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From the Editor

AUGUST is already upon us and many of us are winding up summer vacations, getting kids ready to go back to school, and before you know it, it will be autumn and the heat of summer will be but a memory. But, hold that thought, we are still enjoying the summertime and so that is our focus in this issue. With lots of activities planned at the Range, let's explore some of the things we have available. The calendar on page 2 is a great place to quickly find a class to help you become a better shooter or enter a match to test your skills.

And don't forget, our **OPEN HOUSE** on August 10th which is a family friendly event with activities planned for all ages, young and old. Don't let our expansive 165 acre campus keep you away from the fun, we have the "mule" to transport you clear across the Range to any activity, should you need help getting there. For a better idea of some of the fun activities we plan, see page 7. And bring a friend. We hope to introduce the Range to non-members—so spread the word.

We plan to have some vendors to sell their wares, swap meet tables for people to sell their old stuff (time to clean out that old box of holsters, gun parts, etc.) and get something you need (or want).

Dan Shepardson has an FFL and is offering free transfers for all firearms purchased at the **OPEN HOUSE**.

Please let me know if you want your own table or would prefer to join a group table. Tables will be set up in the parking lot outside the Clubhouse. Food will also be available for lunch.

We have some special goals in mind for this event as well. We are going to have a **SILENT AUCTION** where we will try to raise

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Aerial photo of Ferry Brook Range looking from the 600 yard targets toward the Clubhouse.

AUGUST 2019 — EVENT CALENDAR

Thursday, August 1

High-power 600 yd Practice

8 AM to noon & 4 PM to 9 PM

RANGE OPEN TO ALL

NOON – 4 PM

Saturday, August 3

RSO Ron Hitchings

Membership Jeff Nesbitt

Women's Shooting League

8:30 AM – 2 PM contact Sharon

at wsl@ccsfe.org for more

information

Women's Intro to Defensive Handgun

9 AM – 4 PM Chris Sullivan

603-209-4095

Open Trap & 5 Stand

10 AM practice open to the public

Junior Trap Practice 2 PM

Sunday, August 4

RSO

High Power-Sniper Match

8 AM – 3 PM

Range opens at noon

Tuesday, August 6

BOD Meeting 6:30–8:30

Wednesday, August 7

Open Trap

Noon — open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice

3:30 to 7:30 PM

Junior Trap Practice 6 PM

Thursday, August 8

High-power 600 yd Practice

8 AM – noon & 4 – 8 PM

Range open to all shooters

12 TO 4 PM

Range clean up

12 – 4 PM

Volunteers needed to clean

Clubhouse, mow, weed and

weedwhack grounds; paint and

make repairs as needed. See

Jack Commerford

Friday, August 9

Volunteers needed to clean

Clubhouse mow, weed and

weedwhack grounds; paint and

make repairs as needed. Set up

for OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, August 10

RSO All

Membership Bill Stearns

OPEN HOUSE Open to

members and their families and

the general public. Watch or

participate in a shooting activity

that is new to you. Raffle and

Silent auction plus tables to sell.

FFL will be on the premises.

Contact Patrice Nesbitt

chestnutmare@myfairpoint.net

603 499-3074

Sunday, August 11

RSO Pete DeSantis

600 yard Match

9 AM – 3 PM

Pete DeSantis 603 352-7720

Wednesday, August 14

Open Trap

Noon open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice

3:30 – 7:30 PM

Walt (603) 499-0057

Junior Trap Practice

6 PM

Thursday, August 15

High-power 600 yd Practice

8 AM – noon & 4 – 9 PM

Range open to all shooters

12 TO 4 PM

Saturday, August 17

RSO Terence Fogg

Membership Marilyn Huston

7:30 AM **Action Pistol Match**

10 AM **Open Trap &**

5 Stand Sporting Clays

Trap practice open to the public

Sunday, August 18

RSO Peter Crowell

Safari Shoot 9 AM – 1 PM

Wednesday, August 21

Open Trap

Noon open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice

3:30 – 7:30 PM

Junior Trap Practice 6 PM

Thursday, August 22

High-power 600 yd Practice

8 AM – noon & 4 – 9 PM

Range open to all shooters

12 – 4 PM

Saturday, August 24

RSO Gary Lafrenier

Membership Conrad Sytko

Everyday Pistol

Brian Sayers Carbine bay

9 AM – 4 PM 2-DAY

Open Trap & 5 Stand

10 AM open to the public.

Junior Trap Practice 2 PM

Sunday, August 25

Everyday Pistol

Brian Sayers Carbine bay

9 AM – 4 PM 2-DAY

Tuesday, August 27

Junior Rifle Gold & Silver

4 – 7 PM

Wednesday, August 28

Open Trap

Noon open to the public.

Action Pistol Practice

3:30 – 7:30 PM

Junior Trap Practice 6 PM

Thursday, August 29

High-power 600 yd Practice

8 AM – noon & 4 – 9 PM

Range open to all shooters

12 – 4 PM

Saturday, August 31

RSO Walt Lewandowski

Membership Jeff Nesbitt

Open Trap & 5 Stand

10 AM practice open to the public

Junior Trap Practice 2 PM

Saturday, September 7

Junior Rifle Team Sign Up

8:30 AM at the 100 Yard

Rimfire Range

Saturday, September 14

RSO ALL

Live Free or Die ALL-DAY

Tickets contact Robin Oake

October 9

Annual General Member- ship Meeting Elks Lodge in

Keene 6:30 PM RSVP

October 27

Women On Target

8 AM – NOON

Preregistration required

General Manager

Peter Crowell 603-352-8563

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Hours

Monday, Wednesday and

Friday

10 AM – 3 PM

Clubhouse Café

Saturdays 8 AM – 1 PM

Breakfast & Lunch. Come

on by and get to know fellow

shooters. We serve gluten-free,

homecooked breakfast and lunch

Good conversation is free.

Membership

Saturdays 10 AM – 1 PM

at the Clubhouse

EVENT NEWS

Upcoming Courses at Ferry Brook Range

Women's Intro to Defensive Handgun

August 3rd 9 AM to 1 PM

Introduction to Defensive Handgun is an entry level defensive pistol course for the student who wishes to learn the Concepts and Fundamentals of defensive shooting and handgun manipulation.

What You Will Learn:

- Safety as a concept
- *How to choose the best defensive handgun*
- The Plausibility Principle and how it dictates our training
- Skill development cycle
- How target shooting differs from defensive accuracy
- Multiple defensive shooting drills to increase your efficiency with your defensive firearm
- How to use the body's natural reaction during a Dynamic Critical Incident.

Course fee is \$75

Chris Sullivan 603 209-4095

Everyday Pistol

August 24 & 25 9AM TO 4PM

Brian A. Sayers

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Junior Rifle Team Sign Up

Junior Rifle Team Sign up for the 2019-2020 season will be on Saturday September 7th at 8:30 AM at the 100 Yard Rimfire Range at Ferry Brook Range in Keene. The program is open to girls and boys between the ages of 10 and 19.

Details about the Junior Team can be found on the website at:

www.ccssef.org/ferry-brook-rifle-team/ or by contacting Larry Parker Sr 357-6047 lparker@ne.rr.com



18TH ANNUAL SAFARI SHOOT

Sunday August 18 — 9 AM sharp!

Rain or shine! Cost: \$20 per shooter

Targets: Standing Elephant, Charging & Rising Buffalo and Running Lion

Prizes: Trophies awarded to High Score of each target stage: High Overall, Runner-Up, High .375 class, High Scoped Rifle, R.I.P, Ladies and Juniors. Only one trophy per shooter.

Rules: African Dangerous Game rules apply. Minimum caliber is .375 and Minimum "Factory Published" muzzle energy is 4000 ft./lb.! No slings allowed!!

No alibis for malfunctions – just like real big game hunting.

While shooting, one hand **MUST** be on the forearm.

Only full power ammunition...reduced loads will result in disqualification.

Extra points are awarded for cartridges with a "factory published" muzzle energy over 5000 ft./lb. (.458 Win. Mag. and up) and Double Rifles.

No extra points given for ported or compensated guns.

So, dig out your elephant gun and 15 rounds of ammo and come join us for a day in the Scorching Sullivan "Serengeti".

This is one shoot that is as much fun for the spectators as for the shooters!

Don't own an elephant gun? We have a .375 & .458 here that you can use.

There will be a \$30 charge if you need ammo.

For more information, contact Larsson at 603-499-0272.

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funds to buy some medical equipment to have on hand for the Range's use. If you have something that you could contribute to it, and it could be anything, a service, artwork, craft—something of value that you could donate, please let me know. We will need these before the 10th so that we can have it ready to set up.

So what do we wish to purchase for the Range? Our RSOs tour the Range with the purpose of ensuring safety. They are the people that members can turn to should there be an injury or someone should become ill as they are trained to deal with emergencies. We would like to provide our RSOs with an IFAK, which is a trauma kit containing essential life-saving materials to control bleeding and treat major wounds. They are carried on the RSOs person so that they are always ready for use. IFAK components include tourniquets, chest seals, combat gauze and hemostatic agents among other things.

We would also like to have another Automated External Defibrillator (AED), this is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and pulseless ventricular tachycardia, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electricity which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm. RSOs receive training to use this equipment and it could come in handy in saving someone's life.

Are any of you Red Sox fans? We will raffle off some tickets for a RED SOX game, among other top prizes. More information to come!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you would like to help with planning and help run the events please contact me: Patrice Nesbitt (603) 499-3074

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Shooters to the line!

TRAP SHOOTING is a shooting sport that junior shooters can excel in. From the very inexperienced beginners to those who have grown up shooting, there is enough challenge for all. Nothing can beat the smile of a shooter coming off the field having broken a long string of the orange clays thrown by the oscillating trap machine.

AIM4NH is one option for junior shooters to join other shooters from across the state to share a common love for shooting sports and build a supportive community. AIM is a national initiative under the auspices of the Amateur Trapshooting Association. Student shooters may be 12 to 22 in age, all they have to do is join online at AIM4ATA.COM.

Sam Davidson and Sally Alexander celebrate a perfect "25" in Sam's first competition.



We have fun and fellowship at the shoots, too.

For more information about AIM4NH, contact Edie Allyn - Page at cdogsgo@gmail.com.



ACTION PISTOL

BY WALT LEWANDOWSKI



Tired of shooting at stationary targets?

Interested in competitive pistol shooting but did not know how to start or felt uneasy about jumping into a program where you think everyone has done this before?

...then Action Pistol is for you.

Stop by Pistol Bay #1 on any Wednesday after 4 PM and see what we are all about. Feel free to just watch or ask questions. Can't be there until 6? No problem. With the longer days, we are there until 7:30 PM or so.

The program introduces you to IDPA style shooting where you progress at your own speed while learning the skills needed to compete with confidence.



You will start slowly and at your own pace. Learning the basics such as safely drawing from a holster and quickly acquiring a sight picture to more advanced skills such as one hand only shooting.

You will learn ways to safely transition between targets while utilizing barriers as cover as well as doing mag changes while on the move if needed. You will learn to look at the whole picture, being aware of your surroundings as you move from target to target.

Our group consist of shooters of all skill levels and we provide an environment where we exchange tips and techniques.

You will never be competing against anyone but yourself and the timer. This way you can gauge your own progress and see areas that need improvement.

An actual stage is set up each week and this gives you a chance to try your hand at it when you feel comfortable and you are under no pressure to participate until you feel comfortable.

The goal of Action Pistol is simple. To introduce you to IDPA style shooting and prepare you to compete in any match, feeling totally comfortable and confident.

We work one-on-one with those wishing to practice a particular aspect and often have drills to highlight or teach a particular skill, from rapid follow up shots to those requiring a quick magazine change. You will soon discover the trade-offs between speed and accuracy and work to minimize those differences.

We have monthly matches, the next one being August 17th. Matches run from approx. 9-1 PM. 4 to 5 stages are set up, including a Steel Challenge. Come see what ACTION PISTOL is all about.



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FERRY BROOK RANGE DAM PROJECT & NH STATE TRAP SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Dan Madden

BACK IN THE 50's, two members of CCF&G gave of their time and money to increase the height of our dam, thereby creating a pool large enough to provide a habitat for trout. Over the years, the pond has been used for fishing, for our Jakes Events (National Wild Turkey Federation Juniors) and by many of our resident wildlife. Due to restrictions, rules and penalties accessed on us by the state, we can no longer afford to maintain this dam. Therefore, the BOD has decided to remove the dam.

Along with the NRCS, we will start the removal after August 1st. This process will take about 2-3 weeks and should have little impact on the everyday activities at the range.

There will be many opportunities for volunteer help to do seeding, planting and landscaping. Please contact Peter Crowell to offer your help.

Our forestry plan has been completed and received. Many of the practices that we have followed in the past will continue. Plus a few new suggestions by Baystate Forestry will be considered. These will be discussed in future notes. One project will begin in the winter of 2019-2020. We will proceed with a timber harvest on the archery property with BOD approval and if timber prices are favorable.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE TRAP SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over the Fourth of July weekend. CCSSEF shooters did themselves proud by bringing home many trophies and awards. Please read the list below and congratulate these shooters the next time you see them at the range.

Edie Page – Preliminary Singles Lady II
Josh Green – Preliminary Handicap Champion
Edie Page – Preliminary Lady II Handicap
Josh Green – Preliminary Doubles D Class
Buddy Driscoll – Preliminary Doubles sub Vet
Josh Green – Singles Champion Runner Up
Jessica Green – Singles lady I
Sally Alexander – Singles Lady II
Sam Davidson – Singles Sub junior
Gene Roy – Singles Veteran
Jess & Josh Green – 2 in a Family
Gene Roy – Doubles Champion B Class
Josh Green – Doubles D Class
Kelly Castor – Doubles Lady I
Edie Page – Doubles Lady II
Buddy Driscoll – Doubles Sub Vet
Ron Whippie – Doubles Veteran
Josh Green – Handicap Champion Runner Up
Jess Green – Handicap Lady I
Edie Page – Handicap Lady II
Gene Roy – Handicap Veteran
Buddy Driscoll – High All-Around Runner Up
Josh Green – High All-Around C Class
Jessica Green – High All-Around Lady I
Edie Page – High All-Around Lady II
Gene Roy – High All-Around Veteran

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From the ... **GENERAL MANAGER'S DESK**

ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for October 9th. With only two part-time employee exceptions (myself and our facilities manager) we are an organization run by VERY dedicated volunteers.

In any organization like ours, it becomes quite easy for responsibility to fall to the few who step up and become the super volunteers. I have dubbed this the hero phenomenon. It works for a while and then it starts to break down as the volunteers fall away in exhaustion and frustration. Another phenomenon that impacts us is that our heroes are typically older folks with more easily managed schedules than our younger members.

Our younger members are, like my sons, right in the most active times of their lives. Jobs, families, new homes, little ones, etc. consume what often seems to be more than 100% of their time.

Looking for a way to break this pattern, we are trying to spread responsibilities across more volunteers thus bringing down the time commitment that each volunteer faces. An example is our dedicated Range Safety Officers. We have enough to almost make it possible for them to have only one required day of service over six months.

How does this relate to the annual meeting? Well, the meeting is required by our by-laws. It is intended to bring an opportunity for all of the range's members to get an overview of their club, interact with each other, and vote on officers and perhaps a few other items. In other words, to begin to participate at a deeper level in the management of their range.

There will be more information forthcoming as the date for the meeting draws near. Keep your eye on your email, the website, and our Facebook page and group. In the meantime, come on over and enjoy your great range.

OPEN HOUSE

Returning to Keene after all those years in New York City, I needed a place to shoot. This brought me to our range, the FERRY BROOK RANGE.

As a competitive pistol shooter (USPSA/IDPA) I just came to the range to train and did not get involved.

Each year I would hear about something called Family Day. Being single at the time, I just passed on this activity.

Starting last January in my new role as General Manager I became aware of ALL that happened at the range including Family Day which I learned was open to the public and was intended to give all in the community an opportunity to come up and visit us and see all of the ways we enjoy the shooting sports.

This realization lead to the renaming of the day to "OPEN HOUSE", a term that much more clearly describes the purpose of the day.

The key, though, is to get the community to turn out. If you are a member, see if there is a neighbor or friend whom you could bring by to visit and see our great facility.

If you just come upon this by reading the newsletter or social media and are not a member, come on over and check out the range and see demonstrations of many of our activities.

And then there are the kids. We have lots for them to see and do including an air rifle range, archery, and other fun activities.

If you know someone who is a bit unsure or concerned about the shooting sports, see if you can get them to accompany you and see what it's like to safely pursue all of the fun things that we pursue.

Peter

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