

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.

Annual dues are due by May31st. If you are late there is a \$100.00 fee for payments received between June1 and June 30. All members delinquent on July 1st of each year, with the exception of active members who have been called to active military service, shall be dropped from the membership rolls

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 April Meeting.

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

The Rocketto outdoor range has been repaired and is ready for use. Gary Owen is the range chairperson and hosts certifications Sunday afternoons. Please contact him for the next one. m1911a1288@aol.com or 860-447-1092



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!

CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Jack Santo
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Treasurer: Robert Giffen
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Secretary: Timothy Fournier
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Steward: Charlie MacLean
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Trustees: Bob Birge, Tony Goulart,
Jeff Urgitis, Keith Griffin & Ralph
Jackson

New Members to be voted on at April 2015 Meeting

First Readings for consideration Lionel Mendez, Jr. Norwich

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

We had our turkey lottery last month. Each member who got approved for a permit will be contacted shortly, if they haven't already been contacted. Those who were granted permits will be able to pick them up at the April membership meeting. I will be available at 5:30, and just after the meeting. Please remember to bring a copy of your hunting license with your spring turkey endorsement. If those times are not convenient please contact me. As a reminder, spring turkey season is from April 29, through May 30. This is for both state land and private land. Hunting turkeys is permitted from 1/2 hour before sunrise until 12 noon.

The bag limits are as follow: state land 2 bearded birds, private land 3 bearded birds.

I know winter still feels like it is holding on, and I can't wait until true spring like weather is here, but I need to start planning for the fall pheasant season. If anyone is interested in learning to pheasant hunt we would love to help. We would like to have more of our members hunt on the property. So if you are interested in learning more please contact me. As for those who have hunted on the club property in the past I'm trying to get a rough count of how many hunter are planning to hunt this coming 2015 season. This will help us budget the total numbers of birds needed. Contact Shannon Rodgers, 2078318243, Jotulusa_sr@earthlink.net

Elections

At the upcoming April meeting, the club will be voting on a new slate of Officers and for a Trustee. Individuals for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Trustee (one) are up for election. In addition, a new position, Sergeant at Arms, will be elected. The description of duties for each position is described in the latest version of our By-Laws. Thus far, the Nominating Committee is proposing for consideration by the membership the following individuals.

President: Rich Civitello

Vice President: Doug Britt

Treasurer: Bob Giffen (incumbent)

Secretary: Tim Fournier (incumbent)

Sargent At Arms: Dave Madole

Trustee: John Scott Pierce, Mark Hillyer, George Emanuel, Dave Madole,

Of course, the By Laws allow for nominations for each and every one of these positions to be accepted from the floor. Candidates will be asked to speak for no longer than a minute about their qualifications and fitness for the position.

Preferably, anyone interested in running for a position should contact 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.

Club News

The CT DEEP showed a presentation on the New England Cottontail. Lisa Walhe, Project Wildlife Specialist, gave the presentation how some of our club lands could be utilized for rabbit habitat. The CT DEEP will have to inspect some of the land to see if we have some New England Cottontails and if it is feasible. The club already clears thick brush and makes piles for small game. If you have any questions about this please visit <http://www.newenglandcottontail.org/> or contact Lisa Walhe lisa.wahle@ct.gov

Friends of NRA Dinner Tickets will be on sale at the April meeting. There are a limited number of reduced price tickets that were funded by the club. These are on a first come first serve basis and it is one ticket per membership and you must also be an NRA member. Bring your current NRA card.

NRA Women on Target Ladies Day

May 16th will be our annual Ladies Day. Heading up this committee is our own Sundy Martin. We are all full of entrants for Ladies Day. The club will only be open for Ladies Day activities; All volunteers please show up early and be ready to help out. I hope the weather is great. Lunch will be served in the club house. Sundy can be reached via email at suntush2@yahoo.com

Practical Pistol

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!

.22 Rimfire Plate Shoot: Dates will be, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, September 27 and October 25 (charity shoot). .22LR ammo (NO MAGNUM AMMO). Shooting starts at 9:00 AM. Shooting will be one on one with each shooter having four 4"x 6" plates on the lower section, two 6"x 6" plates on the upper section to knock over first and then a 4"x 6" hinged tie breaking plate. First shooter to knock over their plates will win the string. Each shooter will shoot six strings and the one with the most wins gets first place and so on. In the event of a tie there will be a timed shoot off. Pistols will be at 15 yards and rifles will be 25 yards. Clip fed semi auto pistols and clip fed semi auto rifles are preferred, tube fed rifles and revolvers are welcome. Any sights. Entry fee will be \$5 per relay, payout will be determined by how many shooters there are. Add a \$1 dollar event fee for nonmembers to cover insurance. CHAMBER FLAGS ARE MANDATORY. Flier is on the website or you can contact Allen Egerton aegerton@pobox.com for more info.

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

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.

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

Tyler Glynn, a Quaker Hill Junior who represents Montville High School, has been invited to participate in the National Junior Olympic Championships (JORC) hosted by USA Shooting in Colorado Springs, Colorado April 30 through May 6th.

Glynn qualified in Air Rifle at the Eastern Section of the Connecticut JORC shot at the US Coast Guard Academy in early December of 2014 where he won the Men's' Air Rifle event.

The JORC serves as an important element in developing shooters and promoting the shooting sports. Junior Olympic success allows skilled junior athletes to obtain National competitive experience for future development.

One of Quaker Hill's purposes is to assist in promoting programs for the improvement and development of hunting, fishing, wildlife conditions and shooting sports in eastern Connecticut. To that end the club has awarded Glynn a \$550 grant to help subsidize his expenses. To show his appreciation Tyler has obtained a club jacket and hat to wear while at the Olympic Training Center.

Glynn's parents and his coach Steve Rocketto will accompany him to the tournament.

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

The Annual Swap Meet went well. We raised \$240.00 for the club through table rentals, and we raised \$121.00 plus a bag of canned goods for the Montville Food Bank.

I made the mistake of charging \$2.00 at the door, and my volunteer followed my orders. I am sorry to those of you who feel cheated. We will be hosting another Swap Meet in October and the entry fee will be \$2.00 or a canned good. Thanks again for the help and support.

Club Classifieds

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

The club has some old equipment for sale. Brush Hog, York rake and a Chipper. Stay tuned for details.



Once again I remind our fellow members. This year the club needs its members to help out with the projects we have. Safety improvements are priority and its all of our responsibility to maintain and improve the club. I hope to see some of out there with me. Every third Saturday there will be work projects (Weather permitting) that will need YOUR help, this includes people who need hours as well as members that have completed the required work.

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.