

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 3rd Thursday except in July & August. We meet at 7 pm in Sullivan Hall at the Club. See you all there!

Welcome to the New Year



The QH Fall Trap League ended December 11th. The league is normally shot on Tuesdays with make ups on Thursdays and Sunday afternoons. The weather this Fall was not the best on shooting days, but the scores were better than the Summer league. The league course of fire over 12 weeks was 300 targets at 16 yards and 300 targets at Handicap.

Champions:

Doug Britt.....High Over All
Richard Morrill.....16 yard
Ray Scott.....Handicap
Keith Griffin.....Most Improved
Junior.....David Kohanski

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Joe Stajduhar, David Kohanski



The new Electric gate is making progress, soon we will have a key fob system to open and close the gate. The key fob will work on the clubhouse door and the exit for the Carroll range, The key fob will needed to open gate when you leave as well. This adds a level safety keeping people that don't belong on our club grounds. Hopefully we can get the work done soon and pass out key fobs.

The Key Exchange will NOT happen at the January Meeting.

New Members to be voted on at January 2015 Meeting

These are the second readings that were held over from December

Peter J. Blackman Colchester
Melissa D. Burch Ivoryton
Michael C. Doherty, Jr. Oakdale
Sonia Simpson New London
William F. Brown Waterford
Edward S. & Susan T. Chmielewski

First readings for consideration

James LaWare Niantic
Bruce Wallace East Haddam
Chris Herbette

Ed Welch Rifle Range Chairman

For range certification or, 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.

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.

Hunting News

Deer and turkey season have finished for the year in our zone. Private land zones 11-12 continue until the end of January. (Don't we wish we were in those zones?) Everyone should be aware the loggers are now on property. They arrived a week or so early. With that said, we kindly ask everyone who has a tree stand to remove it as soon as possible. The 15th of January was the date we had required you to have them removed. For all of those who have already taken them down, thank you.

As a safety precaution QHRGC will CLOSE small game hunting on club property during the weekdays, Monday through Friday, while the loggers are working. We will allow small game hunting on club property on Saturdays, when the loggers are not working, for the rest of the season. As a reminder, a small game permit is required to hunt on club property. This will help ensure the safety of both loggers and the club hunters. I am sorry for the short notice but this is a safety concern and safety is of the utmost importance.

As most of you are aware we were suppose to have key fobs by now. The club is working on this and soon we will not have keys we will have key fobs. Until this happens, we will still need to sign into and out of the

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 rifle 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.

"Ladies Day" NRA Women On Target

May 16th will be our annual Ladies Day. Heading up this committee is our own Sunday Martin. The application fee will be \$50.00 this year, lunch and equipment will be provided for all in attendance. The paper application will be on the website soon, you can also sign up with Sunday, she will be looking for volunteers to help out, and participants for this event. She can be reached via email at suntush2@yahoo.com

Quaker Hill member Hap Rocketto has been nominated for the National Rifle Association Board of Directors. A strong advocate of club, junior, and competitive programs, as well as the Second Amendment, he is seeking the vote of every eligible club member.

Voting members will begin receiving their ballots in January..

hunting book located by the front gate. Our goal is to have a key fob swipe next year so we don't have to sign in and out of the book, we would only sign the book if game was taken.

Our pheasant season went well at the club. This area of the club is also closed, Monday through Friday, while the loggers are working. Saturdays are a day when you can still hunt for pheasant, providing you purchased a pheasant tag from the club. Again, we just want to create a safe working environment for everyone.

Any questions for me please feel free to contact me at jotulusa_sr@earthlink.net or by phone (207)831-8243

New London County Pistol League

The New London County Pistol League has completed the first half of the season and competition is sure to heat up after the Holiday break. The QHRGC has two teams participating in the League, The Quaker Hill team, anchored by Peter Tripputi with a 286 average, sports a record of 6-8 at the break and the Nutmegs with Tony Goulart (278) as their top shooter has an 5-9 record.

New "Bullseye" shooters are always welcomed and can contact Bill Weinschenker, captain of The Quaker Hill team, for information. wweinschenker@yahoo.com or [860-639-9571](tel:860-639-9571)

Practical Pistol

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 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

Certifications: are by email appointment only to Frank Torchia at ftorchia@ct.metrocast.net

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

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.

A new schedule of cleaning and maintenance will be posted soon for this range. In order to keep this range open for use for ALL of the groups that use the indoor range, periodic cleaning and repair have to be kept up. Volunteers will be needed to help out when work parties are compiled.

Glynn Acquits Himself Well

Tyler Glynn, a Quaker Hill Junior shooting for Montville High School, recently competed in the Eastern Division of the Connecticut Junior Olympic Championship sponsored by the Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association and hosted by the US Coast Guard Academy.

Glynn won the Division in the Men's Air Rifle competition with a score of 552X600 in the 60 shot standing match. His performance was all the more remarkable as he competed using a borrowed air rifle that he first picked up when he walked onto the range for the match.

In Men's Smallbore Rifle, 20 shots in prone kneeling, and standing, he was fifth overall with a score of 519X600 on the challenging International Shooting Sports Federation target.

The scores from the Eastern Division will be combined with those of the yet unreported Western Division competition to determine who will be invited to the National Junior Olympic Championship to be held at the Olympic Training Center at Colorado Springs, Colorado in the spring.

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 Meetings Procedure Changes

Club meetings have gotten a bit loud and long winded. To this the Club has come up with a few rules to solve this. We will have an agenda, once minutes and agenda issues were discussed the floor will be opened and new business will be discussed. Each member will raise their hands and ask to be recognized, Once one has the floor you will have 3 minutes to get your point, argument, or issue.

Club Classifieds

Who is up for another swap meet? I have the 3 Sundays in March for dates March 8, 15 or 29. This will be brought up on January's meeting. The same \$20.00 per table and a canned good or \$2.00 at the door to get in.

If you want to sell an item in this newsletter please contact Pete Volkmar ptvolkmar@yahoo.com

Club shout out to a local business that helped the club for many years. Dino at Montville Hardware (Rte 32 Montville) helped for years with our key exchange and with the new gate coming this practice will change. In this "Big" business world it is good to see that a local business gets it done in a big way.

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.