

THE QUAKER HILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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2015 Renewals

Member renewals have been mailed with the new increases. Dues have gone up, Regular membership went from \$95.00/year to \$150.00 Seniors \$50.00/year to \$75.00, an additional household member went from \$15.00/year to \$25.00. Our club dues are still some of the lowest around.

In addition to the club dues members without the required work hours are being charged \$20.00/hour. The new membership application has all of these listed.

All dues are for a single membership. If you wish to upgrade to a family membership, which covers your significant other and all children under 18, simply add a single \$25.00 payment.

Don't forget to make any necessary corrections to your information and return the invoice with your dues promptly.

If you have not received your invoice please contact Rich Civitello at 860-464-1697 or rcc627@comcast.net.

The Key Exchange will NOT happen at the March Meeting.

The new key fob and new I.D. card will be distributed after your renewal



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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Jeff Urgitis, Keith Griffin & Ralph
Jackson

The Abe Rocketto pistol range is now closed due to roof failure. The club membership will be presented with the chore of repairing or replacing the roof structure. Replacement is a better option as a new structure with new materials will last longer than a repair. Work parties will be needed in either case. Rapid News will be used to arrange work parties. The photo below was taken on February 13th.



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..

New Members to be voted on at March 2015 Meeting

These are the second readings for March

Brian Donahue, James Henderson, Paul Russet, Kyle Schoeder, and Micheal Wiese will be voted on during the March meeting.

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.

Elections

The QHR&GC Nominating Committee is seeking persons interested in running for elected Officer positions. The Nominating Committee conducts a brief interview with interested individuals by engaging in a two-way dialogue about the individual's interest in serving and to ascertain how well suited the candidate might be for the position being considered. All positions are up for vote this year plus 3 open seats for Trustee (5 year), Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms. Please refer to the latest version of the by Laws for up-to-date description of jobs and responsibilities.

Serving your Club through giving of time and talents is especially appreciated by everyone who uses the Club's facilities. As an elected officer, you can have a greater impact in the overall success of the Club and influence its future growth and success. We most heartedly welcome any and all interested persons to contact Dave Lersch at DaveLersch@aol.com or [\(860\) 442-5936](tel:(860)442-5936).

New London County Pistol League

The New London County Pistol League season moves into the final month of the season and both teams representing the Club continue their fine shooting. The Quaker Hill team sports a 12-7 record with a team average of 1362.58. The Nutmegs are 10-10 with a team average of 1361.75. Peter Tripputi still holds the top shooter spot for The Quaker Hill team with a season average of 287. Tony Goulart is the top Nutmeg with season average of 277.

The end-of-season awards banquet is planned for June 6, tickets are available from team captains.

Practical Pistol

Fun Shoot: Carbine match was held Saturday March 7. Finally had some good weather. Joe Trudelle took 1st place. There was a three way tie for 2nd that was broken with a shoot off. 2nd went to Curtiss Wakefield, 3rd to Allen Egerton, 4th to Mike McInerny and 5th to Wayne Gronlund.

Spring Pin League: Will start 5:30 Monday April 6th. This is the medium bore league. It will run through the end of June. For the purposes of this league medium bore is defined as centerfire handguns with a bore diameter LESS than .400"/10mm. There will be separate classes for auto and revolver. Entry fee for the season will be \$10 per gun. You will shoot 3 rounds each night in each class you sign up for. **New members**, earn your hours the easy way. Be a pin setter and get credit for 2 hours of work!

Contact (Concealed Tactical): Defensive pistol matches are Saturday mornings. 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).

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.

As Stated in the Range rules there is NO jacketed ammo in the Carroll Range

Juniors

The Quaker Hill Juniors participated in the 2015 Al Metzger Memorial Gallery Match hosted by the Bridgeport Rifle Club on Saturday March 1st. First year Quaker Hill junior Billy Wolfe shot a 192.09 out of 200 to take the second place medal overall in the Sub Junior category. Right behind him was Quaker Hill Junior veteran Melanie Trotochaud posting a 188.08 for a fourth place finish overall and a first place finish in Class AAA. Another Quaker Hill Junior veteran David Kohanski, himself a Junior Trap League Champion, shot a 168.03 which earned him the top spot in Class B. Emma Welch, a member of the Grasso Tech Rifle Team and Quaker Hill Junior earned First Place in the Junior Category Class F with a score of 135.00. The Sub Junior Team comprised of Wolfe, Trotochaud, Kohanski and Kayley Canova took the Second Place spot in Sub Junior Teams with a score of 726.22. All the Quaker Hill Juniors performed outstanding and are all fine representatives of this club and the shooting sports. The next match we are attending is the 84th Annual CT State Gallery Match to be held at Blue Trail Range in Wallingford

Mario Montalbini of Uncasville passed away on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015. He was born in Senigallia, Italy on Oct. 22, 1931. Mario was united in marriage to Emily Manuzzi on Sept. 19, 1956. He leaves behind his wife and two children, his son, Michael Montalbini and his wife, Dawn, of Phoenix, Ariz.; and his daughter, Jude MacLean and David Brouillette; and his beloved grandson, Shane MacLean of Oakdale. Mario was an avid shooter and a lifetime member of the Quaker Hill Rod & Gun Club

David M. Fedeli of Waterford passed away at home February 17, 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer, with his wife Belinda Gribosky Fedeli by his side . Born December 11, 1943 in Norwich. to the late Edmond L. and Doris I. (Fuller) Fedeli. David graduated from Norwich Free Academy in 1961 and went on to earn an Associate Degree in Engineering from Mitchell College. David had over 36 years experience in the Design field, design structures, decks, piping systems and wireways for nuclear submarines, power plants and other facilities. He worked at the former Naval Underwater Sound Lab in New London and then for the Anteon Corp., retiring in 2005. David, along with a co-worker, invented and received a U.S. patent in 1996 for the design of a support base for submarine antenna mast. David spent many hours doing a frame off restoration of his beloved 1961 Vet. He could be found at many car shows and cruise nights. In 1978 he served as the Charter President of the Corvettes Only Club. He also enjoyed riding his Harley. David was a long time member of Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club, serving as Vice President and Senior Trustee. He was a past member of ECSC, NSSA, and NRA and other organizations severing in various capacities. David enjoyed skeet shooting, hunting, fishing, skiing, carpentry and photography. He was known to have spirited and political opinions and a quick wit. He pursued his interest with a passion and he was devoted to his friends. In addition to his wife he is survived by his brothers, Paul (Gwen) Fedeli of Oakdale and John Fedeli of Florida. Nieces and nephews, Kimberly (Dan) Waters of Preston, Amy Harmon of Madison, Daniel (Catherine) Fedeli of Norwich and Thomas (Kathy) Fedeli of Ledyard, and several great nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank life long friend Benjamin Pipech, friends Gregory Goss and Kyle Stoddard for there help and support through out his illness. Howard Russ for making things happen and nurse Robert Gauthier. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to QHRG Club land trust fund at P.O. Box 80 Oakdale Ct. 06370. Center for Hospice Care Southeast Conn. 227 Dunham Street Norwich Ct. 06360 or the donor's choice.

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.

Come join us, find some new treasure. Ed Welch will be cooking lunch for us.

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.



I have mentioned capital improvements in the past. This winter has presented an opportunity to improve our club. I feel that replacing the structure on the Rocketto Range with a new one is a good use of club funds. This spring we will need a great deal of help removing the tires from two ranges, clearing brush and building wild life shelters, and maybe building the new roof on the pistol range. It is all of our responsibility to maintain and improve the club. I hope to see some of out there with me.

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.