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# FERRY BROOK RANGE

CHESHIRE COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### The Indoor Range is now OPEN!



The indoor range is open to the public and CCSSEF range memberships are also available.

Public hours are posted on the CCSSEF calendar. The rate is **\$20/hour**.

Please visit:  
<https://www.ccssef.org>  
for more information.

### The Indoor Range

The Ferry Brook Range Indoor Range is open for business. You can shoot there whenever it is open as a member (first, you have to join the outdoor range) or for \$20 an hour per lane when it is open to the public. The time schedule is posted under calendar on [www.ccssef.org](http://www.ccssef.org).

Nah, you say. I shoot in my backyard or I like to shoot outdoors. Or hey—it's summer—I will wait until next winter or maybe a rainy day.

Indoor shooting is different and has its own advantages. The advantages come from understanding the limitations. You are limited to one target and cannot draw from a holster. Rapid fire may be limited and you cannot move. You must shoot straight ahead and the distance is limited by the size of the building.

How do those limitations lead to advantages? They create an environment that is especially conducive to skill training and to easy socialization.

Stance, grip, trigger management and good site utilization are things you practice outdoors but which can be intensely focused on indoors. You come to the range to work on these skills utilizing drills like: the check list (observe your stance, grip, trigger and site management), dot torture (one of many creative targets that challenge your skills), multi bullseye transitions (watch that muzzle, rounds MUST impact the bullet trap), switch hitting (strong & weak hand), and the pyramid (a pyramid shape comprised of fifteen small numbered blocks, fill the blocks with numbers 1 to 5 and shoot the 1's, the 2's, etc.) Always set goals for each range visit so you get a sense of your improvement.

Socialization? How does that work? Unlike outdoors where it is easy to come and go without interacting with anyone, the indoor range environment is naturally more social. Add to that planned social activities like league shoots, rimfire competitions, date night, ladies' night, 1911 shooting, and on and on. This is limited only by your imagination and your organizational skills. Call us, maybe we can help you get something started.

Summer is upon us and the range is being improved daily. Events and competitions are starting, check the calendar. This past weekend the Junior Shotgun shooters went up against the NH Fish and Game officers and a great time was had by all.

*Peter Crowell,*  
General Manager

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**Beginner/New Owner  
Pistol Clinics and Skill  
Building Clinics:**

**Sunday**

July 10

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**Pre-Registration  
Required**

**Please contact:**

**Jenifer Marchesi**

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We have Limited Class  
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**CCSSEF Members**

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**Non-Members**

**\*Beginner Class Includes:**  
Targets, hearing protection, use of eye  
protection, .22 semi-automatic pistols,  
50-round box of .22 ammunition, and  
additional ammo for sale at cost.

**\*\* All proceeds benefit CCSSEF and  
offset materials cost**

## The Steel Challenge Series - Article Two

This is the second in a three-part series of articles intended to help readers understand the pistol and rifle competition known as the Steel Challenge. You may refer to the first part in the March 2022 Newsletter which can be found on the range website: [Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.](#)

The previous article mentioned three characteristics (Classification, Division, and Category) of Steel Challenge that make it very friendly to shooters of all skill levels, ages, and types of guns. Let's discuss each of these characteristics.

**Classification** - Classification creates a level playing field for all skill levels. After you shoot a minimum of four SCSA sanctioned stages (these will be indicated at the match) you will receive a classification. From low to high classifications are D, C, B, A, M, and GM. Newbies are apt to be on the D end of the spectrum and superstars will be on the GM (grand master) end.

As soon as you reach a classification level, you will not go backward even if you have a bad day. Only stages shot in the previous or current year are used for classification. Also, you must be a member of the USPSA, United States Practical Shooting Association to be classified. This is easily accomplished by heading to [www.uspsa.org](http://www.uspsa.org) and clicking "Join" on the top menu.

At matches shooters are divided up into squads. Your squad may have folks of all classifications in it, but you are only competing with folks in your classification. Remember, this is a level playing field! A great benefit of mixed squadding is that you have a chance to learn from watching and talking to higher classified shooters.

**The Guns or the Divisions** - There are fourteen divisions. They define the type of equipment that you can use to shoot the match. The good news here is that you can compete in this sport with very basic equipment.

Do you have a Glock or S&W M&P pistol? You will be in the Production division. Does your young boy or girl have a Ruger 10/22 rifle with iron sights? They will be in Rim Fire Rifle Iron. Was that youngster's first pistol a Ruger SR22? No problem, Rim Fire Pistol Iron. Getting fancy with an optic sight? They gotcha covered with optic divisions. Are you like me and still shooting that 1911? Your division is single stack.

How about the very top end?  
The division is called *open*,  
and the guns are usually in  
the \$2,800 to \$6,000 price  
range. There are no limits  
to these guns.

The photo to the right  
is an example of an open  
division pistol.

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## New Hampshire National Guard

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**Remember, Active Duty Military and First Year Guard/Reserve folks get free memberships!**

**"Liberty must at all hazards be supported. We have a right to it, derived from our Maker. But if we had not, our fathers have earned and bought it for us, at the expense of their ease, their estates, their pleasure, and their blood."**

**-John Adams**

## The Steel Challenge Series - Article Two (continued)

Category – This is another way the SCSA (Steel Challenge Shooting Association) levels the playing field. There are seven categories, and you will fall into one of them right away because they are based on personal characteristics, predominately age. They are listed below:

- Lady – competitor designated female on their ID
- Law Enforcement – Full-time officers
- Military – Active-duty members of the armed services
- Pre-Teen – less than 13 on the first day of competition
- Junior – less than 18 on the first day of competition
- Senior – Between 55 and 64 years of age
- Super Senior – 65 and older

Head on over to the range and check out a match. The 2022 schedule is: April 23rd, May 28th, June 25th, July 30th, Aug 31st, and Oct 28th. You can also stop by on a Wednesday afternoon starting April 6th for an Action Pistol practice and speak with some of our Steel Challenge shooters. Stayed tuned for the final article in this series next month. We will look at the stages, get some tips on how to shoot them, and wrap up some odds and ends of information.

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## North Branch Bowman Club

PLEASE do not shoot broad heads into the targets at the range. These targets are foam-faced bins with plastic shrink wrap balled up for arrows with field points. These targets work great for stopping field points, but hunting broadheads will sail right through. If a broad head doesn't make it through all of the way, it will be challenging to get it out of the plastic wrap. This will damage to the targets. If the broad head gets lost in the targets, it becomes VERY DANGEROUS when we make repairs to them.

A rangefinder was recently found at the archery range. If you lost one and can identify it, I would love to get it back to you. Contact Dan Deyo to get your rangefinder back.

Range maintenance is always needed, and sharing workload responsibilities always helps. If you enjoy being outdoors, can ride the mower, and are willing to spare a couple of hours, your time would be greatly appreciated. Or, if you see targets needing repairs, feel free to do what you can to fix them. Contact Dave at the range or me to get access to the mower.

There aren't any scheduled shoots this summer, as the turnout for both field archery shoots and 3D interest at the club has been very low. We have been at the range most Tuesdays after work around 5:00 pm. We shoot a little while, and if no one comes, we leave after a couple of hours.

Anyone who wants company to practice with or if there are interested non-members, let us know you are coming out to practice, and we will stick around. The best way to get in touch is through the North Branch Bowmen Facebook page.

Have you ever wanted to learn to shoot archery? Or perhaps a friend would like to shoot and doesn't have all the equipment? Contact us; we would love to teach you or your friends and family. Archery is a family activity for all ages and abilities.

Enjoy your summer—I hope to see you at the range.

*Dan Deyo,*  
North Branch Bowman Club

To reach Mike Wright: barebownh@aol.com or Dan Deyo: barebowdan@yahoo.com

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## Attention: CCSSEF INDOOR RANGE MEMBERS

We are preparing the Indoor Range for Member access on a 24/7 basis. The exception to this will be during scheduled activities such as; Junior Rifle Team, Rifle and Pistol Leagues, and Scheduled Training Programs. These activities/events will be posted in the Indoor Range Calendar on the www.CCSSEF.org website. Look under the "Calendar" tab and select "Indoor Range Schedule".

We would like all of our Indoor Range Members that have not been briefed on the mechanical operations of the Indoor Range to visit the range over the next 2 months while an RSO is on duty to be shown how to turn the systems on and off. They are the lights, air ventilation, water and target carrier systems.

We'd like to thank all our Indoor Range Members for their support.  
Membership is what drives our success.

Thank you,  
*Larry Parker,*  
Indoor Range Manager

## DID YOU KNOW?

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.

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## JULY 2022

## MONTHLY CALENDAR

### SPECIAL EVENTS & COURSES

**For the most up-to-date information, please check the online calendar at:**  
<https://www.ccssef.org>

Beginner / New Owner Pistol Clinics & Skill Building Clinics. Info in the newsletter.  
A series of Pistol Skill Builder Clinics hosted by Critical Dynamics, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
For more information on each session, look under What's Hot at: <https://www.ccssef.org>

### REOCCURRING EVENTS – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Northbranch Bowman Open Archery–<https://www.facebook.com/nhbowmen.nhbowmen/>  
Open Trap starts at Noon (fee applies)  
Action Pistol–3:00 pm to 7:00 pm (fee applies)  
600 Yard Practice–9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 4:00 pm until dusk (fee applies)  
5 Stand Sporting Clays & Open Trap–Starts at 10:00 am (fee applies)  
Apply for a range Membership! 10:00 am–1:00 pm

**July 10** Sunday  
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Every Wednesday:

Every Thursday:  
Every Saturday:  
Every Saturday:



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