

THE QUAKER HILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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Wujtewicz Coaches Mohegans to Victory

Quaker Hill Junior Director Mark Wujtewicz was selected by the Mohegan Tribe as the coach for the Mohegan's shooting team to the 2014 North American Indigenous Games upon the recommendation of Mohegan Rifle Coach Emeritus Steve Rocketto. The games, held every three years alternating between the United States and Canada, were contested during the last week in July in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Over 6000 participants from 26 regions across North America participated in both athletic and cultural events. Wujtewicz spent the summer supervising training, coaching, familiarizing himself and his athletes with the rules of the events, insuring that equipment met regulations, and negotiating the maze of paperwork required to bring firearms into Canada. The hard work paid off with three gold medals for the Mohegan Tribe and Wujtewicz looks forward to the next games and continued success. Quaker Hill has been a long time supporter of the North American Indigenous Games supplying coaches, equipment, and a training site for its many successful rifle and archery shooting teams

Quaker Hill at the Nationals

Quaker Hill members again participated in the 2014 National Matches and the NRA National High Power and Smallbore Rifle Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio and Bristol, Indiana during July.

The club provided financial support to the juniors, as is its custom, and was well rewarded for its support.

Dave Vinkler, Ryan McKee, Tyler Glynn, James Planeta, George Planeta, and Nash Neubauer all traveled to Ohio to shoot highpower while Steve and Hap Rocketto stayed on the road a few hours longer to get to the smallbore matches. While the high power contingent was its usual size the smallbore crew was a bit smaller as Shawn Carpenter was home



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!

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attending to his newly born twins and the junior smallbore camp was not held in conjunction with the matches this year.

During the National Matches Neubauer joined Vinkler and the Rocketto brothers as Quaker Hill's only members of the Presidents Hundred. Neubauer was in the top 20 after the first stage of the match and then moved up to sixth overall after the shoot-off. He also won the US Marine Corps Excellence in Competition Junior Match. Juniors Neubauer, Glynn and James Planeta shot as members of the Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association teams in the Freedom's Fire Junior Match and each Quaker Hill junior was the high scorer on his team. Throughout NRA week Neubauer shot well and, after taking several junior category awards in individual matches, closed out the week third overall in the civilian service rifle category and as the overall junior and collegiate service rifle national champion.

Vinkler placed third in the Anysight/Match/Tactical Rifle category. McKee and George Planeta shot in several individual matches but spent the bulk of their time and energy as support for the juniors. In smallbore competition the Rockettos managed to get into the money in both the Conventional and Metric prone championships in several individual events. They captained and coached the Quaker Hill based Digby Hand Schützenverein team which placed third overall in the any sight team match and won the Club championship in both the metallic and grand aggregate conventional prone team matches. Both were also called upon to be wind coaches in the Dewar and the Wakefield Cup Matches, two major international postal matches.

Welcome New Members:

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

Candidates for August:

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. and Christine McCarthy Colchester Sp: David Karchner, Ronald G. Nordstrom Ledyard Sp: Joe Trudelle, Kevin M. & Christine Ruttly Moodus Sp: Emmett Lyman, Paul M. Heely Norwich Sp: Dave Krucek

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 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 left will be, 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.

July 27 Rimfire Plate shoot results

Rimfire Pistol (relay 1) Mark Morehouse (20 targets) Rimfire Rifle (relay 1) Bob Harris (28 targets) Rimfire Rifle (relay 2) Allen Crouch (35 targets) Rimfire Rifle (relay 3) Allen Crouch (30 targets)

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

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.

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.

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.**

This Monday the 11th we had ourselves a small picnic before the pin shoot, I must say, it was delightful. Many garden items and other exotic bits were had, we even left with extras. Guests even came from down South to say hello while visiting.

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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



MEMBER SHOUT OUT:

Club Classifieds

A member asked me about doing some classifieds in the newsletter, So starting in September and the following months, I will put in a few classifieds into the newsletter. Please send me a SHORT description of the item you want to sell, your name and how you wish to be contacted, email or phone. No pictures, but have them ready if the parties contact you via email. If you send them before the 1st week of the month, I can manage putting them here at the end of the letter pvtolkmar@yahoo.com.

Route 163 Bridge near the Oakdale Post office is being repaired. Those of you who travel to the club are probably aware of this by now. I ventured down to the scene to see for myself. For some reason I do not believe they will done by the October date stated on the sign. This being my opinion, I am standing by it. The construction workers involved may feel free to prove me wrong. Signs are posted to get around it.

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

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).

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

Rifle Range

We still need a Rifle Range Chairman. This would include arranging work parties to clean up and repair target stands, meet with new members and go over the club rules and keep an eye on the range. Please contact Jack Santo if you want to volunteer.

