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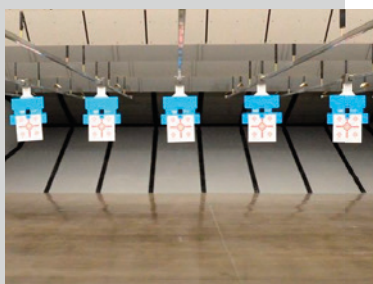


# FERRY BROOK RANGE

CHESHIRE COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### Securing the Future



We are calling the new indoor range campaign *Securing the Future*. Why this name?

The CCSSEF Board of Directors realizes that we must educate our youth to carry on the traditions we hold dear.

Checks may be sent payable to CCSSEF's *Indoor Range Fund* or go to **CCSSEF.org** to make an electronic donation today.

### Change is the Only Constant

As the winter of 2019/2020 was beginning to lose its ferocity, along came the Covid thing and the concomitant insanity. Fortunately, we were only really closed for about a month and had a reasonably normal 2020. Plans were put in place for 2021 that are now becoming real, most dramatically demonstrated by the Indoor Range taking shape.

While the Indoor Range by itself would suffice to keep us all busy many more things are happening. We now have nationally sanctioned Steel Challenge matches. Even with the scarcity of ammo, our programs are taking place, and some great new activities have shown up, like the recent competition between our Junior Rifle Team and the NH State Police.

Our shotgun juniors held the second annual fundraising match against the NY Fish and Game officers, and all had a great time. Even while scavenging for ammo, shotgun and high-power shooters continue their regular shoots and matches. Two Women on Target events have been held, with another scheduled in September.

Training activities abound even when they must dodge large earth-moving equipment.

This newsletter has been re-imagined by a group of very creative and energetic folks. My thanks go out to them. The newsletter joins our ever-improving communications vehicles: the website, Facebook page, email blasts, printed materials, and a lot of great folks just getting the word out about what an excellent range we have and just how much organized activity goes on here.

Curious about ammo prices?  
Check this out: <https://ammopricesnow.com>

*Peter Crowell,*  
General Manager

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Headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada, Safe Life Defense is an industry-leading safety company that provides cutting-edge protection technology to career professionals and law-abiding civilians. They offer tactical gear and revolutionary National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Certified Body Armor that has been rated #1 in comfort and protection. It's the only handgun, shotgun, strike, slash, stab, taser and special threat armor on the market — and the preferred choice for those on the front lines!

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## North Branch Bowman Club

North Branch Bowmen hosted the New Hampshire Bowmen state championship on August 7th and 8th. While we didn't have very many archers, our guest shooter was Bill Hall from Connecticut and our New England Field Archery Counselman. Bill shot on Saturday, and I joined him; he has some good ideas and much-needed energy to try and rebuild the low attendance at our outdoor shoots around the country.

I am looking forward to seeing how the New England shoot goes on Labor Day weekend with a new format of half field round and half 600 round. Go to NFAA USA archery <http://www.nfaausa.com> for rules, shooting formats, and more information.

Now that the leaves are changing color and the days are getting shorter, many of us are thinking about the upcoming archery season. New Hampshire has one of the earliest and longest bow seasons in New England, beginning September 15th and continues through to December 15th (always check the fish and game rules before heading out). That being said, do yourself a favor and dust off and check out your equipment, make sure that your strings and cables are in good shape, your broadheads are razor-sharp, and everything is tight before you go sight in. When practicing, remember to practice with the gear you will have on—a backpack, sweatshirt, light gloves, and a facemask can affect the impact of arrows. Know your limitations when hunting and get good consistent groups before moving back in distance. You will want to give the game you are pursuing the quickest, cleanest harvest. Lastly, continue to practice throughout the season to stay in shape—make sure nothing loosens up or gets knocked out of timing on your equipment.

While it's very tempting to throw a broadhead out at the range at one of the targets, the targets are not designed to stop these types of points and will either pass completely through or get tangled in the stuffing we use. Should the arrow and broadhead be left in the target, this could result in serious injury to those doing maintenance on the targets.

Although there will probably be fewer and fewer archers at the range on Tuesday evenings through the hunting season, the targets remain in the field. If you have any questions or need help getting dialed in, contact the club, and we will get back to you on upcoming events and indoor winter shooting.

Have a great fall and keep the groups tight  
*Dan*

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or Dan Deyo: [barebowdan@yahoo.com](mailto:barebowdan@yahoo.com)

## For the Love of It

For as long as I can remember, guns have been a part of my life.

My first memory of holding and using a gun was my dad teaching me about my grandmother's .22 LR in an old sandpit on an old backroad in my hometown.

Certainly, a terrifying moment for being about 10—but I figured my dad trusted me enough to try. From then on, it turned into a father-daughter thing. We regularly went to gun shows, the local gun shop to “look around.” I don't remember much about all of the “man talk” that went on. I now realize that I should've paid way more attention and asked a lot more questions!

With age comes knowledge, and I have found country livin' is easier to manage with the aid of a good firearm ( or bow & arrow). Over the years, my mom and her friends have taught me about being a responsible huntress and firearms owner. Certainly, a lesson that won't be forgotten or wasted.

For those of you lucky enough to still have these “legends” in your life, ask questions, take the time to learn, and enjoy time in the woods with these folks! The lessons will carry you through even the toughest of circumstances. Learn and listen to all those “back in my day” stories. You never know when you might be called upon to share them with the next generation. Please pay it forward to all who want to learn. You may not think you have much knowledge, but to someone, it's more than they had.

Stacey Cote  
7 Acres Ranch



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Numerous training opportunities exist at Ferry Brook Range—from beginners who have never handled a firearm to veteran shooters. Members of all abilities are welcome to pursue new shooting disciplines and further their education.

**Visit our website for more information!**

"A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

-James Madison,  
The Constitution  
of the United States  
of America

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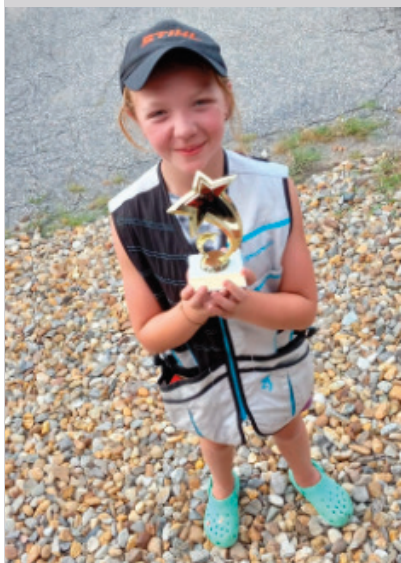


## AIM4NH News

On July 24th, 2021, youth shooters that belong to AIM4NH were again blessed with the opportunity to host NH Fish and Game officers at their range in Hooksett, NH, for their 2nd Badges vs. Barrels. The event was coordinated to collectively raise funds and recognition for both AIM and Operation Game Thief. The event was a success through tremendous efforts by team members, coaches, NHF&G officers, and selfless donations!

It was indeed a wonderful experience to watch the friendly banter and amiable exchange between the shooters both on and off the line as the AIM team socialized with some new faces and reconnected with those they had befriended the year prior. There was some angst within the crowd while the scores were compiled—it appeared the officers hadn't been missing a practice. Especially Wayne Saunders—retired Lieutenant and proprietor of Wardens Watch—he had been piling up dust all day. Low and behold, the AIM team managed to pull ahead by the slim margin of 13 birds. The win was exciting but paled compared to the companionships and enjoyment of sharing their passion for shooting sports with the humble Law Enforcement Officers of NH Fish and Game.

AIM—Academics, Integrity, Marksmanship—is a program formed by the Amateur Trapshooters Association, which focuses on exposing our youth and young adults to firearms safety, proper firearms handling, and developing skillsets through shotgun shooting sports. Operation Game Thief promotes ethics and fair chase within the sportsman community to protect New Hampshire's natural beauty.





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## CCSSEF Ferry Brook Jr. Shooters Rifle Team

We had our Challenge Match with our local Law Enforcement friends, the NH State Police. The Junior Rifle Team did use the Robinson Tryout Match as a fundraising opportunity for the Indoor Range. With 16 participants, we received almost \$3,000 from our generous sponsors. We had a great day on the range with the Troopers and a fun match and exchange of trinkets. We have a nice photo of all the participants on the range.

We were able to compete in the 2021 NRA Junior Sectional matches. We even held one of them. I expect with the new Indoor Range, we will hold a few NRA Sectional Matches in 2022. We hope results will be out later this year although the NRA has had difficulty with a limited staff getting out scores for 2020.

Our Awards Banquet was held on schedule outdoors at the Ferry Brook Range. We do hope to be back in the Marlborough Community House next year. They still had limited capacity in early May.

We were back on track for CMP National Matches. We had 6 of our Juniors participate in the CMP Smallbore Rifle Camp at Camp Perry and another one of our Juniors shot in the Smallbore Rifle National Matches. We pulled our athletes out of Camp on Team Day during Prone and had 2 Prone Teams entered in the Prone Championships. Members of our Team were at the CMP NM's at Camp Perry from July 19th through the 30th.

This year we had 3 of our athletes qualify for the USA Shooting Junior Olympic Championships. Kyle Huston, Shaylin Cullis and Anna Bittner. Anna and Shaylin were able to participate, but Kyle was unable to attend. The JOSOC Championships were held at Hillsdale College in Michigan.

New Member SIGN-UP for our 2021-2022 season will be on Saturday, September 11th.



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.

## Winter Adult Smallbore 4-Position Cheshire-Windham Rifle League

For the 2022 season, we have a couple of target rifles with scopes available to members. We will be using the new Indoor Range at CCSSEF.

Contact Larry Parker Sr. or Neil Jeneral for details about smallbore rifle shooting.

IRM@ccssef.org or 600yard@ccfandg.org





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## MONTHLY CALENDAR

### SPECIAL EVENTS & COURSES

**Sept 4-5** Sat/Sun  
**Sept 7** Tuesday  
**Sept 11** Saturday  
**Sept 12** Sunday  
**Sept 25** Saturday  
**Sept 26** Sunday

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### REOCCURRING EVENTS – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Every Tuesday:

Northbranch Bowman Open Archery–<https://www.facebook.com/nhbowmen.nhbowmen/>  
3-Hour Skill Builder Intensive Clinics. Contact Keith Hanson: 1-877-486-8724  
<https://firearmstraining.as.me/schedule.php>

Every Wednesday:

Open Trap starts at Noon (fee applies)  
Action Pistol–3:00 pm to 7:00 pm (fee applies)

Every Thursday:

600 Yard Practice–9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 4:00 pm until dusk (fee applies)

Every Saturday:

5 Stand Sporting Clays & Open Trap–Starts at 10:00 am (fee applies)

Every Sunday:

3-Hour Skill Builder Intensive Clinics. Contact Keith Hanson: 1-877-486-8724  
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Check out our  
online calendar for  
latest updates!

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