

# THE QUAKER HILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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## 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!

Merry Christmas to All



### December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting

The Club By-Laws changes have been presented and we are voting on them this week. Mostly the language of the By-laws were changed by the committee. House rules will be worked on by the committee next and those changes will be presented to the club next year.



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860 848 2798

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

**Club Pot Luck Dinner for the December meeting needs more participants** Charlie and the Club are planning a Pot Luck for December 18 but more people must commit to bring a dish. Call Charlie MacLean at 860 848 2798 and sign up use the sign up sheet in the clubhouse.

**The Key Exchange will NOT happen at the December Meeting.**

**New Members to be voted on at January 2015 Meeting**

Peter J. Blackman Colchester  
Melissa D. Burch Ivoryton  
Michael C. Doherty, Jr. Oakdale  
Sonia Simpson New London

**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](mailto: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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 million** 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

The bird stocking season is officially over at the club. We had a great season with over 150 birds taken. I would like to thank all who helped with the birds this year. I couldn't have done it without all of your help. I hope next season we can have more of our members participate in this program. Bourdoux Pheasant Farm provided amazing birds this year. They were lively and great flying birds.

AS A REMINDER ALL TREE STANDS MUST BE REMOVED OFF CLUB PROPERTY BY JANUARY 15. The club is having the property logged and we can't hold up the logger. Any questions please contact Shannon Rodgers, 207-831-8243 or at [jotulusa sr@earthlink.net](mailto:jotulusa_sr@earthlink.net).

## Practical Pistol

**Charity Shoots:** Between the charity pin shoot, charity plate shoot and donations by other club members we raised \$500 and some toys for the children of Montville. Thank you to all those who participated and contributed to making this our most successful year ever.

**Fall .22 Pin League:** The .22 outdoor league is finished. First place in the auto class was awarded to Joe Trudelle, second to Allen Egerton, third to Ernie Beckwith and fourth to Bill Weinschenker. In the revolver class, first place went to Tony Goulart, second to Mike McInerney, third to Allen Crouch and fourth to Scott Pierce. Honors for the most improved shooter for the season went to Jay Talbot.

**Cowboy Pin Shoot:** On Saturday January 17 at 1 PM there will be a fun shoot using single action revolvers. Double action revolvers are allowed but you will have to shoot them single action. Up to two guns can be entered. IRON SIGHTS ONLY. NO OPTICS. If there is enough interest and time a lever action rifle (pistol calibers only) match will be held after the revolver match. Match rules and scoring will be reviewed prior to the start. If you need hours 2 pin setters are needed. We need to know who is going to attend. Contact Tony at [surfcaster17@att.net](mailto:surfcaster17@att.net) if you want to set pins or shoot and what guns you plan on using. Rain date will be the following Saturday 1/24.

**ConTact (Concealed Tactical):** Defensive pistol matches are Saturday mornings. WE ARE BACK TO REGULAR START TIME. Set up at 9 AM, shooting starts at 9:30 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](mailto:jgyrine@yahoo.com)

**Certifications:** are by email appointment only to Frank Torchia at [ftorchia@ct.metrocast.net](mailto:ftorchia@ct.metrocast.net) ).

**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 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](mailto:pollock5001@sbcglobal.net)

### 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](mailto: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: [fo44@comcast.net](mailto:fo44@comcast.net) or [860 526 8076](tel:8605268076)

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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

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If you want to sell an item in this newsletter please contact Pete Volkmar [ptvolkmar@yahoo.com](mailto:ptvolkmar@yahoo.com)

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).