

THE QUAKER HILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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<http://quakerhillrodandgunclub.org>

Spring Women on Target

Quaker Hill will be conducting its Spring Women on Target event on Saturday, May 17, 2013. All club facilities are reserved that day. This is a NRA sanctioned event, and we appreciate all they do for us. 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.

Over One thousand members.....

And yet only a few volunteers do the jobs that keep things running. Please be patient when calling for range certifications. These people have jobs and lives besides the club. The club is addressing the certifications by pooling them together at the general meetings and making other arrangements.

Tom Fournier has stepped up and volunteered for the position of Secretary. He will be voted on at the May 15th General meeting

Capital Improvements

There is a list in the club house of the capital improvements that the club needs to address in the coming years. These improvements are to the benefit of the club to keep it safe and provide for our members. The list is prioritized to what should be done first. The club does not take care of itself, we have to maintain and upgrade from time to time. Please check out the list in the clubhouse, come to a meeting and have your voice heard.



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 Santo
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Trustees: Bob Birge, Tony Goulart,
Jeff Urgitis, Ralph Jackson

Membership News

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Jimmie R. Padgett, Jr. Quaker Hill, Roger H. ("Buck") Steele Colchester, Matthew T. Stray Oakdale, Marcus L. Thomas Groton, Keith A. Truex Oakdale, Dino S. Tulli Uncasville, Nathaniel J. Welles Mystic, Russel L. Woodall Uncasville

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.

CANDIDATES FOR May:

Erik J. Barboza Uncasville, Jeremy E. Barboza Norwich, Mark W. & Donna Ciesinski Colchester, Shawn R. East Uncasville, Dustin J. Guidry Norwich, Edwin J. Maguire Waterford, Scott P. and Meg Sakellarides Mokoski East Haddam, Russell K. & Melissa Smith Salem, Richard B. & Alicia Tremaine Colchester

NEW MEMBERS WORK:

Monthly work parties will be held all summer contact Jack Santo for information. 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.

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.

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



SCHOOL TIME

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

Bow Hunter Safety September 6

Firearms Safety October 10,11,12

Special Election May Meeting

A trustee position needs to be voted on and filled. This is a partial term. Keith Griffen, and Scott Walsh are currently the nominees

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.

June key exchange may be delayed, as we are changing to a key fob system.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

2014 Silhouette Matches begin 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 bows and the other for crossbows. Keys for the shed are available from Chairman Jay Pollock pollock5001@sbcglobal.net (860) 546 9560

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

Practical Pistol

Range Rule Change: Effective July 1, 2014, **ALL** organized activities taking place on the practical pistol range will require chamber flags. There may be event exceptions, such as the CONTACT matches, that operate under specific safety procedures. While not required at this time for open shooting, it is **STRONGLY** urged for maximum safety, that chamber flags be used during open shooting too.

Spring Pin League: Has started. It's not too late to join. 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 April Plate Shoot Results: For pistols, first place Tom Provencher, second Edmond Cheung and third Mark Morehouse. For rifles, first place Dave Strate, second place Bill Weinschenker and third Donovan.



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

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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 f44@comcast.net.

Summer Pin League: The large bore league will start Monday July 14th. We will shoot every Monday at 5:30PM. There will be separate classes for auto and revolver. Entry fee for the season is \$10 per gun. We shoot a maximum of 5 rounds each night in each class you sign up for. CHAMBER FLAGS ARE MANDATORY.

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 May Silhouette Match

The May silhouette match was held on May 4 with 26 shooters participating in centerfire rifle and rimfire rifle matches. The winners of the matches were:

Centerfire Rifle (relay1) Pter Mathewson (21 targets) Centerfire Rifle (relay2) Allen Couch (15 targets) Rimfire Rifle (relay 1) Dennis Knowlton (31 targets) Rimfire Rifle (relay 2) Allen Couch (36 targets) The next match will be held on June 1st @ 9AM and features centerfire pistol and rimfire rifle matches. For more information on the silhouette matches contact Bill Weinschenker. (860-639-9571 or wweinschenker@yahoo.com)

MEMBER SHOUT OUT:

Former Connecticut Junior Earns Marine Corps Distinguished Marksman Badge

2LT George Planeta IV, USMC started shooting with Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club as a junior. As a member of the Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association Junior High Power Program he began his trek along the road to Distinguished. By the time Planeta graduated from the US Naval Academy in 2013 he had accumulated 24 points. Accepting a commission in the US Marine Corps he immediately fell under their Distinguished rules and lost six points. Undeterred he successfully earned the necessary 12 points while participating in Division and Marine Corps Matches during the spring of 2014 and "went out" with a silver medal at the Marine Corps Championships on April 18, 2014

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

2014 Past Dues Notifications

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.

Late notices go out June 1st

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

Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club. Host Quaker Hill Open. April 27, 2014

The Quaker Hill Gun Club hosted a 200 target 12 and 20 gauge shoot on April 27, 2014.

In attendance was a total of 38 shooters for both Gauges. The weather was chilly with a breezy which made things a little challenging to post a decent score. Even though, the shooters turned in some mighty fine final scores.

In the 12Gauge event there were three 98's posted with Paul Lachance winning Champ in a shoot off with Thomas Fontaine and Doug Britt who took Runner Up uncontested.

Class winners in the 12 Gauge event:

AA 1 Fred Hill - 97
A1 Tom Fontaine - 97
B1 Richard Anthony - 97
C1 Richard Burke - 96
D1 Joe Canzanella - 96
E1 Lincoln Hoffa - 84

In the 20 Gauge event Paul Brulotte won Champ with a 99 and Fred Hill taking Runner up with a 98.

20 Gauge class winners were:

AA Richard Civitello - 98
A1 Bill Chapman - 96
B1 Christopher Knight - 98
B2 Thomas Fontaine - 98
C1 Richard Burke - 91
D1 Douglas Kramer - 90

The Quaker Hill Club would like to thank all those that participated in the Annual Open

event and helped make it a success. The skeet committee would also like to thank

those who worked the event and the pistol shooters who gave up a day of practice so the skeet shooters could compete without without the distraction. Thanks again guys.



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 Daphne and I joined the club last February and enjoy the new people we have meet. Look out for Daphne and her camera, I like changing the photos monthly. So "Smile for the birdie"

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

