



Word from the 'GM'

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

Keep my hours in mind. This is your Club and I want to assure everyone that we--your Board of Directors and I--will do everything possible to ensure this is the BEST place in the region to shoot.

I am here at the Range at least 4 hours each weekday. Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri from 9am until 1pm, and on Thursdays from 1pm until 5pm. If I'm going to be away for a day or more, I'll put it on the calendar.

Check our web site calendar for all activities and scheduled events: www.ccfandg.org.

Here's a reminder of the Clubhouse Services available: a Coffee (K Cup machine) and soda machine is always available in the Clubhouse; Gun valuation service- You can read all the details in the January Newsletter; Club clothing items on sale inside the Clubhouse, including "ladies" T-shirts; Cleaning items and safety items (shooting glasses and hearing protection) are available.

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Range Safety Officers now on the job at CCF&G

- Larry Parker, Sr. -
CCF&G General Manager

If you haven't already noticed Dave Swenson being on the range almost daily, you will see him and other Range Safety Officers more frequently from now on.

The purpose of these folks being on the range will be to assist members with firearms issues, ensure that general safety & range procedures are followed, and to check memberships. The Club's goal is to provide a safe

range for all of our members.

We encourage members to seek out our RSO's and have them assist you whenever you need help. If an RSO is not able to answer your question they will do their best provide direction to someone that can.

Volunteer Range Safety Officers will be out on the range every Saturday and Sunday from mid morning through early afternoon. You may find Dave Swenson or

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From the CCSSEF President...

- Charles Chapman -

CCSSEF has undergone some major changes in the past few months.

We have adopted new by-laws that help distinguish our position as a separate organization.

We have aligned our goals to work at achieving the completion of the Indoor Range as well as continuing to provide quality education and activities.

We have selected a new Board of Directors under the new by-laws who will be instrumental in completing the project for the Indoor Range as well as any future projects we may develop.

We are looking for people who would like to work in the Foundation to help in our stated mission. Whether you can help with the goal of completing the Indoor Range project or work on the Board of Directors or in some other capacity, opportunities exist to help accomplish our missions. Please contact me and let me know how you would like to help.

I would also like to take a moment to thank Jim and Kay Mountford for their tireless efforts while working as

High Power / 600 Yard Update



2013 photo by Al Patnode

600 yard shooting not too far away

- Neil Jeneral -

With summer almost upon us, the visible progress on the 600 yard range has continued.

The pit house floor was poured, along with a pad outside the door. Waterproofing, backfilling and grading have begun. A "knee wall" was constructed of concrete waste blocks to provide better geometry for the impact area, as well as lower maintenance over the long term.

A wall to park cars behind in the pit will also be constructed. The blocks are there, they just need to be stacked.

The road to 600 has been improved, York raked and the low spots were filled in. The road survived a 60,000 lbs. concrete truck and eight flatbed tractor trailers that weighed 84,000 lbs. each!

Painting of the target frames has resumed. Three frames procured from the Reading Rifle club will complete the set. They will need modification

and design plans have been made.

We should have a functioning 600 yard range by the middle of summer. Stay tuned.

If you see Dave Smith, Al Giles, Mark Timney or Ed Csenge, thank them for their hard work this spring.

"Thank You" to the investors and workers of our 600 Yard Range Project...

- Larry Parker -

The Club has received loans for the \$40,000 estimated for the completion of the 600 Yard High Power Rifle Range. The range is approximately 80% completed.

Thank you to all investors and to the Club Members that have been putting in their time and expertise to get the project completed.

(Contact Larry Parker at 352-8563 or at gm@ccfandg.org for more High Power information.)

The Future of Rec. Pistol?



- Mark Timney -
Range Safety Officer

I'd like to say that Recreational Pistol is alive and doing well, but I can't do that and be completely honest with you.

It's not that the monthly shoots aren't going well. They are. We average about 25 entrants per event, but that number will remain static unless something changes. We're at the point where action pistol events at the club will either take off or die altogether.

We have a growing interest in action pistol, but we only have a few people doing most of the work. Of the few, one is brand new to the sport, while the other three, including myself, are just about burned out when it comes to this type of shooting...not to mention the 'running' of these events.

You need new blood to keep something like this going. You need more volunteers as a sport grows. You need enthusiasm to make the events better. We're pretty short on all of the above, and that's despite repeatedly asking at events for people to get more involved.

So, if you want to see Rec. Pistol stay afloat and have the possibility of other types of action shooting at the club (Steel Challenge, for example), give me a call. We need people to help set up targets for events, register people at the events, and learn to score and serve as Range Officers.

Will Rec. Pistol go the way of 'Cowboy Action,' 'Blackpowder' and 'Silhouette at CCF&G? It's up to you.

Mark Timney can be reached at 603-321-2213

Foundation President ... from page 2

President and Secretary, respectively. Their hard work and positive focus will be greatly missed and we hope they continue to be active in the Foundation, if not on the Board. If everyone could take a moment when they see them and thank them I am sure that would mean much more than any letter could ever hope to achieve.

I also want to restate our commitment to the trainers and educators who support the Foundation with their educational programs.

Whether it is a Basic Pistol course, Junior Rifle Team or an AR15 course, the Instructors provide a great service in drawing new people to the Club and getting them invested in supporting CCF&G by joining and by bringing their families and friends as well.

Their efforts help educate and train people to be responsible and safe gun owners, something everyone can agree is for the betterment of all our communities. Thank you.

Charles Chapman can be reached at: president@ccsgef.org or at Charles.R.Chapman@gmail.com.

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Jr. Rifle Team .22 ammo situation

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

I want to thank everyone that has helped with .22 ammunition in the past few months.

My appreciation to YSSA, Federal Cartridge/CCI, Dan Shepardson, Victor Lawrence, Dave Swenson, Andre Huguenin, Bill Tuttle and Ted & Irene Sands. These donations for ammo will help us get through 2014-2-15 season.

We're not in a panic right now, but please help us out by keeping your eyes open for standard grade 40 grain .22 ammunition.

Let me know if you have a line on any or if you see some and can buy it, we will reimburse you for it.

The stuff we're looking for should be in the \$25 per brick range. I'd prefer to stay with American made-- CCI, Federal, Remington, Winchester, etc.-- but if something else is reliable and priced normally, then we would put it to use.

(For Jr. Rifle Team or Smallbore info, contact Larry Parker at smallbore@ccfandg.org, or at gm@ccfandg.org, or by calling 352-8563.)



2013 photo by Al Patnode

Junior rifle team update

- Larry Parker Sr. -

Final scores published by the NRA are out. Our 2014 Four Position score placed our Team 6th in the Country out of 91 Teams entered, and there were numerous individual accomplishments to go along with our Team rankings.

Be sure to visit the 2014 NRA Sectional Matches at the web sites noted here; just choose the Junior Championships category and select Conventional Position, International Air or NRA Metric Position as we competed in all 3 of these events.

<http://competitions.nra.org/championship-results/nra-national-indoor-rifle-pistol-championships-results.aspx>

National Match results for 2013 can be viewed at the following web site;

<http://compete.nra.org/championship-results/nra-national-outdoor-rifle-pistol-championships-results.aspx>

Select any of the Smallbore 3-Position or Prone matches to see the results.

Our 2013-2014 season was over at the end of May. Our Gold & Silver Team shooters will continue to practice on Tuesdays from 4 to 7pm. Our Saturday Program will start back up on September 6th and new shooters can come and start on

any Saturday through the end of October.

Here's our Gold and Silver Travel Teams for the this 2014 Summer Season; Joe Nikiforakis, Andrew Solomonides, Grace Hackler, Greg Ganio, Tobin Sanctuary, Aaron Bresnick, Lucas Maxfield, Lucas Beteau, Hunter Lang, Aidan Bradley, Matt Bechard, Evie Proctor, Joey Wilson, Jacob Johnson, Jeremiah Huntley and Brandon Hall. Noah Car from the Enfield Junior Team has been practicing with us this spring.

Due to changes in the NRA's formatting of the smallbore National Matches, our Team will be holding our own Summer Day Camp the week of July 28th here at the CCF&G Range. This will be open to 20 members of our shooting Team and will be by invitation based on experience, marksmanship level and participation.

In addition, we are sending 4 shooters (Matt Bechard, Hunter Lang, Aidan Bradley & Lucas Beteau) to the NRA Smallbore Camp at Camp Perry from July 5th through the 10th.

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Jr. Rifle Team Update... from page 4

THANK YOU to the Youth Shooting Sports Alliance for their generous support of 4 cases of .22 caliber ammunition through their grant program. We hope they offer the grant again this October.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to other 2014 donors. Several folks have already stepped up this year with monetary and ammunition donations for the Team.

Federal Cartridge / CCI allowed us to buy 3 cases of .22 ammunition through them for a reduced cost. These 2 programs will carry our program well into the 2014 2015 season.

Steve Bittel of Bittel Financial Services has donated \$1,000 to our program this year.

Al & Dan Warner (Warner Tool) donated \$500 for the purchase of a HP training rifle.

Ted & Irene Sands donated \$500 for the purpose of purchasing ammunition for our program.

Bob Felock donated \$556 for .223 ammunition for our Junior Summer Camp.

Dave Swenson donated a case of .22 ammunition.

Dan Shepardson, Beaver Brook Firearms, donated a case of .22 ammunition.

Victor Lawrence donated 6 bricks of .22 ammunition and \$180 so far this year.

Bill Tuttle has donated 8 bricks of .22 ammunition and \$200. He also donated a pile of reloading supplies for us to sell after I inventory. Over \$1,000 worth of primers, powder & bullets.

Vern Peterson has donated another 4 firearms to the Junior Program to use, sell or auction as we see fit.

Fred Breton made a contribution to the Program in memory of Bill Descoteaux.

Mr Al Bertin for making us a new set of target stands and donating \$150.00.

Chris Brown donated a shotgun valued at \$176.00.

Earl Nelson donated \$60 for railroad ties to put downrange on the 100 yard range.

In addition, the following have loaned us their .22 caliber AR-15 type rifles to use for High Power Training for our Junior Summer Camp: Steve Goldsmith, Dave Fitts, Larry Parker Jr, Larry Sr and the Conn River Sportsmen's Club.

Joe Bogar is now a Senior at West Point. Alex Martin completed his sophomore year at NC State on their rifle team. Tom Csege continues in the US Army Reserve and the US Army's World Class Athlete Program at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Capt John Nikiforakis is driving a tank around somewhere near Fort Knox. Heather Greathouse is still living and working in Kentucky. Lacey Hamelin is attending college in the Springfield Mass area and we hope she can come to the range on Saturday's to assist with coaching the newer shooters. Lacey was hired by the Cape Cod Sea Camp in Brewster, MA to serve as a rifle shooting counselor.

The adult smallbore rifle league finished at the end of March. If you think you might be interested for next year, the Club has a couple of rifle target scopes for the several Winchester Model 52 rifles the Club owns. Contact Larry Parker or Neil Jeneral if you're interested in Smallbore shooting. They can be reached at smallbore@ccfandg.org and 600yard@ccfandg.org.



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Trap & 5-Stand News

- Chuck Tatham -

The summer doldrums are almost over and our club trap shooters have been busy and successfully competing in ATA events. Every year trap shooters from our club win numerous championships across New England and beyond.

We are rapidly approaching bird hunting season. Is your bird gun a little dusty from disuse? Is your hunting eye a little dim from disuse? Then visit our 'state of the art' 5 stand course on Saturday mornings and cure both problems in short order.

Come join us for Open Trap shooting every Wednesday at noon and Saturday at 10am. We also practice 'doubles' on Tuesday afternoons at 3.

Just a reminder, but teams for the travelling 2014-2015 Winter Trap League are getting organized now. If you are interested please let me or Sally Alexander know.

Remember, shooting 5-stand is the most fun you can legally have with a shotgun.

(You can email Chuck Tatham at standard@myfairpoint.net.)

From the GM...

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Please use the honor system when buying these items and put the money in the "Drop Box" which is just inside the Clubhouse door.

You can also drop off membership renewals or provide suggestions, leave guest 'hold harmless agreements,' incident reports, and event entry registrations.

Our New Member Safety Video, courtesy of Sophie Chapman, is available for viewing on the web site's Membership page. New members have the option of viewing the safety video on the website or when they come in to complete their application and pay their dues & orientation fee and tour the range.

I can take care of New Membership Applications & Orientations and Membership Renewals on weekdays during my office hours.

Website and calendar changes are coordinated through this office, with the exception of Training Classes. Those are done through Rick Fuller, Chief Training Officer at 876-4162 or by email at chieftrainingofficer@ccfandg.org.

Please help me keep the web site up to date. If you see anything that should be updated or corrected, please let me know. You can contact me at the Club at 352-8563 or by email at: gm@ccfandg.org

Thank you for your support of the Club and Shooting Sports!



Outdoor Archery at full draw

- Dan Deyo -

The CCF&G archery range is open and we have been shooting outdoors for about a month. The 3-D targets are set up and available for shooting at any time.

Our indoor season was a big success with many new young shooters and some faces that we hadn't seen around in quite a while. "Welcome back"!

We finished the indoor season with a "ZOMBIE SHOOT" with a packed house and a great time was had by all! We will be doing an outdoor "ZOMBIE SHOOT" on August 23rd on the field range from 9-4 with mix and match of fun targets and 3-D Zombie targets. This will be a great time, I guarantee it!

We installed a bulletin board for upcoming events and other communications. Additionally we have a target fee box in the archery pavilion to deposit target fees for range improvements and target repairs we appreciate the \$\$ to keep things operational.

We're at the range every Tuesday evening at 5pm practicing and are

able to help with small equipment repairs and shooting questions to improve your skills.

During Tuesday evenings and shooting events you need not be a member to come up and shoot. We would love to have you participate.

Please be advised there is NO broad-head hunting points allowed on any of the ranges.

Did you know that Mike Wright (Archery Director CCF&G) is also our NFAA (National Field Archery Association) Director, and Dan Deyo (member CCF&G) is the NH Bowmen state president? Visit www.nhbowmen.com or 'like' New Hampshire Bowmen on Facebook for much more information on what's happening with archery.

If you would like to receive emails for archery specific events please send New Hampshire Bowmen an email at newhampshirebowmen@gmail.com and I will make sure you stay updated.

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and advertising for this event.**

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of becoming a member
of CCF&GC? New club
membership discounts are
available during this event.*



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Range Safety Officers...

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another RSO on the range on weekdays. An updated list of RSO's will be in the Club's SOP which is being updated and will be on the web site in July.

If you would like to become a Range Safety Officer, contact Chief Range Safety Officer Rick Fuller, chieftrainingofficer@ccfandg.org to find out when the next RSO Class is scheduled. The plan is to hold an RSO Class once or twice a year.

Remember to follow these procedures when shooting steel targets as steel targets produce bullet splatter/debris...

EYE PROTECTION is to be worn by EVERYONE at that range.

Be sure the steel targets are at least 30' from the firing line. Be sure they have at least a 5 degree forward angle.

Please note more info on range safety and damage in a separate article on page 1 by our Facilities Manager, Phil Chase. Thank you all for helping make our range a safe and fun shooting facility.

SAFETY REMINDERS!

- ▮ Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
- ▮ Never point a firearm at something you are not willing to destroy.
- ▮ Identify your target, and what is behind it.
- ▮ Keep your finger off the trigger till your sights are on the target.
- ▮ Please put out the red flag on the 50 / 100 / 200 yard range when going down range, and then remember to put it away when you return.



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Hunter Education program update

- Mike Morrison -

Our next Hunter Education class is full. (July 25th, 26th, August 1st and 2nd; Thursdays 6 till 9 and Fridays 4 till 9.)

A waiting list is available and may be reached by going to the NH Fish and Game website: http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter_ed.htm

Trapper Education has a couple openings for the Sunday July 27th class. Contact Lisa Collins at NH Fish and Game (271-3212) if you are interested.

Students and parents can take advantage of the NRA/Winchester Marksmanship Program rifle qualifiers on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 pm. Ear protection and eye protection are provided. A Safety Orientation precedes participation in the qualifier. A parent needs to accompany their shooter.

(For more information, contact Mike Morrison at 209-3823.)

Membership chair needed

- Larry Parker, Sr. -
CCF&G General Manager

We want to thank Dave Swenson for his assistance with membership over the past 8 months. Dave has stepped back from the membership duties to devote his time to Range Safety and assisting members on the range with all firearms issues.

For the next few months membership duties will be handled by the General Manager. The Membership Coordinator's position or an assistant to the GM will need to be filled by October when we start prepar-

ing for our year-end new member specials and 2015 renewals.

Currently we are at 810 members in 2014. We expect our membership to be over 900 at the end of the year.

My thanks to our Saturday Membership volunteers; Sandy Tatham, Ed Csenge, Jack Commerford, Kate & Rick Fuller, Sophie & Charles Chapman and Jim Mountford. If anyone would like to assist with Membership, please contact me .

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On Being Safe & Range Damage

- Phil Chase -
Facilities Manager

There have been instances of people shooting range signs, benches, plastic barrels, rocks, trees, target stands, and target stand weight bags.

One of the 25 yard marker signs on the 100 Yard Rifle Range was actually shot down. Someone has also been shooting at trees along the side berms of the 100 Yard Rifle Range.

This is all unacceptable behavior and will lead to suspension of CCF&G membership for any individuals responsible.

As a member of CCF&G you should report any of this unacceptable activity to a club official, Range Safety Officer or by dropping a note in the Drop Box in the clubhouse.

The plastic barrels at the pistol bays are to be used as props only, not targets or target holders, and they are not to be left on the ranges. Please roll the barrels behind the firing line



when finished using them.

Use the sand/pea stone bags to hold down target stands when windy, instead of using rocks. Also, please move unused target stands that are down range in the line of fire, off to the side of the range or bring them back under cover.

There is no excuse for shooting target stands and/or the weight bags. Your rounds have no business being down that low!!

Also, the picnic tables on pistol bays #2 and #3 are not firing positions.

Remember safety is the number one priority..... so bolts/actions open, firearms unloaded & pointed in a safe direction when uncased/unholstered and/or when anyone is down range. Firearms should be unloaded until on the firing line.

Watch your muzzle direction and finger off the trigger until your sights



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CCF&G NRA link

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

I'm 'Plugging' the NRA link for the club again.

When you are renewing your NRA membership or signing up a new member to the NRA, be sure to use our "Join NRA" link near the bottom of our home page on the web site.



Your support of the NRA is important in the preservation of our 2nd Amendment Rights.

For further details, contact me at the Club at 352-8563 or by email at gm@ccfandg.org.

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are on the target.

Set your targets high enough to ensure that all of your rounds are hitting the impact berms, not skipping off the ground part way down range and going who knows where. This is an ongoing problem at the 100 yard covered range where you also need to shoot square to the berm.

Do not move the steel plate rack or the dueling tree located on pistol bay #2. These are set to the industry suggested distance (10 yards/30 feet)

from the firing line to minimize spatter back toward the shooter.

Also, do not shoot the steel plates with MAGNUM loads. The steel plates will not withstand the power of these loads. And please remember, no centerfire rifles or pistols that shoot centerfire rifle cartridges on any of the pistol ranges. Thank you for your attention to these details.

Shoot safe and see you at the range.

Upcoming events at CCF&G

• **July 12 & 13, 2014:** NRA Basic Pistol, contact Rick Fuller for more information at 876-4162 or by email at chieftrainingofficer@ccfandg.org.

• **July 13, 2014:** Women Only Defensive Pistol with Tim Cousineau of Freedom Hill Training Group. Contact: tcousineau@freedomhill-gear.com.

• **July 19, 2014:** CCF&G Swap Meet, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (See flyer on page 7 for mor information.)

• **August 10, 2014:** African Safari High Power Rifle Shoot. There will

be a new category, including trophy, for "High Scoped Rifle." Check out the details of the African Safari event in our web site. For details and to sign up, contact Jean Goodell at trouthunter313@gmail.com.

• **September 13 & 14, 2014:** Advanced Pistol Handling with Rob Pincus of I.C.E. Training Co. Register: <http://icestore.us/I-C-E-Training-Courses/I-C-E-Firearm-Training-Courses/Combat-Focus-Shooting-2-Day-Course.html>

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