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View from the ... GENERAL MANAGER'S DESK

FROM THE GM'S DESK... STILL IN THE CLOSET

A month has passed and, yes, I am still in the closet. A friend who is an author and blogger, has some great thoughts in his most recent post that relate to my closeted spirit.

He noted that it has begun, that wonderful transition from winter into spring. He cites the "ferocious energy" of this natural occurrence and how it is a reminder to those, like me, who are sullenly sequestered in the "closets" of a world that is going on without us and of our potential to achieve and enjoy.

Think about the bigness of nature's push into this new season. Once it finally got going, and I wondered about its apparent reluctance, it is demonstrating, as my friend said, "a ferocious energy". Bulbs are pushing out beautiful flowers, buds appear and soon burst into new and beautiful flowers and leaves, the rivers and brooks are rushing from the spring rains, and the thermometer actually poked through sixty the other day.

There is a similar force inside all of us that wants to burst out. This force has

been capped for a while, but I don't think it can stay that way much longer.

I am very hopeful that by the time you read this, the range will be reopened. A good set of safety protocols will be in place and with the trusted wisdom of the membership for both firearms safety and health safety, some of the pent up energy mentioned above should be able to be released.

Yes, there will be restrictions resulting from these protocols. You know what they are. Physical distancing. Surface disinfecting. Group sizes and so on. That little Covid Bugger continues to prove itself a tough opponent.

These protocols will impact range life as we have known it. This is where the power of the pent up energy I mentioned above and the wisdom and dedication of the membership can combine to adapt our activities to the progression of that nasty Covid Bugger up to the point where we can get



back to the normal, full operation of all of our events and activities.

As you begin to re-experience your range in its constrained operational model and you have ideas about using the energy to push us toward better and better operations, please get the word out so we can all get behind it

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MAY AND JUNE 2020 — EVENT CALENDAR

**Please verify the calendar information
on the CCSSEF.org website**

Tuesday, May 5

Board of Director's Meeting 6:30 PM
Membership invited

Monday, May 11

Range Reopens - See web site for special Covid19 protocols.
GM not in office, contact gm@ccsgef.org 603-827-3347

Wednesday, May 13

Open Trap Noon
Action Pistol Practice 3:30 to 7 PM
Gold/Silver Jr Team Practice 3 PM

Thursday, May 14

600 yard practice 8:30– noon; 4 PM to sundown

Range open noon to 4 PM
4 PM Hi Power - 600 Yard Practice

Saturday, May 16

Trap & 5 Stand 10 AM practice
9 AM Runenation Training

Wednesday, May 20

Trap Noon
Action Pistol Practice 3:30 to 7 PM
Gold/Silver Jr Team Practice 3 PM

Thursday, May 21

Crosshairs Training 8 AM TO 6 PM
300 yard range until noon then 200 yard range

Saturday, May 23

Action Pistol Match 8 AM TO 1 PM
Pistol buys 1,3 and competition buys

Open Trap & 5 Stand
10 AM practice open to the public
Dynamic Defensive Handgun 8 AM

NRA RSO Training 2 PM

Sunday, May 24

NRA RSO Training 2 PM

Wednesday, May 27

Open Trap Noon
Action Pistol Practice 3:30 to 7 PM
Gold/Silver Jr Team Practice 3 PM

Thursday, May 28

600 yard practice 8:30– noon; 4 PM to sundown

Range open noon to 4 PM
4 PM Hi Power - 600 Yard Practice

Saturday, May 29

Trap & 5 Stand 10 AM practice

Sunday, May 31

600yard Mid Range Prone Match & Mini Palma tryout Benefit 9 AM

Tuesday, June 2

Board of Director's Meeting 6:30 PM
Membership invited

Wednesday, June 3

Open Trap Noon
Action Pistol Practice 3:30 to 7 PM
Gold/Silver Jr Team Practice 3 PM

Thursday, June 4

600 yard practice 8:30– noon; 4 PM to sundown

Range open noon to 4 PM
4 PM Hi Power - 600 Yard Practice

Saturday, June 6

Jr Rifle Outdoor Practice
8:30 AM TO 1 PM
Trap & 5 Stand 10 AM practice
M1 Garand or S. R. Clinic - 200/300 Yard Ranges

Sunday, June 7

NHHRPL #4 - 200/300 Yard Ranges
8AM Women's Intro to Defensive
Handgun Morning

Wednesday, June 10

Open Trap Noon
Action Pistol Practice 3:30 to 7 PM
Gold/Silver Jr Team Practice 3 PM

Thursday, June 25

600 yard practice 8:30– noon; 4 PM to sundown

Range open noon to 4 PM
4 PM Hi Power - 600 Yard Practice

Friday, June 26

Badges vs Barrels AIM/ATA Fundraiser 8 AM

Saturday June 27

Robinson Smallbore Rifle Prone Match 8 AM

Action Pistol Match 8 AM

Runenation Training 9 AM

Women's Expo - Booth 10 AM

FROM THE GM'S DESK...

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and let the energy we know is there get us to an ever improving situation.

Remember, there is some great new logo merchandise: 1/4-zip sweat shirts and one



size fits all hats (both shirts and hats in navy and forest green), and regular grey sweatshirts. I will soon be investigating the addition of polo style shirts to the inventory. For now, you can call me to get this merchandise and soon it will be available at the range. Remember also, that the great grey T-shirt is still available from BullDog here: <https://bit.ly/3fepKVc>

Reach out anytime with any concerns.

Peter Crowell

gm@ccsgef.org home at 603-827-3347

High Power Schedule 2020

May 17 Sun. 600 yard Mid-Range prone NRA Approved 3 x 20 rds.
 May 24 Sun. NHHP League Match #3 8 AM
 May 31 Sun. 600-yd Mid-Range prone NRA Approved 3 x 20 rds. Mini-Palma tryout & Benefit
 June 6 Sat. Garand Match Schedule "B" 200 Yards 8 AM (or Service rifle clinic)
 June 7 Sun. NHHP League Match #4 8 AM
 June 21 Sun. 80 round NRA Approved (or Sniper Match)
 June 28 Sun. 600 yard Mid-Range prone NRA approved Mini-Palma Benefit
 July 12 Sun. 600 yard Wind Reading Clinic
 July 19 Sun. NHHP League Match #5 8 AM
 July 25 Sat. Garand Match Schedule "B" 200 Yards
 August 2 Sun. 80 Round NRA Approved
 August 9 Sun. 600 yard Mid-Range prone NRA Approved 3 x 20 rds.
 August 23 Sun. NHHP League Match #6 8 AM
 August 30 Sun. EIC Rifle leg match 8 AM
 September 6 Sun. NHHP League Match #7 8 AM
 September 19 Sat. Mini-Palma Match 9 AM to 4 PM
 September 20 Sun. 600 yd. Mid-Range State Championship 9 AM
 September 27 Sun. Sniper/vintage service rifle match/midrange 300 & 600yds.
 October 4 Sun. 600 yard Mid-Range prone NRA Approved 3 x 20 rds.

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Membership

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THE CLUB

by James "Jim Bob" Flanders

APRIL 16, 2020. 2:47 PM. The sun playing peek-a-boo behind clouds. A cold breeze. The chain clanging, at times, against the flagpole. A dried-up leaf making its way across the parking lot, creating that tickety-tickety sound. Deserted. A look of abandonment. Nature taking notice. The buildings not welcoming. Big oak creaking. Cold. A breeze. Clang. Silence. Silence. The Club.

I had been home for weeks. Not going anywhere, seeing anyone, just a few phone calls to check on friends and family. Do I mind isolating? Not in the least. In fact, I find plenty to do. Reading, writing, letting our two cats in and out 20 times a day, bringing up wood, cooking, working outside, and on and on. I easily could live off the grid.

Ten-Gauge... that's my wife, Vicki. (I'll tell you sometime how she got tagged with that nickname.) Anyhow, she was home that day and asked if I would drive her to the grocery store to get some things, and I said I would but that I wasn't going in. We got out there, and it looked like hold-up city. Half the people wore masks, and the other half didn't. I stood outside my truck and watched. People with their heads down, not talking with anyone, avoiding eye contact, and in a hurry. Just wanting to get home. Not good. Ten-Gauge finally escaped from the store, and we headed home. Very few people or cars along the way. I helped bring the bags in, then and announced I was going up to check out the Club. I just had to. Before the "unpleas-

antness," as I call it, I would go up two, three, four times a week. That was my "go-to" place.

So, here I am standing in the middle of the driveway in front of the clubhouse. I thought I would see if my crows were around. I had brought with me a "stimulus check" for them in the form of bread. No pun intended. I call to them for a while. Nothing. I had started feeding them when I opened up Jim-Bob's Gunsmoke Grille years back and, at 6 AM every Saturday morning, either they would be waiting or I would do a few calls and they'd fly in. Even after lunch, I could call them over. They got to be very friendly and trusting. One young crow would perch on a low limb of the big oak tree at the corner of the clubhouse and would let me walk over to the trunk and drop food for him. When I moved back 10 feet or so, he would glide down and eat. I think, in time, he would have eaten out of my hand. One Saturday afternoon after lunch, I took some leftovers out near the woods line and started calling for the crows. Two guys came out of the clubhouse, looked in my direction, said something to each other, and shrugged. Probably said, "That boy's toasted one too many hot dogs." Oh, well, maybe it's me...

A few more bird calls. Nothing. No response. I scatter the bread around the ground. Time to do a walkabout. I walk up to the clubhouse first and notice the lights were on inside. I would shut them off, but I've long forgotten the combination. Won't hurt much, I guess.

I continue around the range. Desolate. I don't like what I'm feeling. Something doesn't feel right. I stop and listen and look around. Am I getting spooked, all alone, by the atmosphere here? I doubt it. I don't spook easily about anything. But, still, there's something. Must be my Native ancestry kicking in.

I stop and look down across the buildings and trap fields to the clubhouse. In a couple of days, it will be Saturday. I love Saturday mornings at the clubhouse. On Saturday mornings, there is a core of six to ten people who seldom miss being at the clubhouse. There is continuous laughter, jokes, stories, lies and, most of all, deep friendship. Make no mistake. Each and every one of them is a genius. There is no topic under the sun about which they don't know. If you don't believe it, just ask them! And, I'm right in there with them. Yeah, I miss' em... Dan-Bob, Ron, Neil, used to be ol' Pat (God bless him), Dan-Dan, Wes, Rob, Patrice, Jack, Peter, Dave, Paul, Bob, and some new guys that usually just sit and stare at us. Probably can't believe there could be so many geniuses in one room... Actually, some of them aren't that far off the mark. I know I've learned a few things up here.

Well, I thought as I stand on the hill looking around, I decide I'd better head down but, first, I want to do an offering. A pinch of tobacco to the four wind directions, a pinch to Father Sky and one to Mother Earth. I have done this many times in many places and, more than

a few times, up here. It cleanses, drives away bad spirits, and brings comfort and peace.

Once again, I'm standing at the door to the clubhouse. I know I can't go in, because I was told the combination has been changed, so I look in the window. The chairs are all piled up against the wall and the tables, taken down. I guess, in case a virus-infected person kicks the door down, he or she won't have a place to sit... Seeing that, the person would leave, never to return. Makes sense, right? I then walk over to where I scattered the bread-crumbs and give the range another look. The sun comes out, and I feel much better. The bad feeling is gone, and the whole range looks inviting. What a difference positive thinking can make.

You know, as far as the club is concerned, this "unpleasantness" just might have a positive effect. I think when we do open up again, the club will come together like never

before. Within six feet, of course. I believe membership will soar, and people truly will pull together as one. There won't be a problem getting volunteers; there will be plenty. Petty grievances will be forgotten. There will be an air of "What can I do to help?" Right now, we're in a battle together and, after, we've won, we still will be together, only stronger and wiser and kinder. Our club will grow and prosper. It will be a new start, with many new ideas and projects. Everyone will be needed and included. The Club will go forward with hope, love and determination.

Well, it's getting chilly, so I guess I'll head out. Once last glance around with a smile this time. Everything's all right. I get in the truck and start down the driveway. Stop to close the gate and get on the highway. I snap on my favorite country classics radio station, and Patsy Cline is singing Crazy. Yeah, I can relate to that. I turn up the heater a notch

and settle back in the seat. Sing it, Patsy baby! I smile.

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*Jim-Bob
and all the Club*



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FERRY BROOK JUNIOR SHOOTERS RIFLE TEAM

HOW QUICKLY THINGS CAN CHANGE!!

Like everyone, we have had to suspend our activities to keep the spread of the Corona Virus 19 to a minimum. We have cancelled the remaining indoor season at Peterborough. With the range reopening May 11, we will start our outdoor practices on Wednesday May 20th. We will be operating with limited attendance allowed and under the range guidelines for social distancing and wearing masks. Luckily for many of our athletes, they have air rifle ranges set up at their homes. We are able to keep them supplied with pellets, targets and air so they can continue their training as well as providing them an activity while they're stuck at home. The **Robinson Match** will stay on the schedule for Saturday June 27th as tentative.

We were able to compete in the 2020 NRA Junior Sectional matches before all of these cancellations hit. Results should be out later this year. 2019 NRA Sectional match results are still available at the NRA web site.

Our Awards Banquet will probably need to get moved to later this summer as we don't expect the 10 person limit for gatherings to be increased enough to accommodate our Banquet size.

As I said, "how quickly things can change". Our summer plans are dashed. The CMP announced on April 22nd that ALL 2020 CMP National Matches are CANCELLED. Currently the CMP is closed until further notice. Personally I'm saddened as Camp Perry has been our family summer vacation spot since 1984! The NRA has also cancelled all

of their National Matches this year.

Team Captain Davidson qualified for a 1st round invitation to the 2020 US Junior Olympic Rifle Matches in Colorado Springs in April. However, this has been postponed to a "date to be determined". We hope she gets the opportunity to attend. She will be starting at SNHU this summer.

Our weekly spring/summer practices will be moving to Wednesday evenings from 4-7 PM on the 22 Rifle Range. Due to some events scheduled at CCF&G in September, we will be starting our 2020-2021 Season at Peterborough on September 19th and shooting outdoors at CCF&G starting on September 26th through October 24th or 31st (based on weather).

We thank our 2019 sponsors: Mia Capelli Hair Salon, the CAR Family and Freedom Hill Gear. Our 2019 Sponsors also included; Dave Polonsky, Matt Morgan, Bill Strumski, Keene Door, 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 \$10,000. I believe our sponsors will have their own challenges this year, and it will be hard for them to contribute to our program.

Notes on our active ALUMNI (shoot-

ing, college & military)...Tobin graduates this year from the University of North Georgia shooting with the UNG Nighthawks. Andrew Solomonides graduated last spring from the West Point Army Black Knights rifle team. We'll get a fix on his duty station for next month.

Winter Adult Smallbore 4-Position Rifle League

The Friday night adult 4-Position smallbore rifle league for this winter was able to get their season in before the COVID 19 closings were enacted.. If anyone should be interested for the 2021 season, we have a couple of target rifles with scopes that can be signed out to members.

Contact Larry Parker Sr smallbore@ccfandg.org or Neil Jeneral 600yard@ccfandg.org for details about Smallbore rifle shooting.

Winchester Rifle Range is temporarily closed due to the COVID 19 orders.

For 2020, we had a Range Safety Officer at the ELMM Community Center Rifle Range on Tuesday evenings for OPEN .22 Rifle and Pistol shooting up to their closing in March. We anticipate having a week night open for members again in January 2021. Just bring your 22 firearms, ammunition and maybe some targets. 🦋

Larry Parker

ACTION PISTOL

BY WALT LEWANDOWSKI



LIKE MANY OF YOU I'M SURE, I am getting tired of dry-fire practice. My idea of social distancing is doing pistol drills at 10 yards. Exercising my sporter rifle at 100 yards is greater than 6 feet, yes?

It's about time to use the ammo I've been reloading these past 6 weeks. Hopefully by the time you read this, we'll know if we can get back to our planned activities.

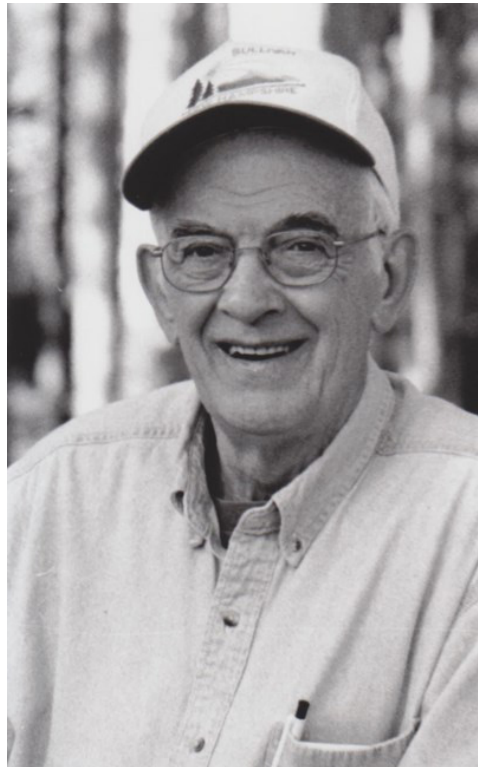
Besides tumbling brass, I managed to build a Beretta Vertec slide to replace my 92FS slide with the fixed, non-replaceable front sight. I also managed to complete a few other projects I started over the years. Several new Action Pistol props are also being built, repairing some shot-up ones and checking into IDPA/Action Pistol forums to get new ideas.

I am looking forward to this year's Action Pistol season as well as resume the Wednesday afternoon practice sessions. Some of you have given me ideas for stages that I'm anxious to try. Several new shooters have expressed interest in the program to add to our usual cast of characters. With the way firearms flew off the shelves lately, I hope to see some of you, giving you an opportunity to learn safely, maybe not thru Action Pistol but by taking advantage of our many other programs.

This may be a good time to ask for help. Setting up a match takes a bit of time. Fortunately, Ron Hitchings and I have the time on the Friday before each match to set up the stages. It usually takes the two of us about 4-5 hours. Moving the props to the pistol bays takes some time but tuning each stage after being setup is time consuming as well. When one of us has to stop to do that, other work can be done with just another set of

hands. Doing dry run-throughs to find issues, along with tweaking the stage could add another hour. Once set, the match templates must be entered into the scoring computers. So, please think about it and give me a call. 📞

Walt



Alfred L. Patnode

March 9, 1929 – January 5, 2020

Alfred L. "Pat" Patnode 90, of Keene, NH, passed away peacefully January 5,

2020, in the comfort of his home, surrounded by his loving family, after a period of declining health.

He was born in Keene, March 9, 1929, the son of Richard and Florence (Putnam) Patnode. He was a graduate of Keene High School.

On July 16, 1949, he married the love of his life, Shirley I. Cote. He spent his entire career as a photographer and printer at National Grange Mutual Insurance Company and later at Curry Copy. In his early years, he also served as a part-time Police Officer in Keene.

For nearly 30 years, he and Shirley operated Monadnock Cone-Craft out of their home. He was a true craftsman and enjoyed woodcarving and woodcrafting. His other passions were photography, hunting, fishing, hiking and spending time with his family. He was a long-time parishioner of St. Margaret Mary Church. In recent years, he was a member of the Cheshire County Fish and Game Club in Sullivan, NH. He enjoyed documenting many of their events in photographs.

Survivors include his daughter Karen Durling and her husband Thomas, of Keene, his son Gary Patnode and his wife Tricia, of Sullivan and his daughter Linda Patnode of Keene; six grandchildren, Jennifer Durling and her husband Jason Walsh, Matthew Durling and his wife Jennifer Amato, Michael Durling and his wife Alison, Daniel Patnode, Christina Patnode, and Timothy Patnode and his wife Marissa; ten great-grandchildren, Cassidy, Thomas, Grady and Callum Walsh, Scott Ibelle, Emily Durling, Calvin Durling, Oaklynn, Waylynn and Mac Patnode. He was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Shirley, on September 9, 2012.

Contributions may be made in Mr. Patnode's memory to

CCSSEF/Cheshire County Fish and Game Club, PO Box 233, Keene, NH 03431.

2020 HIGH POWER RIFLE SEASON



I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL THE COVID19 IS GONE AND SEASON GETS STARTED — cabin fever setting in I guess.

An exciting new addition to our 600 yard range is planned. "Shot-Marker" electronic targets are going to be purchased and with any luck, up and running early in the season.

This will allow us to complete our matches more quickly and open the range sooner. No pit changes will be required since no staffing in the pits will be needed. We will also be able to get more shooting in during our practice sessions as well. I'll keep you posted about our progress.

We are building on a very successful 2019 High Power Rifle season, continuing with several new successful events added last year. These included a registered 80 round across the course match, a CMP Excellence In Competition Match, and the Mid-Range Any Rifle & Mini-Palma Team tryouts. The Mini-Palma Team Match and the Mid-Range Prone State Championship are returning to Ferry Brook Range on September 19th & 20th. Our complete schedule for 2020 is posted on the High Power Page. You can get to the High Power page from a link below the calendar on the home page or from "Shooting Activities" in the drop down menu.

Our regular events are continuing to grow. Attendance is increasing at our Thursday morning and afternoon 600 yard practices. The morning session is nearing our range limit and we may

have to add another relay. If you would like to give the 600 yard range a try, Ron Avery or I will be available on Saturday mornings from 10 AM till noon (weather permitting) at the 200-yard line to get you qualified. If you can shoot 100 yards, you can shoot 600 yards.

We are planning two rifle clinics this season. A 600 yard clinic geared to the new shooter and those wanting to improve their prone shooting skills will be held on April 26th. I hope to get you qualified for the 600-yard range with your equipment prior to the clinic, or if not I have a couple of loaner rifles available. A modest fee will be charged to cover clinic costs.

July 14th is the date of this year's wind reading clinic. I hope to incorporate F Class shooting technique with the help of some high-level F Class shooters. Again a small fee to cover printing and range cost will be charged.

While no official Service Rifle clinic is scheduled, instruction on the fundamentals of across the course shooting including operation of the service rifles and shooting positions is available. Contact Al Giles to set up an instruction session.

Please take advantage of these clinics. We have several talented and very experienced shooters eager to get you started. See details on the High Power page.

We will kick the season off with a couple of fun OFF-Hand Matches at 200 yards (with fleeting bragging rights going to the winner) on March 28th and

April 4th. Seven New Hampshire High Power League matches begin on April 19th. M1 Garand and vintage rifle / sniper matches are scheduled. As usual we planned something for everyone.

The Mini-Palma Team Match which is an international competition between the New England States and the Canadian Maritime Provinces will return to the U.S. this year at our facility. I will be holding a team tryout on May 31st. A second team (a "Good Will Team") selection is also planned so an additional ten U.S. can participate in the event. The tryout match is open to everyone. You don't have to be trying to make the team to shoot. It will be an NRA approved match.

Programs describing the High Power Rifle events will be posted soon on the High Power Schedule. Take a look.

I hope to see you on the firing line. If you have any questions about High Power Rifle, give one of us a call.

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Pete De Santis



NRABasics of Pistol Shooting Course

This course is geared towards those who are new to pistol shooting, or those familiar with handguns but desiring structured training on the fundamentals.

What You'll Learn

Essential gun safety rules; Different types of pistols and which one is best for you; The basics of ammunition; The fundamentals of pistol shooting; Different shooting positions; The most common shooting errors; Proper gun cleaning and maintenance; How to maintain your skills; Proper handling, loading, & unloading procedures (using dummy rounds in the classroom, then live fire on the range); Clearing Pistol Stoppages (hands-on using dummy rounds); Selecting Pistols, Ammunition & Accessories; Live fire qualification

Course Description: This course is an excellent starting point for the new handgun owner or the soon-to-be handgun owner or the seasoned shooter looking to become a more proficient handgun shooter. Students will get intensive lessons in gun safety, types of handgun actions, the fundamentals of handgun marksmanship, handgun selection/purchasing criteria, basics of cleaning/lubrication and care of a handgun, and safe handgun and ammunition storage options. Registration Fee: \$125/student (*fee is transferable to future course dates, but not refundable*)

Course Goal: To teach students the basic knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning, using and caring for a handgun safely.

Course Prerequisites: Please bring a positive attitude toward learning, firearm safety and a willingness to participate in course exercises. The course material is easily understood by all adults regardless of their level of shooting experience (including students with no shooting experience) and mature minors age 14 years old and older who are accompanied by an adult, parent or legal guardian who is age 21 years old or older.

The following items are included at no additional cost in the registration fee: student handouts (\$12.50/ea.), and targets (\$1.50/ea.)

Required Materials, Equipment and Supplies: Please wear appropriate shooting range clothing: Long Pants: Blue jeans are recommended; Closed-toe Shoes: Boots or tennis shoes are recommended; Crew-Neck Shirts: Avoid low-cut tops.

If bringing your own Handgun it must be modern, clean, lubricated and serviceable in all respects. All handguns will be subjected to a safe-to-fire inspection prior to use in this course.

Note: All handguns must be unloaded, actions open and cased prior to entering the facility.

(100) Cartridges of the correct ammunition for the handgun to be used during the course – correct caliber and pressure rating. All ammunition must be in the original manufacturing packaging/box (NO hand re-loaded ammunition).

(1 set) Eye and Hearing Protection. Students are encouraged to bring their own personal protective equipment.

No live-ammunition in the classroom! – NO EXCEPTIONS



NRA Basic Rifle Shooting Course

This course is at least 14 hours long and includes classroom and range time learning to shoot rifles. Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; rifle parts and operation; ammunition; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting from the bench rest, prone, sitting, standing and kneeling positions; cleaning, and continued opportunities for skill development. Students will receive the Basics of Rifle Shooting handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification booklet, take a Basics of Rifle Shooting Student Examination, and receive a course completion certificate. Registration Fee: \$125/student (*fee is transferable to future course dates, but not refundable*).

To prepare for this class: Please leave firearms in your car until the instructor tells you to bring them into the classroom. A .22 caliber rifle is suggested. Bring the owners manual. When reserving your spot tell us the make, model and caliber of your gun. Bring at least 150 cartridges for live fire. Bring a shooter's mat, knee pads and 3 or 4 magazines for your rifle.

No ammunition is allowed in the classroom. Please leave it in your car. If you do not own a firearm, we will rent you one and you must purchase the ammunition to do your live fire exercise.

Every student is required to sign a waiver of liability before each class.

Course dates: Watch Calendar in Newsletter and online or contact Ferry Brook Range for scheduled classes.



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Clinic Dates

June 13 ♦ June 20 ♦ July 18 ♦ August 15

NRA WOMEN ON TARGET® Instructional Shooting Clinic —

Learn to Shoot Rifle & Pistol!

This clinic is designed to teach you firearm safety and the fundamentals of marksmanship, giving you the confidence you need to safely handle and operate a pistol and rifle upon completion.

WOMEN ON TARGET® CLINICS are available only to women — it's a safe and friendly environment whether you're picking up a gun for the very first time or are just brushing off some dust and need a little refresher. You'll immediately feel at ease in this full-day clinic, and will be provided with a hands-on, one-of-a-kind experience. No experience or equipment is necessary to participate.

Location

Ferry Brook Range 19 Ferry Brook Road, Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Agenda

Sign in begins at 9:30 AM — CLINIC RUNS FROM 10 AM to 4 PM

10 AM to 1 PM — Classroom instruction

1. Introduction to firearms safety, parts and operation (pistol and rifle) 50 minutes (10 minute break)
2. Introduction to ammunition and the fundamentals of shooting 50 minutes (10 minute break)
3. Introduction to shooting from the benchrest position 50 minutes (10 minute break)

noon — light lunch and NRA continued training opportunities presentation.

1 to 4 PM — Range Instruction (Live fire Pistol and Rifle)

Cost: \$50 (pre-registration required). Cost includes use of firearms, targets, ammunition and lunch. Rain, snow or shine! Dress appropriately for the weather. No low cut shirts or sandals. Wear comfortable footwear as you will be walking around the outdoor ranges. Free goodie bags for all 20 participants. And lots of fun for all!

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Easy sign-up on the NRA site!

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David N. Smith

David Newton “Dave” Smith, 73, of Poocham Road in Chesterfield, and a longtime resident of Chesterfield, died Thursday, April 9, 2020, in the comfort of his brother’s home on Stage Road in Chesterfield following a five-month battle with cancer.

Dave was born in Brattleboro on March 2, 1947, the son of Robert and Beatrice (Haggar) Smith. He was raised and educated in Chesterfield, graduating from Brattleboro Union High School with the Class of 1965. He went on to attend Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center, Vt., where he earned his

associate degree in vocational/technical education in 1967, and later received his bachelor’s degree from Keene State College in 1974.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, he proudly served his nation in the U.S. Air Force from 1967 to 1971, stationed for 18 months at Phu Cat Air Force Base in South Vietnam, before being honorably discharged from active service.

Dave was a teacher at the Windham County Vocational Center at Brattleboro Union High School for four years before establishing his own excavation and general construction business, Dave Smith Contracting, based in Chesterfield. He successfully operated his business for many years, retiring in 2019.

Active civically, he served on the Chesterfield School Board, the town budget committee, where he was auditor of the books, the Chesterfield Cemetery Commission, and was a library trustee. For many years, Dave was responsible for the placement of American flags on the graves of all veterans interred in Chesterfield town cemeteries.

He was a longtime member of the American Legion in Chesterfield and held membership in the Putney Gun Club. An excellent marksman and

sharpshooter, Dave competed in local and regional competitions and at one time was rated second-best in the country for his skill.

Dave was an avid reader and a scholar of Civil War history known for his wealth of knowledge in this area.

Not a big fan of high-tech communication and living, he proudly lived somewhat rustically in a simple home void of modern-day conveniences. He enjoyed his home and living off the land.

Survivors include one brother, Norman Smith, of Chesterfield; a sister, Margaret Bowling, of Denver; and a large host of friends, which includes Debra and Keith.

In keeping with his final wishes, there are no formal services scheduled. A celebration of his life will take place at a future date and time to be announced by the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Dave’s name may be made to Chesterfield Public Library, 524 Route 63, Chesterfield, NH 03443.

To send messages of e-condolence to the family please visit www.atamaniuk.com.