and invertebrates, creating a grocery store for Brook Trout. Brook Trout are the only native stream dwelling trout species in New Hampshire. The population and range of Brook Trout have declined significantly in recent years. This, in part, is due to the loss of these instream wood stream habitat features and results in the creation of isolated populations of wild Brook Trout. These isolated fish are more apt to perish and the instream wood program helps counter that problem by creating the conditions noted above giving the fish more opportunity to move around, feed, and spawn.

Logging regulations and certain flood prevention activities can adversely affect the natural creation of instream wood. Is the use of instream wood counter to these flood management practices? No. The instream structures collect sediment and slow water velocity. They create pools that reconnect the stream with it natural floodplain in undeveloped forestland. This allows the natural forest to hold back water mitigating downstream flooding.

A crew of staff and volunteers from the range armed with chain-

saws undertook this stewardship activity under the guidance of the NCRS and TU personnel. Hard work yields happy trout. Thanks to all who participated.



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Action Pistol

~ Walt Lewandowski

With the warming weather comes the familiar sights, sounds and smells of spring. There are the creaking hinges of the gun safes, the smell of CLP and the sounds of bore brushes undoing the damage of a winter of neglect.

The sound of handloading presses, racking slides, closing bolts and the zippers of he range bags break the silence.

Slowly they show up at the range. Targets are placed, firearms are loaded and the first hesitant trigger pull of the season results in the expected bang.

But, no hole in the target! Must be the sights. Bad ammo, yeah, that's it. Maybe the wind. Windage at 7 yards can be brutal!

It is normal to lose that muscle memory from the past fall. Sure, there are things you can do during the winter. Dry firing, maybe some indoor range time but like you, I find it hard to get into that routine.

So, we begin again in the spring, relearning past skills and

A bit over a year ago, I started as the General Manager of your range. For years I had been a pretty passive member, mostly coming at odd hours to train for my USPSA shooting activities. Every now and then I would come by for some, for me, less serious shooting at my second favorite shooting sport, Trap.

It was on the upper trap field that I first met Chuck Tatham.

building on them.

Action Pistol has begun again and the effects of that pesky 7 yard 'windage' has reared its head! Really, I missed that shot?

We started our regular Wednesday afternoon practice sessions and as usual, I set up a demonstration stage to show the new shooters what IDPA style competition is all about.

We also 'run the stage' to hone our skills and point out where we need work. Or, you can just watch. Hmmm, that stage may even show up in the next match....

I don't expect everyone to become a competitive shooter but rather expose them to a different way of training. You will become more comfortable with your firearm and with that comes added safety.

From time to time, we will do some drills. The more advanced shooters share their tips and we all learn from each other.

Lonely

~ Peter Crowell

He was clearly the grand poo bah of the club's trap activities. That position seemed well deserved as he was very welcoming to a new shooter, me, and was always there to help.

After starting as your GM in January of last year, I got to know Chuck much better as he dropped by my office pretty much every day that I was there.

You will learn at your own pace in a very informal, non-competitive atmosphere. Safety is of course paramount and you will learn techniques designed to instill confidence in your abilities.

Stop by Wednesday afternoon-evening after work. You can show up anytime and not worry about having missed anything. We end when it gets dark. This is not a group skills thing but rather individual training.

Bring ammo and a good attitude. No special gear is needed other than a good holster, ear and eye protection.

As you progress and decide to try your hand at an Action Pistol stage, extra magazines and a mag pouch will be needed.

Our first match is Saturday, April 13th. Sign-up is at 7:30 AM. Come by and watch.

He would have a cup of coffee in hand, a smile on his face, and something nice to say. As the months of 2018 came and went, we became good friends. He was always supportive and cheerful and full of years of knowledge about the range.

He's gone and I miss him... a lot.

North Branch Bowmen

~ Dan Deyo

With our winter youth archery program coming to a close its time for the snow to be gone at the outdoor range and things to warm up.

We will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings for open practice and the range will be open for those interested in joining us. If you're looking for some pointers, help with your equipment tuning or just some company to shoot with there is usually someone there to help. Everyone is welcome when we are there members as well as non members. Your target fees throughout the summer help us to make repairs and purchase new targets as needed, thank you for continuing to help here.

As for the summer schedule, Saturday June 15th Field Round, Sunday July 7th Hunter Round & 30 Target 3D Round.

North Branch Bowmen will host the NH Bowmen state championship this summer on August 17th and 18th archers can shoot either day or both days and take their high score from either.

Again all archers are welcome at our tournaments however to qualify for State championship award you must be a current NFAA member. For more information about field archery go to www.nfaausa.com

Once again, as the season progresses broadheads are NOT allowed on any of our

targets. The targets are not designed to stop hunting points and should they break inside the targets could cause serious injuries to anyone repairing or working on targets.

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North Branch Bowmen

Hope you all have a great summer and hope to see you at the range.

~ Dan Deyo Barebowdan@yahoo.com

Winchester Rifle Range OPEN Shooting for CCSSEF Members

~ Larry Parker, Sr.

Contact the CCSSEF General Manager for details on what night we will have a Range Safety Officer at the ELMM Community Center Rifle Range for OPEN .22 Rifle and Pistol shooting. The Range is open Tuesday nights form 6-8pm through April 23rd. It is open for members to shoot indoors at no cost. Just bring your 22 firearms, ammunition and maybe some targets.



Ryan Goodell With Better Homes And Gardens, The Masiello Group

~ Lori Cook



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Whether buying or selling residential, commercial, or investment property, it's nice to know that you have a Realtor to help you simplify and navigate through the entire process – someone like Ryan Goodell of Better Homes and Gardens, The Masiello Group, on Island Street in Keene.

Ryan has been in the industry for over 14 years – working with first-time buyers, helping seniors downsize or sell their homes, and finding homes for people moving into the Monadnock Region from another state. His experience and exceptional customer service are what make him stand out as the professional to help each client through their real estate journey. He takes the time that is necessary for his clients'

individual needs so that every real estate transaction is not only successful, but a positive experience.

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"Ryan Goodell was a pleasure to work with; he has excellent timely communication skills and strong negotiating skills. I would definitely use him again to buy or sell a property," says Natalie Mc-Donald of Stoddard. "Ryan's work as our realtor exceeded my expectations," says another client, Roger Weinreich of Keene.

Ryan has all the best traits that a realtor needs: self-motivation, honesty and integrity, attention to detail, an understanding of the local market, and a vast network connection. Although he has won many awards in the real estate industry over the years, what pleases him the most are the people whom he has the opportunity to help during one of their most important – and sometimes emotional – times in their lives.

"I really love coming to work every day," he adds. "Every person behind each transaction has a unique story. I get to help people with one of the largest financial decisions they will ever make. It is extremely important to make sure my clients have best information to make a sound business decision. I am also grateful to work with such a talented group of professionals at The Masiello Group."

Like most industries, the real estate industry changes and the needed continuing education for agents and brokers is ongoing. Ryan is one to further his real estate knowledge whenever possible. Ryan is a Member of the National Association of Realtors, NH Association of Realtors, Monadnock Region Board of Realtors, as well as the NH Commercial Investment Board of Realtors and The Masiello Group Commercial Associates.

Ryan was born and raised in the Keene area and has three grown children. He has called the Cheshire County Fish & Game Club his home for shooting sports since the early 1990s, and he is interested in all disciplines of shooting including trap. For more details or to use Ryan's services, call 603-313-7541 or email ryangoodell@masiello.com.



Patrice & Jeff's Bistro

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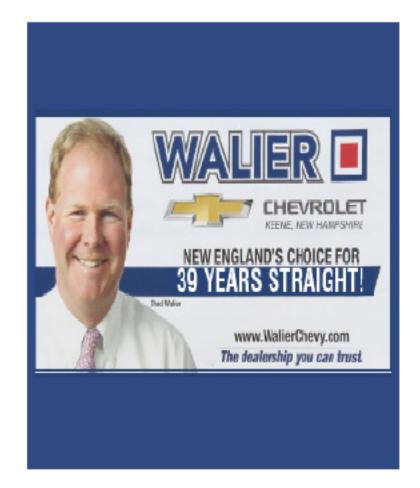


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For further details, contact me at the Club at 352-8563 or by email at; gm@ccfandg.org.

Thank you for your support of all Shooting Sports, General Manager





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 - May 4 Intuitive Defensive Shooting Runenation Course
 - May 12 Cowboy Long Range Shoot Chuck Tatham Open Memorial Shoot
 - June 16 Women on Target Runenation Course

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