

THE QUAKER HILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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Renewal Reminder

Annual dues were due by May 31st. Now there is a \$100.00 fee for payments received between June 1 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 any questions contact Rich Civitello at 860-884-5009 or rcc627@comcast.net.

Please note that the key replacement with the new FOBs will be conducted on the Saturdays specified below. You must come by the club house to receive your new FOB. **The gate will be transitioned from the current key over to the FOB system on 7/1/15.** Please be sure to stop by and pick up your specific FOB on one of the following Saturdays. Hours will be 8AM to 10AM each Saturday June 13, 20, 27

After 7/1/15 you will have to make arrangements with Club Officers to have your FOB issued. FOBs will also be issued following the General Meeting held on 6/18/15.

Please note that the front gate now has a combination lock. The keyed lock has been removed. The combination to the new lock is the four digit number (large font under the club logo) in bold on your membership card.

New Members to be voted on at June 2015 Meeting

First Readings for consideration 1: Michael J. Difano Niantic Sponsor: Louis Kerr 2: Adam Sawyer 3: Lawrence A. & Pamela Miko Stratford Sponser Paul Russett 4: Colin C. Provencher Oakdale Sponser Bryce Wilkins



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:

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Sergeant at Arms: Dave Madole

Trustees: Tony Goulart, Jeff Urgitis, Keith Griffin, Ralph Jackson & Scott Pierce

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

QHRGC will be holding the deer Lottery sign up on June 18, 2015 at the monthly meeting. As in the past there are 25 slots for each season; Archery, Shotgun and Black powder. If we have more than 25 individuals sign up it will then become a lottery. You must be present to sign up on June 18. If someone is unable to make the meeting they must contact me via email at jotulusa_sr@earthlink.net and state that they wish to apply for the lottery, which seasons and why you cannot make the meeting. For those who are lucky enough to get picked for a season. QHRGC has adopted a policy that before you are able to receive your permits you must present a copy of your hunting license, with the proper endorsements. For those who have not done a walk of the property, which is also a requirement prior to receiving your permit, you can contact me and we will get you in contact individuals who can escort you around the property.

For those who bird hunt. We will start to sell Pheasant tags in JULY. I will put out who you can contact for pheasant tags in the coming weeks.

On other news we may have the opportunity In the future to cultivate the part of the club property to help the rabbit population in Connecticut. A couple of months ago Lisa Walhe came to the club and presented information regarding the New England Cottontails. We are still looking into this and will keep you posted.

Contact Shannon Rodgers, 207 831 8243, Jotulusa_sr@earthlink.net

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

NRA Women on Target Ladies Day

This years' annual Women On Target Ladies Day was a great success thanks to our new chairperson Sundy Martin. All total had 43 attendees. We had enough raffle prizes for everyone who attended to win something! We had pocket knives, a fully loaded range bag, picture frames, free pistol course (donated by the club) and numerous other items. Charlie and his crew did an excellent job feeding everyone this year. In addition to hot dogs and hamburgers we had pulled pork, potato salad, pasta salad, chili and several varieties of homemade cookies. The weather held out for a pleasant day. Several women have already signed up for the pistol course to be given by our own Jeff Urgitis. Women who were hesitant about shooting at the beginning of the day were confident and happy at the end of the day. Smith & Wesson as usual put out a wonderful display and brought great guns for the women to try. The volunteers were helpful and organized.

The next Ladies Day will be May of 2016 and possibly another one in October of 2016 which is yet to be determined

Practical Pistol

Range Rule Reminder: Upper range plate rack – The firing line for the plate rack is a FIXED 50 feet. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SHOOT THE PLATE RACK CLOSER THAN 50 FEET. If you are having problems hitting the plates at that distance you should hone your skills on the right hand bay where you can adjust you distance to your target.

Spring Pin League: The medium bore league will be wrapping up this month. Results will be in next month's column.

Summer Pin League: The large bore league will start Monday July 6th. We will shoot every Monday at 5:30PM. There will be separate classes for auto and revolver. Entry fee for the season is \$10 per gun. We shoot a maximum of 5 rounds each night in each class you sign up for. CHAMBER FLAGS ARE MANDATORY.

.22 Rimfire May Plate Shoot Results: For rifle, Allen Crouch 1st, Allen Egerton 2nd and Mark (Baldy) Hillyer took 3rd. For pistol, Allen Crouch was 1st, Allen Egerton 2nd and 3rd went to Mark Morehouse.

.22 Rimfire Plate Shoot: Dates will be, June 28, July 26, August 30, September 27 and October 25 (charity shoot). .22 LR 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 8:30 AM, shooting starts at 9:00 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

Legal Department

Club member and local attorney Jack O'Brien brings to our attention some friendly advice about self defense. One of the best definitions of the concept of "The Castle Doctrine" is set out in the Maryland murder trial of **State of Maryland v. Barton**. In its ruling the court (Appeals Court) defined the Castle Doctrine as..."a man is not bound to retreat from his house. He may stand his ground and kill any person who attempts to commit a felony therein, or who attempts to enter by force for the purpose of committing a felony, or of inflicting great bodily harm upon an inmate. In such case, the owner or any member of the family, or even a lodger in the house, may meet the intruder at the threshold, and prevent him from entering by any means rendered necessary by the exigency, even to the taking of his life and the homicide will be justifiable." (State v. Barton MD. App 13 (1974).

But before loading that trusty 38, take a close look at the Court's ruling and understand the many parts that MUST be in place **before** you may use deadly force even in your own home! A careful reading and analysis of this ruling is absolutely essential to an understanding of the legal concept of self defense as well as the Castle Doctrine.

Next month: What must be present before you can use deadly force in your home.

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

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.

Bozrah Rod & Gun Club Veteran Pheasant Hunt & Fund Raiser

Saturday July 11th, 2015 (Rain or Shine) Tickets \$20.00 Please contact: Bill Scaplen 860-642-6963 Email: Bscappy@msn.com or Ralph Jackson 860-287-9986 Email: rej7551@hotmail.com for tickets (limited qty 75) All proceeds to support Veteran Pheasant Hunt October 24, 2015

Barbecue Cookout Menu (may include but not limited to) • Wild Boar Sausage • Venison - Hot Dogs, Kielbasa, & Burgers • Beef - Hamburgers and Hot Dogs • Venison Chili • Smoked Bluefish • Baked Beans • Macaroni Salad • Potato Salad • Keg Beer, Soda, & Water Activities: Archery Range, Pistol Range, Rifle Range, & Trap Shooting All ranges will have a Safety Officer

Time & Additional Info: Set-up 8:00 a.m. Lunch – 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM Ranges open up at 10:00 AM – closed when out of Ammo Open to Public – bring your spouse, family members, friends, &/or a fellow veteran Weapons of choice - bring your bow, rifle, shotgun, pistol and AMMO

Location: Bozrah Rod & Gun Club, off of Waterman Rd (located on Santa Anna Rd) Lebanon CT Loner Shotgun, and Ammo will be available for trap shooting (fee for Ammo and round of trap) Non – Club Members: Range Use Donation for Vet Hunt will be Appreciated Raffle and 50/50 Wheel



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 It's 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.