

I'm Pete De Santis and I'm seeking reelection to Board of Directors of CCSSEF.

Let me tell you a little bit about my connection to this organization and why I'm asking for your vote.

I joined Cheshire Fish & Game Club in the early 1980's and started shooting high power rifle competitively around 1984 or 85. We had a small membership in those days and were a completely volunteer organization. I began to help out around the range and was quickly Shanghaied on to the BOD.

In the late 1980's we experienced a "Great Renaissance " at the range. With the efforts of dozens of members we planned and executed ambitious changes. I was asked to design and draw the sight plan for the improvements. We built the 200/300 yard concrete pit, the 50/100 yard/meter small bore range, the second trap field (now used as the five stand range), revamped roads, improved drainage, roughed in the 600 yard firing line and pit area, pistol ranges, and more. We have largely followed that sight plan to this day and the Renaissance continues.

Here is a list of the projects in "Modern Times" that I've had a hand in: the three bay storage building, the pavilion at the 50/100 yard range, the kitchen and bathroom addition to the clubhouse, the 600 yard concrete pit and firing line, the new 300 yard line and more. I don't want to give you the impression that these projects were all mine. They were only accomplished with the help of a group of dedicated members that I was part of.

This year I asked the BOD to let me chair a committee to generate and prioritize a list of unfinished projects. The list is rather long. We chose 7 or 8 projects to button up this year and were granted a reasonable budget by the BOD. I'm sure you have see the improvements. I'll list them : New parking in front of and adjacent to the indoor range, a concrete walkway between the small bore rifle range and pistol bay #1, a new parking area adjacent to pistol bay #2 including handicap parking, improved road surfaces to the 100 yard rifle range and up to the carbine bay, finish the new 300 yard range, and construct a new pistol/rifle bay to be used when the range is closed because of the 600 yard range operating. Most of these projects are completed now and the others will hopefully be by the fall.

There are still several projects on that list. I ask for your vote so that I can help button up the unfinished projects in the next couple of years.

Thanks for considering me for reelection to the BOD