

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!

Abe Rocketto Service Pistol Match

The 14th Annual Abe Rocketto Service Pistol Match saw 24 entries use 12 different types of issue military service pistols from the venerable Colt 1911 through the CZ85. Tony Goulart arrived late, as he worked a 12 hour overnight shift, just to see how things were going. He borrowed Steve Rocketto's Browning High Power and won his 13th Rocketto match crown. To put icing on the cake he then caged a 1911 and some ammunition and took Class A honors. Chris Zibbideo used a Browning to win class B while Jay Sonneborn's skill with a Berretta M9 earned him the Class C laurels. The competitors all enjoyed a traditional picnic post match lunch and toasted the memories of Abe Rocketto and match founder Steve Schady.

Mohegan Rifle League

The Mohegan Rifle League opened its 2014-15 campaign on Wednesday October 1st. Quaker Hill fields two teams in the MR which shoots a 30 shot three position match at 50 feet using NRA A-17 targets. Matches are held each Wednesday starting at 7PM. Anyone interested in joining in the fun is invited to contact the team captains, Quaker Hill, Mark Wujewicz at mwojo@ct.metrocast.net and the Quaker Hill Magnums captain, Hap Rocketto at hrocketto@cox.net.

The Southwestern League

The Southwestern Rifle League has begun its new season. This is a three position league shot on the NRA/USAS 50 foot target. The SWL shoots on Friday mornings at 10AM. Because it is a postal league, scores are mailed in to the scorer so one need not shoot at that time. Team Captain and contact is Ernie Mellor at emellor@sbcglobal.net.

New London County Pistol League

Any club member wishing to compete in this 22 caliber indoor league should contact either the Quaker Hill team captain, Bob Gesiak, at righesiak@snet.net or the Nutmeg team captain, Bob Drosch, at rdrosch6301@charter.net. One can drop by the club almost any Monday evening when one of our two teams are at home and witness the competition.

CLUB OFFICERS:

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

Club Dinner for the November meeting needs more participants

Charlie wants to make a delicious Prime Rib for dinner, but more people must sign up by Monday the 17th. Call Charlie MacLean at 860 848 2798 and sign up use the signup sheet in the clubhouse.

The Key Exchange will NOT happen at the November Meeting.

New Members to voted on at November Meeting

David B. Dean, East Lyme, **Anthony D. and Rebecca Scott**, Groton, **Robert J Doyle**, Groton

Ed Welch is the New Rifle Range Committee Chairman

He will be forming a work party to clean up the Rifle Range. The storage box needs painting and general cleanup. If you need some hours and want to help, please contact Ed. He can be reached via email edwel73@tvconnect.net and cell (860) 389 5042.

Logging News

Loggers will be showing up in January after the hunting season ends. This should have no affect on the club members, as the loggers will be using the other access gates.

Capital Improvements for the Club

The Club needs to improve our facilities. We cannot expect the ranges to last forever. The underground propane tank is being installed this month. A new website with member access is in the works. 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

- ✓ Sportsmen contribute nearly **\$8 billion** every day, adding more than **\$2.9 billion** every year for conservation.
- ✓ Hunters and target shooters have paid **\$6.8 billion** in excise taxes since the inception of the Pittman-Robertson Act in 1937.
- ✓ Hunting in America is big business, generating **600,000 jobs** in the United States.
- ✓ For more than 80 years, sportsmen have paid more than **\$13.7 billion** for on-the-ground projects in every state, protecting our natural environment and our fish and wildlife.
- ✓ The **\$4.95 billion** in annual federal tax money generated by hunters' spending could cover the annual paychecks of 150,000 U.S. Army Sergeants.



Hunting News

Hunting season is upon us, Hunters have bagged about 55% of the birds through week 3. Please contact Shannon Rodgers, 207-831-8243 or at jotulusa_sr@earthlink.net, with any questions.

Practical Pistol

Annual Charity Toy Shoots: The Charity Pin Shoot was held on Sunday Oct 19th and the Charity Plate Shoot Sunday October 26th. The weather was good for both events. There were a total of 22 entries for the pin shoot and 26 entries for the plate shoot. For the pin shoot Joe Trudelle with an auto took 1st, Joe also took 2nd with his revolver, 3rd was Allen Crouch with a revolver, 4th was Tony Goulart with a revolver and 5th went to Tony with an auto. Thanks go out to Peter Tripputi and James Kelly for pin setting. For the plate shoot, pistol standings were Michael Peterson 1st, Allen Crouch 2nd and Mark Morehouse 3rd. For rifles Dave Strate was 1st, Mike McInerney 2nd and Allen Crouch took 3rd. Tony will be collecting at the November meeting and the final amount donated will be in next month's newsletter.

Winter .22 Pin League: The winter outdoor league has begun. It shoots Saturdays at 1 PM. It will end December 13th. This is a .22 pistol (semi-auto and/or revolver) event. Entry fee is \$10 per gun. It's not too late to join. This is a bowling pin style league. The targets are the special steel pin racks we have for the pin tables. Bowling pin league match rules apply.

HUNTING HOURS Contact (Concealed Tactical): Defensive pistol matches are Saturday mornings. Start time is 10 AM. Set up is at 9:00 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

Connecticut Big Bore League

Team Captain Joe Smith reports Quaker Hill that swept the Connecticut Big Bore League with a perfect 18-0 record. In the process Nash Neubauer' earned his second consecutive individual championship while Phil Kohanski was winner of the Class A award. Hap Rocketto was high senior.

Carroll Range

The Carroll Indoor Range is reserved for club competitive activities as follows from mid-October through mid-March as follows:

Monday, Montville High School-3PM to 6PM and New London County Pistol League-7PM to 11PM

Tuesday, Grasso Technical High School-3PM to 6PM

Wednesday, Montville High School-3PM to 6PM and Mohegan Rifle League- 7PM to 11PM

Thursday, Grasso Technical High School-3PM to 6PM

Friday, Southwestern Rifle League-10AM to Noon and Quaker Hill Junior Program-6PM to 10PM

The Carroll Range is closed on the first and third Thursdays of each month during Executive Board and General Membership Meetings.

Coach Steve Rocketto

Steve Rocketto, a Quaker Hill Life Member and the founder of the Quaker Hill Jr. Rifle Program and the Montville High School Rifle Club needs a successor.

He managed to get a high school rifle club established in Montville after two years of work and immense political opposition. However, he is old and getting gray and this team will disappear unless someone is willing to take over as coach. He is looking for a retired man or woman who likes working with kids.

If you volunteer, he is willing to train you over the next two years. No prior coaching skill is necessary. You will be taught all you need to know.

Here is what is required:

1. Three free hours on two afternoons per week from about 2:30 to 5:30. The season runs from October 1st to February 28th, about forty days of practice and competition.
2. Some minimal time necessary to keep some records and do paperwork.

The Montville Board of Education approved the activity with the provision that there would be no cost to the town so there is no financial reimbursement from Montville. However, Midway's Scholastic Shooting Fund has provided an endowment which nets the MHS Club about \$1,000 per year, much of which is used for League dues and match entry fees and Quaker Hill has been extremely generous in providing free range time, equipment, ammunition, and targets. The team, which numbers about eight to 16 shooters, is very well equipped.

Any club member willing to step up and take the challenge should contact The E Board or a trustee. Anyone interested in seeing what we do is invited to attend a practice session on Monday or Wednesday between 3 PM and 5:30 PM. Please let Rocketto know in advance if you are coming in case of a schedule change srocketto@aquilasys.com.

Club Classifieds

Glock 17 (9mm) generation 3, extended slide and mag releases, 3 1/2 lb connector, two mags, excellent condition, runs great. \$450.

Lone Wolf barrel for Glock 17, hardly used, \$75.

Contact Ernest Beckwith at: tfo44@comcast.net or [860 526 8076](tel:8605268076)

Remington 700 in .223 Stainless fluted barrel, synthetic stock, bipod, 6-18 Leupold Scope \$1200.00

Beretta Model 87 Target 22LR comes with factory, and custom grips, 2 magazines \$700.00

Winchester Model 100 .308 Late model oak leaf stock 1-5 power Redfield scope \$650.00

Contact Bob Birge 860-984-3731

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.