

THE QUAKER HILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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<http://quakerhillrodandgunclub.org>



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!

Women On Target "Ladies Day" Success!

The Spring Ladies' Day saw 50 ladies in attendance with approximately 50 volunteers pre-sent to make sure that all ran smoothly for our guests. The weather was fantastic, warm and sunny but not humid.

Smith & Wesson was present with a 45 caliber and their new M&P Shield 9mm pistols available. The S&W representatives set up a display in the club house for the ladies to examine various firearms and have questions answered about S&W firearms. One representative brought his personal Model 460 revolver and an ample supply of ammunition to allow the ladies an opportunity to try out the handgun.

As in the past the event went very well because of the whole hearted cooperation of club members who acted as volunteers, instructors, and guides. Without their support, expertise, and instructional skills Ladies' Day would not be possible.

The lunch menu, which consisted of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, teriyaki chicken, and chili was, as usual, prepared and presented by the Steward's staff in a most pleasing manner.



Hooray for Grampee

Congratulations to Keith Griffin! he has done a fantastic job with this event for a while now. He is now a club trustee and can no longer chair this committee. We have a volunteer for next year's event and they will need your help to make it a special day for all involved.

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Jackson

Quaker Hill Junior News

Quaker Hill Juniors James Planeta, Nash Neubauer and Tyler Glynn will be participating in the National High Power matches held at Camp Perry in Ohio as members of the CT Junior High Power Team. Along with the Juniors, Quaker Hill Coach and Montville High School Assistant Coach Ryan McKee will also be attending and competing in the National High Power Matches. The CT Junior High Power Team will leave for Camp Perry Ohio on July 14th 2014. There will be three days of clinics taught by military and civilian coaches, three days of team matches consisting of one man team matches, one six man team match, and one eight man team match. Following the days of team matches will be the individual matches, the prestigious Presidents hundred match followed by the National trophy Individual match. Some juniors may stay an additional day to shoot the whistler boy match and return on July 25th 2014. Good luck to them

Club Dinner

Charlie has sandwiches or hamburgers planned, prior to our general membership meeting

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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

Candidates for June:

John M. Brogden Colchester Sp Tim Daniels, Guy G. Fucci Old Saybrook Sp Doug Brittrand, Todd B. Pike Oakdale Sp Tom Yuchniuk

If any members know 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) can use help painting the new target holders soon.

IDENTIFICATION:

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

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

Safety is primary concern on the range. If you see anyone acting contrary to this, please say something to them or someone else.

The bridge on Rte 163 by the Oakdale Post office is being serviced. There is a detour around it.

Game Committee chair Shannon Rodgers will have information on the game lottery at the meeting.

Quaker Hill Silhouette Match

The June silhouette match of the the season was held on June 1st with 32 shooters participating in centerfire pistol and rimfire rifle matches. The winners of the matches were: Centerfire Pistol (relay 1) Allen Crouch Centerfire Pistol (relay 2) Dave Strate, Rimfire Rifle (relay 1) Walt Lipponen, Rimfire Rifle(relay 2) Dave Baret, Rimfire Rifle(relay 3) Mike Ferraiolo. The July match will be all rimfire all the time starting off with rimfire rifles followed up by rimfire pistol shooting. Matches are open to non-members and you may shoot either or both rifle or pistol.The July Match date is July 6th. Registration starts @ 8:30, shooting starts promptly @ 9 AM. For more information on the silhouette matches contact Bill Weinschenker.(860)-639-9571 or wweinscheker@yahoo.com

.22 Rim fire 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. Magazine fed semi auto pistols and Magazine fed semi auto rifles are preferred, tube fed rifles and revolvers are welcome. Any sights are welcome. 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

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 rim fire ammo only.

Course of fire will be at 50 yards on an IBS rim fire 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, Spporter class, Iron sight (any rifle) and Semi-auto unlimited scope power

Spporter 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

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.

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.

The Carroll Range is closed on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month during Executive Board and General Membership meetings.
No meetings July & August

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

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!

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).



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





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 (860) 546 9560 pollock5001@sbcglobal.net

Charles A. Adams, 69, of East Haddam, a long time member of Quaker Hill passed away on May 18, 2014. He was born August 18th 1944 in Norwich graduating from the Norwich Free Academy in 1962. After earning a bachelor's degree from the College of the Holy Cross in 1967 he returned to NFA to teach English Literature for 36 years, until retiring in 2003. As a NFA faculty member he coached the NFA Rifle team to several State High School Championships.

As a competitive rifle shooter he was also a member of the National Rifle Association, the Black Hawk Rifle Club and the Corporal Digby Hand Schützenverein. He represented Quaker Hill in the Mohegan, Southwestern, and Nite Owl Rifle Leagues. Most recently Adams coached a Digby Hand team to a pair of National Records at the National Smallbore Rifle Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Carol; son Chris and daughter in law Dianne of Norwich; and older brother Albert of Virginia Beach, VA.



MEMBER SHOUT OUT:

I will talk about myself if you folks don't say anything. I recently completed an NRA Range Safety Officer class with a friend. I pursued this for the betterment of our club. It's not that I want to run to show or anything like that, but the facts are that this sport is dangerous to the novice. Reading up and taking a class or several, is a great way to maintain this sport and the club for future use. In a time whereas unseen forces are trying to diminish these activities, I am doing my part not to become a foot note, or a headline.

Ask questions, get answers, Join a league, Become a part of the club, Make some new friends



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.

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

Send contribution to Pete Volkmar at 860 287 0565 or ptvolkmar@yahoo.com.