

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!

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Fall is here and Hunting Season is back!

Ranges during this time will be closed until 10:00 am on Saturdays only. A sign stating this will be placed near the entrance of the Club. Ranges are open at the normal time of 9:00 am the rest of the week.

Pheasant... Pheasant..... Pheasant...

Yes, it is that time a year when we have the opportunity the hunt these things called pheasants. This year's club fee for pheasants is only \$30. The pheasant season starts on Saturday October 18th. The birds will be stocked every weekend finishing on thanksgiving weekend.

For those of you who have never hunted pheasant on the club property we stock our own birds on the morning we are hunting. So please show up an hour before shooting light. If there are birds that are not put out on Saturday morning, the club will put out the rest of the birds for club members who have purchased a pass to hunt the rest of the week. Please contact Shannon Rodgers, 207-831-8243 or at jotulusa_sr@earthlink.net, John Kronk 860-961-3860, or Jeff Urgitis jeffurgitis@ct.metrocast.net to purchase passes. Passes will be available on each Saturday until thanksgiving. Happy hunting and see you out there.

Recently, the front gate has been found wide open with no one using the ranges. This has been found by one of our trustees at least three times within the past two weeks. It is each member's responsibility to lock the gate if you are the last one leaving. This is a simple task. If you do not see any activity on ANY of the ranges when you leave, LOCK the gate. If there is a club member "hiding" anywhere, they have a key to open the gate and leave.

The Key Exchange will NOT happen at the October Meeting.

Key Fob Update

Downstairs in the Carroll Range, the exit door was replaced and the contractor is working on the front doors in order to accommodate the sensors to open the door with the key fob. Once this prep work is completed, a new gate will be installed. The old gate will remain open and be used only for back up. In the event of gate failure or maintenance a combination lock will be on the gate and members will be advised of the combination.

Ed Welch is the New Rifle Range Committee Chairman

He will be at the club for range certifications October 18 – 19 12:00noon to 3:00pm each day to get some back log out of the way. He will need some volunteers for range clean up, target construction and painting the Connex box recently installed. If you need some hours or if want to help please contact him. He can be reached via email edwel73@tvconnect.net and cell (860) 389 5042.

Tractor News

A New tractor with all the amenities needed for the club, (Forks, Brush hog, Filters) was decided upon during the E Board meeting. This purchase will be brought to the members at the next meeting. It will be financed over 5 years. This is part of the Capital improvements the Club is working on to maintain QHRGC in the coming years.

Capital Improvements for the Club need to Addressed

The Club needs to improve our facilities. We cannot expect the ranges to last forever. The tires on the Rocketto and the rifle range need to be disposed of. Backstops needs to be improved, sheds and out buildings need maintenance. A barrier along Oxoboxo Dam Rd needs to be considered. Shot curtains, Skeet and Trap machines have to be considered in the future. Air conditioning in the Clubhouse as well. For now we are burying a new propane tank, in order to save on propane purchases. The Club is working on all of these in order to enhance and promote the Club.

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

Range Rule Change: 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



Practical Pistol

Winter .22 Pin League: The winter outdoor league will start Saturday **October 11th** at 1 PM and run until December 20th. This is a .22 pistol (semi-auto and/or revolver) event. Entry fee will be \$10 per gun. This will be a bowling pin style league. The targets will be the special steel pin racks we have for the pin tables. Bowling pin league match rules apply.

Annual Toy Shoot will be held **Sunday October 19th**. This yearly event is to raise money for Montville Social Services to buy toys and clothes for needy children. Bowling pin style match. Entry fee is \$5 (or whatever you would like to donate) or a new unwrapped toy. Sign up at 9 AM. Match starts at 10 AM. Let's have a big turn out for this worthwhile event. This event is open to all. Contact Tony Goulart at 823-1234 (surfcaster17@att.net) if you have any questions. **New members needing hours** the easiest work you could ever do is be a pin setter for a few hours.

.22 Rimfire September Plate Shoot Results: September brought out 14 rifle shooters and 12 pistol shooters. For pistols, first place Mark Morehouse, second Dave Armen and third Scott Pierce. For rifles, first place Allen Crouch, second place Allen Egerton and third Bill Weinschenker.

.22 Rimfire Plate Shoot: Last match of the season is **October 26th**. This is a charity shoot for the same purpose as the pin shoot above. 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. Flier is on the website or you can contact Allen Crouch at 860-608-7276 or eacrouch@snet.net for more info.

Summer large bore bowling pin league results: First place in the auto class went to Joe Trudelle, 2nd to Scott Pierce, 3rd to Chris Colombo, 4th to Mike McInerney and 5th to Bill Weinschenker. First place in the revolver class went to Tony Goulart, 2nd to Bob Birge, 3rd to Ernie Beckwith, 4th to Allen Egerton and 5th to Mark Hillyer. A shoot off was held the last week. The revolver winner was Joe Trudelle and the runner up was Allen Egerton. The auto winner was Allen Crouch and the runner up was Scott Pierce. Most improved shooter for the season was Mike McInerney.

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 Jean Martin with any questions at jgyrine@yahoo.com.

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 Range Notes

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



Skeet House News

The club Skeet championship was held on September 27 -28 The winners were, 410 Doug Britt, 28ga.Paul Brulotte, 20ga Rich Civitello, and Doubles Paul LaChance. 12ga.

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Pete Krause 93, D class Linc Hoffa 96. HOA Winner Rich Civitello 239. Thanks to everyone for coming and we'll do it again next year.

Get involved, be informed, make sure to vote this November

The **New London County League of Sportsmen's Clubs** is an organization of area clubs, meeting and sharing information on clubs, club activities and current issues members should be aware of. Upcoming events: The CT Trappers Association Fall Rendezvous will be held at Fin, Fur and Feather Club on Sat; Oct 11th. Youth day hunts for kids who are 12 thru 15 years old and passed their CE/FS course will be held at: CF&G Club on Sat, Oct 11th, (call John at 860-873-3633), Pomfret Rod and Gun on Sat, Oct 11th, (call Jim at 508-414-7330), Belltown Sportsmen's on Sun, Nov 9th, (call Steve at 860-667-2784), and Groton Sportsmen's on Sun, Dec 7th, (call Tom at 860-376-4274).

Conservation Advisory Council for DEEP. DEEP will be stocking 15,585 pheasants across the state during Oct and Nov for the 2014 CT hunting season, which opens on Sat; Oct 18th. Beginning this year, "Daily Permits" for many of the 'permit required' areas may be obtained ONLINE at the DEEP Licensing website, (the same place you get your hunting license). These will be available up to three days prior to the date you wish to hunt. A new hunting area is open in Colchester. Meadow Brook Wildlife Management Area is 160 acres, with 80 acres of 'old fields'. It will be stocked with pheasants. It is located just West of Rt 2, on Prospect Hill Rd in Colchester.

Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen. The annual fund raising dinner will be held on Sun; Oct 19th at the AquaTurf in Southington, CT. It is \$55 per quest, and reservations need to be made in advance. Go to: <http://ctsportsmen.com/index.php/events> to order tickets. The message from Robert Crook is: "**GET OUT AND VOTE**". This is a big year with lots at stake for sportsmen, hunters and gun-owners. Support the candidates who protect your interest and your rights. Support the candidates of your choice, but most of all make sure you vote on **Tuesday; Nov 4th**.

Carroll Range

Friday night October 2nd the Juniors began the new season downstairs on Carroll range. Mark and gang have about 22 juniors to coach and teach through the 2014 – 2015 season.

Club Classifieds

I put the word out last month if anyone wants to sell something to other club members, I can place a small add here at the end of the newsletter for our members to consider.

Joe Warmus was successful with selling on the Newsletter. You can try too. Just send me a note.

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.

