

THE QUAKER HILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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<http://quakerhillrodandgunclub.org>

Annual Elections

In keeping with club Constitution mandates an election of officers will be conducted at our April General Membership meeting. Ralph Jackson, and Scott Walsh are running for Trustee.

2014 Past 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

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.

Legislative News

Bruce Tolhurst is a new member of Quaker Hill, joining the club in January this year. He is a member of the Citizen's Advisory Council to DEEP. He is Quaker Hill's representative to the New London County League of Sportsmen Clubs. He follows the Conn Legislative Session, so he can report on bills of interest to sportsmen in the clubs of which he is a member.



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 3rd Thursday except in July & August. We meet at 7 pm in Sullivan Hall at the Club. See you all there!

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Jack Santos
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860 848 3478
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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,

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

CANDIDATES FOR April:

Jimmie R. Padgett, Jr. Quaker Hill Sponsor: Jason Spreng

Roger H. ("Buck") Steele Colchester Sp: Bruce Tolhurst

Matthew T. Stray Oakdale Sp: Mark Stray

Marcus L. Thomas Groton Sp: Craig Forehand

Keith A. Truex Oakdale Sp: Kevin Wagner

Dino S. Tulli Uncasville Sp: Gary Zawistowski

Nathaniel J. Welles Mystic Sp: Jason Spreng

Russel L. Woodall Uncasville Sp: Gary Zawistowski

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) is looking for a pin setter on match days at the practical pistol range. Gary Owen (860 912 3278 / 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.



SCHOOL TIME

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

Annual Digby Hand Invitational

The Annual Digby Hand Invitational will be held on April 27, 2014. The Club House and Rocketto Range are reserved for the day for this event. Point of Contact is Hap Rocketto, [401-322-7193](tel:401-322-7193) or hrocketto@cox.net.

2014 Night Owl League

The 2014 Night Owl League will begin on Tuesday May 6, 2014. The course of fire will be 40 shots prone or F-Class in 40 minutes at 100 yards on the A-21 target with any sights and a 22 caliber rimfire rifle. There is no need for fancy equipment, just a rifle chambered for .22 long rifle and eye and ear protection. The range will be reserved from 4PM, for set up, with competition beginning at 5PM, until sundown each Tuesday May through August 26th Point of Contact is Hap Rocketto, [401-322-7193](tel:401-322-7193) or hrocketto@cox.net. for this event.

Members are reminded that keys are exchanged at the June meeting

Quaker Hill Rod & Gun Club Spring Trap league

April 15- June 17 Tuesday Mornings 9:30 A M

Total 250 rounds 16 yard line (10 week period)

Total 250 rounds 20 yard line (10 week period)

Option to shoot league or open rounds each week. Make up dates each Thursday morning or Tuesday June 24. 4 Trophies awarded, 1 overall high score, 1 high score 16 yard line, 1 high score 20yard line, 1 most improved shooter. Lunch and Trophies awarded last week at Oakdale Pizza Parlor

Please join us at the trap range, we will be glad to assist new shooters

Friends of the NRA Dinner is coming, 2nd 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 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.

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.

.22 Rimfire Plate Shoot: Dates will be, April 27, May 25, June 29, July 27, August 24, September 28 and October 26 (charity shoot). Shooting starts at 9:00 AM. Shooting will be one on one with each shooter having four 4"x 6" plates on the lower section, two 6"x 6" plates on the upper section to knock over first and then a 4"x 6" hinged tie breaking plate. First shooter to knock over their plates will win the string. Each shooter will shoot six strings and the one with the most wins gets first place and so on. In the event of a tie there will be a timed shoot off. Pistols will be at 15 yards and rifles will be 25 yards. Clip fed semi auto pistols and clip fed semi auto rifles are preferred, tube fed rifles and revolvers are welcome. Any sights. Entry fee will be \$5 per relay, payout will be determined by how many shooters there are. Add a \$1 dollar event fee for nonmembers to cover insurance. CHAMBER FLAGS ARE MANDATORY. Flier is on the website or you can contact Allen Crouch at 860-608-7276 or eacrouch@snet.net for more info.

2014 .22 Rim fire 50 yard bench rest matches

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

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, 1st 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



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

bows and the other for crossbows. Keys for the shed are available from Chairman Rick Davidson (860 705 2447 / rdavidson8985@sbcglobal.net)

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

The indoor range will be closed from 4/11/2014 to 4/21/2014 for cleaning and painting,

and we will need Volunteers to paint the indoor range on sat the 19th at 9:00am so anyone needing hours please come on down.

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 STRICLY FORBIDDEN on this range. This is a SERIOUS breach of rules and if caught you will face disciplinary action.

April 27 RANGE CLOSED: On April 27th 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 7th. 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!

.22 Rimfire Plate Shoot: NOTE: DATE CHANGE ON FIRST MATCH. Dates will be, April 13, May 25, June 29, July 27, August 24, September 28 and October 26 (charity shoot). Shooting starts at 9:00 AM. Shooting will be one on one with each shooter having four 4"x 6" plates on the lower section, two 6"x 6" plates on the upper section to knock over first and then a 4"x 6" hinged tie breaking plate. First shooter to knock over their plates will win the string. Each shooter will shoot six strings and the one with the most wins gets first place and so on. In the event of a tie there will be a timed shoot off. Pistols will be at 15 yards and rifles will be 25 yards. Clip fed semi auto pistols and clip fed semi auto rifles are preferred, tube fed rifles and revolvers are welcome. Any sights. Entry fee will be \$5 per relay, payout will be determined by how many shooters there are. Add a \$1 dollar event fee for nonmembers to cover insurance. CHAMBER FLAGS ARE MANDATORY. Flier is on the website or you can contact Allen Crouch at 860-608-7276 or eacrouch@snet.net for more info.

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.

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).

Quaker Hill Silhouette Season Opener

The first silhouette match of the season was held on April 6th with 36 shooters participating in rimfire rifle and rimfire pistol matches. The winners of the matches were:

Rimfire Rifle (relay 1) Allen Couch (27 targets)

Rimfire Rifle (relay 2) Edmond Cheung (35 targets)

Rimfire Rifle (relay 3) Tom Provencher (30 targets)

Rimfire Pistol (relay1) Bob Harris (17 targets)

The next match will be held on May 4th @ 9AM and features centerfire rifle and rimfire rifle matches.

For more information on the silhouette matches contact Bill Weinschenker at 860-639-9571 or wwweinscheker@yahoo.com

MEMBER SHOUT OUT:

Here is a new member Shout Out to all the folks at ConTact received by our Present, Jack Santos:

“When my wife and I were voted into the Club last August, my wife commented that she was impressed with the friendliness of the members of the Club.

While my wife and I have not been as active in Club activities as we would like to be due to family illnesses, I have had the opportunity to put in some work hours and shoot at the ConTact range.

The men and women that shoot at the ConTact range have been more than helpful, not only to me, but to others new to the matches. In addition, the men and women who manage the range do so while maintaining a safe environment. Last Saturday, there were no less than six men who were certified as Range Safety Officers. As I ran through each scenario I was under the watchful eye of a timer/Range Safety Officer near me at all times. After the scenario, I was advised on what I did right and what I could have done better. The comments were constructive and encouraging.

I have been shooting since I was a teenage; I have served in the Army and have been a member of another club (Hamden Fish & Game) for over 20 years. I have to say that I have never felt as safe shooting as I have been shooting the ConTact range. The range scenarios are constantly changing and are challenging. Safety is the top priority followed by a learning atmosphere. The experience gives me greater confidence in my shooting ability and reinforces firearm safety at the range and at home.

The ConTact group is probably no different from other groups within the Club, i.e. friendly, helpful and competent. But, I just wanted to let you know about my experience and how I felt about this group as a new member of the Club.”

Paul H. Robillard, 3/20/14



Newsletter Contributions

We value all of our members. Please feel free to submit material for the newsletter no later than the 1st Thursday of each month for inclusion in the current publication. Send contribution to Pete Volkmar at 860 287 0565 or 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.