



June, 2019 Volume I

From the Editor

WELCOME to the first issue of the new **FERRY BROOK RANGE NEWSLETTER**. We hope to provide our Range members with timely news, calendar events, and useful information each month. Yes, each and every month we plan to publish, even if it is small, so that the members and public can be informed about what is going on. It will include calendar information contact information for the people heading up matches, BOD, various disciplines, training opportunities, all in a timely manner. Naturally, we will need to have submissions early enough to be included. Perhaps you will have something that would interest our readers: event or match information; how to learn more about and get involved in various disciplines or activities; a new reloading technique; Class information— this is the place to get people involved with our shooting community. We would love to have you write something up even if it is a couple of paragraphs and these would be due by the 21st of each month. Anything after that may be included if there is room and time otherwise, if appropriate, it will go into the next month's issue. Let's keep the community informed about what is happening both on the range and in the lives of our members.

THE FERRY BROOK RANGE NEWSLETTER is supported by advertisers, so we ask you to please patronize these local businesses—many of them are club-member owned and run. They help keep the newsletters coming your way each month and sponsor our programs.

Are you interested in how we chose the name **FERRY BROOK RANGE NEWSLETTER**? Please read the short editorial by our General Manager, Peter Crowell below.

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What is in a name?

by Peter Crowell

We are the **CHESHIRE COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.** The change in our legal name from the Cheshire County Fish and Game Club was made in 2010.

One of the concerns that we face at the range is name recognition. The fish and game name was pretty well known but it and the new name are a mouthful. Many years ago, as you can see from the sign on the right hand side of the entrance, we were known as the Ferry Brook Range. Why? You guessed it, the Ferry Brook runs through the property.

Historically, there appear to have been many names including the Keene Rifle Club and affiliation with a YMCA rifle team. At some point, I would really like to entice one of you, our faithful readers, who has a penchant for and interest in historic research, to come up to the office and scour through old documents and relics to put together a time line and to flesh out the events that helped the range evolve to what it is today.

Today, we are multi-disciplined: rifle, long range rifle, pistol, competitive pistol, black powder both modern, old, and replica, cowboy long range, safari rifles (really big bore guns), tactical rifle and pistol, trap and five stand in shotgun, and a complete year-round archery program.



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JUNE 2019 — EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday, June 1

RSO Bob Bergevin

Women's Shooting League

8:30 AM to 2 PM contact Sharon at wsl@ccsfe.org for more information or to reserve your spot.

10 AM Open Trap & 5 Stand Sporting Clays

Trap practice open to the public

Sunday, June 2

RSO John Willbarger

600 Yd NRA Match—Mini Palma Tryout 9AM – 3PM

Tuesday, June 4

LE/MIL Restricted Rifle Course

8 AM – 5 PM; Carbine bay

Junior Rifle Gold & Silver

4 to 7 PM

BOD/Range Operations

6:30 to 8 PM

Wednesday, June 5

LE/MIL Restricted Rifle Course

8 AM – 5 PM; Carbine bay

Open Trap

Noon open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice

3:30 to 7:30 PM

Walt (603) 499-0057

Thursday, June 6

High-power 600 yd Practice

8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM

RANGE OPEN TO ALL SHOOTERS

12 TO 4 PM

Saturday, June 8

RSO Edith Allyn-Page

10 AM Open Trap & 5 Stand Sporting Clays

Trap practice open to the public.

Garand Match "B" 200 Yds 8 AM

Sunday, June 9

RSO Dan Shepardson

600 Yd NRA Match - Mini Palma Tryout 9AM – 3PM

NHHP LEAGUE MATCH #4 8 AM

Tuesday, June 11

LE/MIL Restricted Rifle Course

8 AM – 5 PM; Carbine bay

Junior Rifle Gold & Silver

4 to 7 PM.

Wednesday, June 12

Open Trap

Noon open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice

3:30 to 7:30 PM

Walt (603) 499-0057

Thursday, June 13

High-power 600 yd Practice

8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM

RANGE OPEN TO ALL SHOOTERS

12 TO 4 PM

Saturday, June 15

RSO Ron Avery

Action Pistol Match

7:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Runenation

9 AM to 5 PM

10 AM Open Trap & 5 Stand Sporting Clays

Trap practice open to the public

Sunday, June 16

RSO Chris Reynolds

Women On Target

8:30 AM to 1 PM

Runenation

9 AM to 5 PM

Tuesday, June 18

Junior Rifle Gold & Silver

4 to 7 PM

Wednesday, June 19

Open Trap

Noon open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice

3:30 to 7:30 PM

Walt (603) 499-0057

Thursday, June 20

High-power 600 yard Practice

8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM

RANGE OPEN TO ALL SHOOTERS

12 TO 4 PM

Saturday, June 22

RSO Konrad Sytko

10 AM Open Trap & 5 Stand Sporting Clays

Trap practice open to the public

Sunday, June 23

RSO Jenifer Marchesi

80 round NRA Approved (or Sniper Match)

Tuesday, June 25

Junior Rifle Gold & Silver

4 to 7 PM

Wednesday, June 26

Open Trap

Noon open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice

3:30 to 7:30 PM

Walt (603) 499-0057

Thursday, June 27

High-power 600 yd Practice

8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM

RANGE OPEN TO ALL SHOOTERS

12 TO 4 PM

Saturday, June 29

RSO Dan Shepardson

Runenation

9 AM to 5 PM

Open Trap & 5 Stand Sporting Clays

10 AM Trap practice open to the public.

Robinson Match

8 AM TO 2 PM

Sunday, June 30

RSO Gary Lafrenier

600 Yd NRA Match - Mini Palma Tryout 9AM – 3PM

Tuesday, July 2

Junior Rifle Gold & Silver

4 to 7 PM

BOD/Range Operations

6:30 to 8 PM

Wednesday, July 3

Open Trap

Noon open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice

3:30 to 7:30 PM

Walt (603) 499-0057

Thursday, July 4

High-power 600 yd Practice

8 AM to noon & 4 to 9 PM

RANGE OPEN TO ALL SHOOTERS

12 TO 4 PM

Saturday, July 6

RSO Jenifer Marchesi

Women's Shooting League

8:30 AM to 2 PM contact Sharon at wsl@ccsfe.org for more information or to reserve your spot.

10 AM Open Trap & 5 Stand Sporting Clays

Trap practice open to the public

Sunday, July 14

600 yard Wind Reading Clinic 9 AM

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Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
10 AM to 3 PM

Clubhouse Café

Saturdays 8 AM to 1 PM
Breakfast & Lunch. *Come on by and get to know fellow shooters. We serve gluten-free homecooked breakfast and lunches all for reasonable prices.*

Good conversation is free.

Membership

Saturdays 10 AM to 1 PM at the Clubhouse

EVENT NEWS

2019 Mini-Palma Match June 2 and 30, 2019 Tryouts and Team Selection

by Pete DeSantis

This year's Mini-Palma Match and the Canadian's Atlantic Championship will be held on Prince Edward Island over the Labor Day Weekend. We have been invited to shoot in their championship on August 31st and September 1st. This will be open to all team and non-team members. The banquet will be held on September 1st and the Mini-Palma Match will be shot on the 2nd. We did this in Nova Scotia in 2015 and it worked out great. We got a lot more shooting in and got a handle on the range. For those of you who have not shot in Canada, it's a great experience. You'll need about 150 rounds for the Atlantic Championship and (for a small fee) you may attend the banquet. I'll post more detailed information soon.

There will be two tryouts for the Mini-Palma team this year. I want to get the team selection process over early this year to avoid conflicts with other events. The tryouts will be held in Keene on June 2nd and June 30th. Each tryout will consist of three 20 round 600 yard matches. The team consists of 6 sling/iron sight shooters and 4 F/TR shooters. Permissible calibers are .308 and .223/5.56mm. A bullet weight of no more than 156 grains for .308 sling shooter is required but no required bullet weight for others. These are the Mini-Palma and Canadian rules.

In 2018, we had two tryout matches, I had to find a way to compare them fairly. While we had fair weather both days, the wind conditions were quite different, so using pure scores would be unfair. I decided to assign a numerical value based on your placement in the match. I eliminated the competitors not trying out for the team.

Twenty points were awarded for first place, nineteen points for second, and so on.

However, a competitor might make the team with a higher placement but lower score than someone with a lower placement and higher score from the other match because of the number of competitors in each match. I had to stay with one method i.e. numerical ranking throughout the selection process. This method has been used in the past for our team selection, and while not perfect it works better than most other methods. This is about as fair as I can make it.

Competitors shooting both matches got the benefit of using their highest placement. The

only time a score was employed was when competitors had the same placement. Then the high score prevails.

I will post the results and team selection as soon after the June 30th match as possible. Don't wait to get your passport — do it now. If you don't make the team you can still shoot.

600-Yard High-Power Rifle Wind Reading Clinic July 14, 2019, 9 AM

The High Power rifle season will soon be in full swing. I have been asked several times about putting on another wind reading clinic, so I'm planning a clinic on July 14th. The start time will be 9 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.

Firstly, we will spend about an hour discussing prone shooting. Topics to 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 mid-range and long range shooting. Make the wind your friend.

I am also hoping to have help from a couple of F/TR High Master shooters to discuss and demonstrate F/Class shooting techniques. This should be great high level information for all of the F/Class shooters. 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 (elevation and no wind "0") and about 50 rounds of ammo—target quality if possible (69 grain or heavier bullet for .223/5.56), Spotting scope if you have one (I will have a few extras available), Which ever shooting gear you feel comfortable with (bi-pod, rear bag, shooting mat, etc.) and most importantly lunch. I have a couple of loaner rifles for those without equipment. I can also provide match grade ammo (.308) for \$10.00 per box of 20 rounds.

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 9:00 AM till noon or 4:00 pm till finished. The fee for the clinic this year is \$20.00. The cost of printing (the handout booklet is now almost 100 pages) and range supplies is up again.

**Let me know in advance if you need a rifle and ammo.*

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.

Action Pistol

by Walt Lewandowski

People own firearms for various reasons. Collecting, hunting, competition and of course self defense. They own rifles, shotguns and pistols. Firearm owners represent all ages, from those introduced in rifle clubs in schools and local clubs to seasoned shooters and everyone in between.

I see all manner of folks at the range, hanging targets anywhere between 10 yards and 600 yards. The sport has something for everyone. From long range high power rifle to defensive handgun to casual target shooting.

What most seem to have in common is that they all have taken time to learn the fundamentals, safety and respect. Whether you like to punch holes in paper at long ranges or plan to carry a firearm, you need to know how to safely handle and respect it.

Ferry Brook Range and other ranges in the area offer a variety of courses designed to teach you the basics of firearm handling be it hunter safety or personal protection. More advanced training is offered to those who want to try their hand at competition. The High-power League and IDPA (International Defensive Pistol Association) style shooting are just two.

If you plan on carrying a pistol for self defense, you are doing yourself a huge injustice if you think just firing at stationary targets will make you proficient. It will not. Courses like *Personal Protection Inside the Home* will reveal that gun ownership is more than pointing it at a target. There are psychological factors to consider as well as the legal and personal aspects.

Rifle, shotgun or pistol? It doesn't matter. Handling them safely must be second nature. Resolving a malfunction under pressure (the timer in competition or a real life confrontation) and total awareness of your surroundings are skills learned only by practice.

CCSSEF has many programs tailored to your interests. For handguns we have the Action Pistol program. Here you are exposed to situations where the targets move! Sometimes they move then hide and sometimes you are also moving. The point is that in real life the 'bad guy' doesn't stand there with a target on their chest.

THE CHUCK TATHAM MEMORIAL SHOOT

BY DAN MADDEN

The First Annual "Chuck Shoot" was held at the Ferry Brook Range on May 12th, 2019.

Chuck was a true friend and benefactor of CCSSEF. His endless time and effort spent at our club was the backbone of the shotgun programs. We all will miss him and our respect for him will never wane.

We had a good turn out being that it was Mother's Day. Edie Page was the Singles Champion and received the First Annual Trophy. All in attendance had a great time and we raised hundreds of dollars together with other donations so that we may do some work on Chuck and Sandy's Trap Hut. We want to do some renovations and when done, will dedicate the building in Chuck's name.

A BIG thanks goes out to Sandy and her family for attending and helping to make this Event special.



Chuck Tatham Memorial Shoot Trophy

FERRY BROOK LAND STEWARDSHIP

BY DAN MADDEN

CCSSEG has a long history of being a great steward of our property. The forest management plan that we have followed has been the outline for this stewardship. This year that 10-year plan is being renewed. With the help of Baystate Forestry and the NRCS, that plan should be in our hands within the next few weeks.

In the past, our forest management plan has led us to manage our timber properly, enhance the wildlife habitat for our woodcock, song birds, whitetail deer, and the brook trout we will soon have in our part of Ferry Brook.

The NRCS will aide us in the funding of this effort, though a grant proram. They have been very helpful in the funding of many of the projects here at CCSSEF—including possibly the dam removal.

Wayne Young, our forester, and his associates at Baystate will give us guidelines as to the best management practices to ensure that our forest and lands will continue to thrive. Our wildlife, forest, soil, air and waters will benefit. Our enjoyment of doing the right thing by our property will continue and by example, we will lead the community.



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Our education opportunities range from complete beginners in each of the disciplines up to training at the national level. We are a training facility for many of our regional law enforcement organizations, all members of our communities who serve our communities.

All of this brought us to a challenge. How do we encapsulate all of this in a name that is memorable (think short) and that can be associated with all of the great things we do here. Then the answer jumped off that old sign at the gate, Ferry Brook Range.

The Board of Directors agreed. We are still the CHESHIRE COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. but, we operate all our great activities at FERRY BROOK RANGE.



Annie Oakley

I would like to see every woman know how to handle guns as naturally as they know how to handle babies.

Even in the best and most peacefully civilized countries many occasions arise when a woman versed in the knowledge and use of firearms may find that information and skill of great importance.

Aim for the high mark and you will hit it. No, not the first time, not the second time and maybe not the third. But keep on aiming and keep on shooting for only practice will make you perfect. Finally you'll hit the bull's-eye of success.

Any woman who does not thoroughly enjoy tramping across the country on a clear frosty morning with a good gun and a pair of dogs does not know how to enjoy life.

God intended women to be outside as well as men, and they do not know what they are missing when they stay cooped up in the house.

My mother... was perfectly horrified when I began shooting and tried to keep me in school, but I would run away and go quail shooting in the woods or trim my dresses with wreaths of wildflowers.

I ain't afraid to love a man. I ain't afraid to shoot him either.

FERRY BROOK JUNIOR SHOOTERS

by Evelyn Proctor

THE FERRY BROOK SHOOTERS have had another great year thanks in large part to the continued support of Ferry Brook Range. Our yearly banquet was wonderful with shooters of all levels being recognized. There was only one person graduating this year—Evie Proctor will be going to college next year having won the CMP Youth Scholarship Award! The Civilian Marksmanship Program awards several scholarships each year to graduating seniors. This award is based on a strong shooting background, documented by several years of competition scores, academic success, and community involvement and service. Thank you to the coaches that make this program such a success.



Ashley and Lee Sprague



Evie Proctor, Kyle Hudson, Ashley Sprague and Shay Wilkins-Fleck



The Girls of Ferry Brook are Lillian Prigge, Evie Proctor, Ashley Sprague, Nathalie Davidson and Shay Wilkins-Fleck

The 2019 Spring CMP Prone Match yielded great results with several team members coming in with high scores, Shea Wilkins-Fleck, Natalie Davidson, Lilian Prigge, Evie Proctor and Isabel Prigge were in the top ten. The team will finish out the season by traveling to Camp Perry in Ohio this summer. There they will compete in the Civilian Marksmanship Program Smallbore Competition. Shooters have an opportunity to shoot in a wide variety of matches at Camp Perry and younger athletes have traditionally had the opportunity to go to camp there to increase their skills.

AIM4NH



by Edie Allyn-Page

AIM4NH is a brand new organization in New Hampshire, falling under the umbrella of the Amateur Trapshooting Association and serving junior shooters aged 12-22. New Hampshire is the 44th state organization, including those in Canada.

On May 18, AIM4NH held our first Shoot4AIM event, offering shooters the opportunity to compete against each other in singles and handicaps to benefit the organization. Shooters also competed in doubles and medallions were awarded to the winners.

The event was held at Ferry Brook Range with the support of Dan Madden, President of NH Amateur Trapshooting Association.

The youth are coached by Mike Blaisdell, Ken Smith and Edie Allyn-Page.



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You will learn the safe way to draw from a holster, reload your firearm while moving and learn how to recognize threats as well as effective use of cover. We do drills designed to develop your muscle memory as well as teach some skills difficult to learn elsewhere.

This program is relaxed and non-competitive and you work at your own pace. It is you against you, not another shooter. You can gauge your progress each week and see the areas you need to work on.

Wednesday night practice consists of warm up targets, sometimes a drill where others share their tips as well as a practice 'stage' where you can get a taste of an actual competition if you wish.

I'll share more information on Action Pistol next month but if interested, stop by the range on Wednesday nights, 4 PM until dusk and just watch. Check out our web site for information on Action Pistol and all other activities

Business Spotlight!



Meet Monadnock Firearms! We are a federally licensed firearm dealer located at 661 NH Route 119 in beautiful Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire. Established in June of 2017, the Jones' decided to take Rob's passion for firearms and begin a new adventure.

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(This clinic is currently filled and we are starting a list for the next clinic. If you would like to be added to a waiting list for a future clinic, please let us know of your interest and we will contact you first with our next scheduled class.)

Agenda: 8:30 to 9:00 AM – Sign in, Coffee & Refreshments
9:00 to 9:45 AM – Classroom instruction
9:45 to 12 noon – Range Instruction (Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun)
12 noon – Lunch and wrap up.

Cost: \$50.00 (pre-registration required). Cost includes use of firearms, targets, ammunition and Lunch.

Rain or shine! Dress appropriately for the weather. No sandals or low cut shirts.
Free goodie SWAG bags for first 30 registrants. Door prizes! And lots of fun for all!

Contact: **Patrice Nesbitt** (603) 499-3074 or via email chestnutmare@myfairpoint.net
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Please no calls after 7 PM

Special Clinic Promotion! Your WOT clinic fee of \$50 will be applied to a Ferry Brook Range membership should you join before or the day of your clinic! This results in a substantial savings to you and affords you access to further training and a place to practice your new skills.



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