

THE QUAKER HILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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Ugh

Will it ever stop snowing? Who wants to punch Al Gore in the mouth, for all of this "Global warming?" Between the actual weather and the weather guessers, I feel as if I am losing my mind. At this point I will welcome some mud and rain. I hope all of our club members weather all of this.



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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The new tractor is a big help. Doug Britt uses it to unload clay pigeons seen here before we were covered in snow.

The Key Exchange will NOT happen at the February Meeting.

New Members to be voted on at February 2015 Meeting

These are the second readings for February

Adam L. Bridges Oakdale , Donald E. Deane Ivoryton , Michael C. Doherty, Jr. Oakdale , Chris Herbette New London, Edward James (Jim) LaWare Niantic Paul E. Montminy Oakdale, Bruce R. & Joyce Wallace East Haddam , Ronald E. Silberman Colchester, Diana Saunders upgrading to Regular Membership from Family Member.

From here on out the Membership fees have been raised and all of the new applicants will be paying the new fees.

First Readings for consideration

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

Well it is pretty quiet on the game front this month. I just have one reminder at this time. There will be a sign-up for spring turkey at the March meeting. You must sign up in person, or contact me at jotulusa_sr@earthlink.net to explain why you cannot make the meeting. There will be up to 25 permits for spring turkey. If we have more than 25 applicants, then a lottery system will be necessary. This year all hunters must present their hunting license prior to receiving their permits.

Please join fellow waterfowl hunters and outdoor enthusiasts at a dinner and fundraiser sponsored by the Connecticut Chapter of Delta Waterfowl. Proceeds from this dinner and fundraiser benefit local and national efforts to increase waterfowl numbers and provide a local venue for promoting fellowship and advocacy for the sport.

A barbeque dinner will be followed by an evening of fun; including raffles, storytelling and camaraderie. Featured are hand carved decoys and useful Delta logo outdoor items. Event location: American Legion Post 128, 16 York Drive, Niantic, CT Date: February 28, 2015 Time: Social hour and raffle item preview 5pm Dinner at 6:00pm Tickets: Youth \$20 Adult \$50 Couple \$65 (All ticket prices include a one -year membership (\$30.00) to Delta Waterfowl) Tickets may be purchased on line at www.deltawaterfowl.org, or by contacting Dave Lersch at CtDeltaWaterfowl@gmail.com or (860) 442-5936

New London County Pistol League

The New London County Pistol League has not been able to catch a break with this snow, we have had mostly cancelations so far this month. 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)

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 Sundy 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..

Practical Pistol

Cowboy Pin Shoot: Was held Saturday January 17. All who braved the cold had a fun time. The cold made the pins brittle and the hits were devastating and fun to watch. For revolver, Mike McInerney took 1st and Allen Egerton and Tony Goulart were tied for 2nd. For lever gun, 1st place went to Joe Trudelle and Tony and Mike were tied for 2nd. Extra thanks to Mike for bringing a crockpot of hot chili. Only problem was the sour cream froze.

Fun Shoot: Will be held March 7th at 1 PM. Rain (snow) date will be the 21st. This will be a pistol caliber carbine match. Any sight allowed. M1 .30 carbines will be allowed. New members can get hours by setting pins. Contact Tony Goulart at surfcaster17@att.net if you want to set pins or if you have any questions about the match.

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

Spring Pin League: Will start Monday April 13th. Watch for details soon. This is the medium bore league.

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.

Juniors

Quaker Hill Junior Tyler Glynn, representing Montville High School, was top scorer in the Eastern Division of the Connecticut Junior Olympic Rifle Championship Men's Air Rifle event held at the US Coast Guard Academy. As such he has been selected to participate in the 22nd annual USA Shooting National Junior Olympic Shooting Championship to be held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs April 30 through May 3rd. Athletes earn invitations to the national event by posting qualifying scores at State Junior Olympics Championships. All invitations to the national event are based strictly on score. The NJOSC is a very popular and hotly contested competition and participation is a very exciting and inspiring event in a junior athlete's life.

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.

Swap Meet

Swap Meet time again. March 15th 9:00am to 3:00pm The same \$20.00 per table and a canned good or \$1.00 at the door to get in. Please contact Pete Volkmar 860-287-0565 or jack Santo 860-608-4395 for a table. We only have 18 tables for this. Sell some old stuff or buy some new stuff.

Club Classifieds

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.