



# THE QUAKER HILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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Swap Meet this Month Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 3:00pm \$1.00 or a canned good entry fee. Come on down buy some stuff. As of this printing we have 10 tables sold

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## 2014 Dues Notifications

Dues renewal invoices for 2014 have been mailed as of February 1 2014. If you have not received your invoice by the date of the February General Membership meeting on February 20, 2014 please contact Vice President Rich Civitello at (860) 464-1697 or [rcc627@comcast.net](mailto:rcc627@comcast.net)

Please include the statement with your payment. All dues are for a single membership. If you wish to upgrade to a family membership, which covers your significant other and all children under 18, simply add \$15.00 to your payment.

Don't forget to make any necessary corrections to your information and return the invoice with your dues promptly.

## Club Dinner

Charlie has Prime rib planned for the next dinner, call Charlie to sign up only a few spots left. The price has yet to be established with the price of beef going up as it has been. Each month prior to our general membership meeting we are treated to a feast by Charlie and his kitchen gang.

## WHO WE ARE

Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club is a private sportsmen's organization whose stated purpose is to "assist in any way feasible in promoting programs for the improvements and development of hunting, fishing, wildlife conditions and shooting sports in this area".

## JOIN US!

### 3rd Thursday of the Month

General Membership meetings are held each month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday except in July & August. We meet at 7 pm in Sullivan Hall at the Club. See you all there!

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## CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Jack Santos  
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860 848 2798

Trustees: Ralph Jackson, Bob Birge,  
Tony Goulart, Jeff Urgitis & John  
Holmes

## Membership News

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Darren T Hall Oakdale, George J. and Laura Krisanda Oakdale,

### CANDIDATES FOR March:

- 1- Brian E. & Catherine Bergin Norwich Sponsor: Jeff Urgitis
- 2- Joseph M. & Michelle Bergin Quaker Hill Sp: Jeff Urgitis
- 3- Kenneth F. Lecara Niantic Sp: Darryl DelGrosso
- 4- Robert E. Miller Ledyard Sp: Paul Brulotte
- 5- Joseph D. Muench Groton Sp: Edmond Cheung
- 6- William E. Pacewicz and  
Katie Lynch Amston Sp: Jean Martin
- 7- David P. Rose Groton Sp: George Strutt
- 8- Jonathan E. Wilson Groton Sp. David Krucek
- 9- Dale A. & Linda A. Ursin East Hampton Sp: Emmett Lyman

If any members knows of any reason why an applicant does not meet club standards for membership, please notify a member of the Executive Board immediately.

### NEW MEMBERS WORK:

New members are required to perform 12 hours of community service at the club. Contact any committee chairman to see what projects are in the works and where you can help. Frank Torchia (860 376 9455 / [ftorchia@ct.metrocast.net](mailto:ftorchia@ct.metrocast.net)) is looking for a pin setter on match days at the practical pistol range. Gary Owen (860 912 3278 / [m1911a1288@aol.com](mailto:m1911a1288@aol.com)) is looking for help maintaining the archery range shed, compound and recurve bows and at matches.

### OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

When making contact with officers and chairman please be sure to leave your full name, contact information and membership number to help expedite their replies to you.

### IDENTIFICATION:

All members are required to display membership cards and range certification cards while on club property.

**There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rally in Hartford on April 5, 2014. Check out for more information. [www.ccdl.us](http://www.ccdl.us)**

**Friends of the NRA Dinner is coming, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of May. I hear it is a fun event and you a great chance of winning some real nice items. Check it out.** The dinner is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2014 at the Groton Motor Inn. Individual tickets will be \$40 but are not available at this time. In the past, Quaker Hill has underwritten the price of a quantity of tickets for members on a



## SCHOOL TIME

Please stop by the club house for information on the next classes

### Club Constitution & Bylaws

The club members voted and passed the revisions to the bylaws during the February meeting

## CLUB SECURITY

### ENTRANCE GATE

Club locksmith, Jeff Urgitis reminds all that with snow, ice and subzero weather, locks can freeze up, please use the LAST LINK on the gate chain to facilitate Jeff in repairs when necessary.

### CLUB KEYS

Keys may be picked up at the Skeet House or Montville Hardware. Your current Membership card and old key are necessary to receive your new key for the year.

first-come, first-serve basis.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES – COMING SOON

Quaker Hill will be conducting a Spring NRA on Target Instructional Shooting Clinic on Saturday, 17 May. All club facilities are reserved that day. The Spring event is now full. The event starts at 0745 with check-ins for ladies and volunteers. Please be on time so you can get to your assigned station and help set-up. Lunch is provided for All, so no need to bring your lunch. Charlie will have hotdogs, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, chicken teriyaki, and chili. Watch the weather and dress appropriately. Any questions contact Keith Griffin at [grampee45@comcast.net](mailto:grampee45@comcast.net).

### 2014 Silhouette Matches being April 6, 2014

The schedule for the 2014 silhouette matches to be held on the High power rifle range has been finalized. The first match will be held on April 6 and will feature rimfire rifle and rimfire pistol matches. The match entry fee is \$6 per relay and is open to both members and non-members. Half of all entry fees are returned as prizes. Matches will be held the first Sunday of each month through November. rimfire rifle matches are held every month with centerfire and pistol matches on alternate months. Check out the flyer on the club website for details, or call Bill Weinschenker (860).639.5971) for information.

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### 2014.22 Rim fire 50 yard bench rest matches

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#### **Match Dates:**

**May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug 10, Sept 14, & Oct 12**

Shooting begins at 9:00am Entry fee \$5.00 per target/class \$1.00 event fee for non-members. .22 rimfire ammo only.

Course of fire will be at 50 yards on an IBS rimfire 50-yard target with 30 minutes total time consisting of a sight in period and 25 shots for record. One shot per target except sight in row.

Iron sight guns will use the IBS 100 yd target with 5 shots per 5 record targets

There will be four classes of competition, unlimited, sporter class, iron sight (any rifle) and semi-auto unlimited scope power

Sporter class will be (8.75) lbs max or less with a barrel diameter of .750in or less and limited to 9 power scope setting.

Unlimited class will be all others with unlimited scope power.

Unattached front rests with bags and separate rear bags allowed, no one piece rests.

The number of shooters in each class will determine prize money.

Any questions please call Bob Harris at 860-442-9959 or [harrisb@snet.net](mailto:harrisb@snet.net)

Eye and ear protection is mandatory inside the covered portion of the big bore range. Empty chamber indicators are recommended on the firing line.



## SAFETY / LAWS/ RULES & REGULATIONS

There are 3 basic rules of safe gun handling:

ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

### Laws to watch out for

BE AWARE – For all those with their carry permit – If you are arrested for DWI/DUI in Connecticut, your right to carry will be suspended for a period of 5 years, 1<sup>st</sup> offense

Connecticut has recently passed a ban on high capacity magazines. You may not carry concealed more than 10 rounds in your magazine or pistol. We are hoping this law will be repealed but until then please be aware that you will be subject to arrest if you fail to comply.

**Drugs and Alcohol:** are strictly **FORBIDDEN** on any club property!

**Patterning Board:** This is only for shotguns. Anyone caught using a pistol anywhere other than the pistol ranges will be expelled from the club.

**Archery Hanging Targets:** No broadheads of any type including but not limited to practice board head tips both fixed and expandable. Broad head practice targets are in the shed at the archery range. One is for compound and recurve bows and the other for crossbows. Keys for the shed are available from Chairman Rick Davidson (860 705 2447 / [rdavidson8985@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rdavidson8985@sbcglobal.net))

The Carroll Range is closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month during Executive Board and General Membership meetings.

### Practical Pistol

**NO RIFLES:** There were some .223 expended cartridges found on the practical range. Use of ANY firearm that shoots high power rifle cartridges is **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN** on this range. This is a **SERIOUS**

## CLUB AMENITIES

The Club offers its members and their guests access to 2 skeet ranges, a trap field, an outdoor multipurpose rifle/pistol range, a 200 yard high power range, outdoor practical pistol and plinking ranges, an archery range and an indoor shooting gallery.

The Club supports a variety of junior and women's activities.

Shooting competitions in numerous disciplines are held at the club on a regular basis as are training programs in firearm and hunting safety.

## HUNTING FACTS

Contributions in the form excise taxes paid on sporting firearms, ammo and archery equipment benefit every state and have generated approximately \$5.6 billion for wildlife conservation since 1939. The contribution for 2009 was a record at nearly \$336 million according to the US Fish & Wildlife Service which recently announced the Wildlife Restoration apportionment.

An average hunter spends \$1,638 every year on the sport

breach of rules and if caught you will face disciplinary action.

**April 27 RANGE CLOSED:** On April 27<sup>th</sup> the right hand bay of the practical range will be closed all day to accommodate the skeet match that day.

**Winter Pin League:** The winter outdoor .22 league is getting ready to wrap up. Results for the season will be in next month's newsletter.

**Spring Pin League:** Will start 5:30 Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>. This is the medium bore league. It will run through the end of June. For the purposes of this league medium bore is defined as centerfire handguns with a bore diameter LESS than .400"/10mm. There will be separate classes for auto and revolver. Entry fee for the season will be \$10 per gun. You will shoot 3, 4 or 5 rounds each night in each class you sign up for. **New members**, earn your hours the easy way. Be a pin setter and get credit for 2 hours of work!

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**Contact (Concealed Tactical):** Defensive pistol matches are Saturday mornings. Start time is 9 AM. Set up is at 8:30 so come early to help. Matches use IDPA targets and rules except for equipment - any reasonable, concealable carry gun is permitted. Hi-capacity magazines, ported barrels, low profile optical sights, etc. are OK. Usually shoot four scenarios per match, with from 6 to 18 rounds fired per scenario. If the weather forecast is iffy, on Friday email will be sent out to past participants informing them if match will be held or not. Contact Ernie Beckwith with any questions at [tfo44@comcast.net](mailto:tfo44@comcast.net).

**Certifications:** are by email appointment only.

**Practical Pistol Range questions, except certifications:** call Frank Torchia at 376-9455 or email at [ftorchia@ct.metrocast.net](mailto:ftorchia@ct.metrocast.net) ).

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#### MEMBER SHOUT OUT:

#### Spring is almost here

I use March 1<sup>st</sup> as the start of Spring. Winter clutches have loosened and the sun is usually shining brightly. Personally I feel solar powered and Winter is a death march of darkness. Come to the club, bring your boots it's little muddy, but overall a great way to pass the time away. Remember to know when the Sun sets when using the ranges after work.

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## Newsletter Contributions

We value all of our members. Please feel free to submit material for the newsletter no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month for inclusion in the current publication. Send contribution to Pete Volkmar at 860 287 0565 or [ptvolkmar@yahoo.com](mailto:ptvolkmar@yahoo.com).

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

My name is Pete Volkmar and I am the "new" newsletter guy. My wife and I joined the club last February and enjoy the new people we have meet. I did not grow up in a hunting – gun family. My curiosity grew about guns through appreciation for the US Constitution. My father-in-law, Big Jim Kernozek suggested that I join this club. As an avid sportsman himself, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, reloading and everything that went with it. He taught me a lot and I am learning more through this club. I have some new ideas for the newsletter and will be trying them out. Please bear with me on my crash course of publishing.

If anyone would like to share ideas, stories, community events, etc. please contact me.