

# THE QUAKER HILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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## NRA-ILA

At the June meeting we met Rebecca Michlin, a NRA-ILA campaign representative, she passed out some questionnaires regarding the future of our rights in Connecticut. The NRA will be calling on all of us to help the candidates that are willing fight for us this year.

## 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

## Welcome New Members:

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



## 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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Trustees: Bob Birge, Tony Goulart,  
Jeff Urgitis, Keith Griffin & Ralph  
Jackson

## Candidates for July:

We have five candidates for second readings on the 17th of this month. Mr. Heely is a hold-over from last month who was on a nice long vacation before I could interview him.

Christopher P. & Julie Faircloth East Haddam Sponsor James Gorman, John P. & Christine McCarthy Colchester Sponsor: David Karchner, Ronald G. Nordstrom Ledyard Sp. Joe Trudelle, Kevin M. & Christine Ruddy Moodus Sp. Everett Lyman, Paul M. Heely Norwich

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](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)) 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 Key Exchange will NOT happen at the June Meeting.** We are changing over to a electronic key fob system. The will announce when that will occur

**.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](mailto: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, 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)

## 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, 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.

### 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.

## 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



**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.

**Spring medium bore bowling pin league results:** First place in the auto class went to Joe Trudelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Allen Crouch, 3<sup>rd</sup> to Chris Colombo, 4<sup>th</sup> to Bob Birge and 5<sup>th</sup> to Russ Shaw. First place in the revolver class went to Tony Goulart, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Ernie Beckwith, 3<sup>rd</sup> to Scott Pierce, 4<sup>th</sup> to Allen Egerton and 5<sup>th</sup> to John Powers. A shoot off was held the last week. The revolver winner was Mike McInerney and the runner up was Scott Pierce. The auto winner was Tony Goulart and the runner up was Allen Crouch. Most improved shooter for the season was Mike McInerney.

**.22 Rimfire June Plate Shoot Results:** May brought out 16 rifle shooters and 17 pistol shooters. For pistols, 1st place Allen Crouch, 2nd Mark Hillyer and 3rd Donovan. For rifles, 1<sup>st</sup> place Tom Proventure, 2<sup>nd</sup> Donovan and 3rd Mark Morehouse.

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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.

**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) ).

**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

John Hutra, Sr., 74 of East Haddam, beloved husband of Geraldine (Miner) Hutra, died Monday May 26, 2014 at Middlesex Hospital. He was born in Manhattan, NY son of the late Julian and Katherine (York) Hutra. Prior to his retirement, John worked as a machinist at Susan Bates in Chester and later at Tritown Precision and Plastics. He was a life member of the NRA and a member of the Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club. Besides his wife, he is survived by his son, John Hutra Jr. and his wife Jen of East Haddam, daughters, Beverly Ventres and her husband Robert of East Higganum, four grandchildren, Julian and Todd Ventres, Dylan and Katie Hutra; brother-in-law Robert Mather; also many nieces and nephews; and his friend Rascal. He was predeceased by a sister, Theodosia Mather; and a brother-in-law, Ed Herel.



#### MEMBER SHOUT OUT:

Before my Father-in-law passed, we discussed many things including his collection of firearms. I agreed to help him sell some of the more exotic items off for him using today's modern techniques. Gunbroker.com worked very well for us, I sold several revolvers and a couple of Ruger rifles for him. However I still have a few different pieces in the safe. The pistol set above is a very nice looking set of dueling pistols. The catch is there are no marks on this set to identify them. My Father-in-law bought these years ago and was told by someone that these are the pistols used in the movie "The Big Country" with Gregory Peck and Burl Ives in 1958. I have seen the scene where they attempt to duel it out, and I can see a resemblance. I am at a loss finding information on these. Maybe one of our informative members can direct me to someone who is in the know.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:ptvolkmar@yahoo.com).