

THE QUAKER HILL ROD & GUN CLUB

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<http://quakerhillrodandgunclub.org>



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!

Renewal Reminder

New Gate, New Key Fob

We finally have our new electronic gate and key fob. This will help keep the club more secure. As of now the gate is setup to be a little slow, we will be adjusting the speed in the coming weeks. Do not use the other gate unless we are advised to. We will have extra fobs available in the future, for now we are getting use to this system. When the bugs are worked out a club member will be able purchase another fob. Please never try to operate the gate when it is already in motion, wait for the gate to COMPLETELY STOP before trying to open or close it.

Any member who has not picked up their FOB will be required to bring a \$5.00 fee to the Skeet House by appointment with one of the club's officer OR send a \$10 check in the mail, along with a self addressed and stamped envelope, to the club's PO Box.

There will be no general meeting in July or August

New Members for July

Jason R. Campbell, Colchester Sponsor: David Peet. Stephen & Melinda Renzoni, Quaker Hill Sponser: Christopher Page. Mark & Kate Whitsitt Amston.

You will be asked to vote via email for a vote on these potential members. Please follow instructions when contacted.

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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 announced the hunting lottery results for the 2015 hunting season. We are pleased to announce that everyone who signed up will be able to hunt the property this year. Shannon Rogers will be holding three opportunities to receive your permits in August. The dates will be announced in the August newsletter or via Rapid News.

Connecticut has a pending law that has yet to be signed by the governor that would allow bow hunting on Sundays. We are excited to see this pass and get signed into law. Once this happens we will be looking at the rules for QHRGC to potentially change to follow suit.

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

Work Hours and Volunteers

Every third Saturday the QHRGC will hold work parties for the benefit of the club and for members to fulfill work hours. It is up to the Committee Chairpersons to have projects for these work parties. It could be just painting a table, or cutting a branch. Chairpersons contact Rich Civitello with your work list at the E Board meeting. The epic project of removing the tires is going to start after Labor Day, so we don't have to melt in the sun. We will need members that need work hours and some volunteers. If we manage a large turnout we can fill a trailer in a weekend, and have clean range. A Rapid News announcement we be used when the club arranges a trailer to fill with the tire company.

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

Practical Pistol

Range Rule Reminder: Rifles – ONLY RIMFIRE rifles are allowed on the range and ONLY on the right hand bay. Distance is up close to the targets all the way back to the mafia blocks behind the storage container.

Summer Pin League: The large bore league started 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.

Spring medium bore bowling pin league results: First place in the auto class went to Joe Trudelle, 2nd to Mark Morehouse, 3rd to Russ Shaw, 4th to Mike McInerney and 5th to Frank Torchia. First place in the revolver class went to Tony Goulart, 2nd to Ernie Beckwith, 3rd to Allen Egerton, 4th to Jeff Urgitis and 5th to Bill Weinschenker. A shoot off was held the last week. The revolver winner was Allen Crouch and the runner up was John Powers. The auto winner was Joe Trudelle and the runner up was Russ Shaw. Most improved shooter for the season was Mark Morehouse.

.22 Rimfire June Plate Shoot Results: June brought out 8 shooters. For pistols, 1st place Mike McInerney, 2nd Mark Morehouse and 3rd Bill Weinschenker. For rifles, 1st place Bill Weinschenker, 2nd Allen Egerton and 3rd Mike McInerney.

.22 Rimfire Plate Shoot: Dates will be, 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.

Practical Matches: Practical pistol matches are Saturday mornings. Set up at 8:30 AM, shooting starts at 9:00 so come early to help. Matches use USPSA targets and rules. Usually shoot three or four scenarios per match, with from 8 to 30 rounds fired per scenario (80 to 100 rounds total). 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 broad heads 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

Rifle Range

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 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

LEGAL: There's a great scene from the movie THE UNTOUCHABLES, when veteran Chicago Police Officer, played by Sean Connery tries to school a naïve Federal Agent played by Kevin Costner in the "Chicago way;" of law enforcement: *..If they send one of yours to the hospital, you sent one of theirs to the morgue.*" It was a great movie but bad advice.

CT General Statute 53a-19 defines the parameters of self defense and defense of others as follows: "a person is justified in using **REASONABLE PHYSICAL FORCE** upon another person to defend himself or a third person from what he **REASONABLY BELIEVES** to be the use or imminent use of physical force, and he may use such degree of force which he **REASONABLY BELIEVES** to be necessary for such purpose.

The CT statute requires that before a person uses physical force upon another person to defend himself or another person he must have two **REASONABLE BELIEFS**. The first is a reasonable belief that physical force is then being used or about to be used (imminent) upon himself or a third person. The second is a reasonable belief that the degree of force he is using to defend (himself or a third person) is necessary for that purpose.

What is a reasonable belief? This is where defense attorneys and prosecutors have a field-day. But it is also the heart of the issue. The question always asked is: "did the (actor) act reasonable under the circumstance?" For example, take a look at the shooting in Florida. Apply the above definitions to the conduct of George Zimmerman in the shooting of Trayvon Martin. See what you think. Remember, you are trying to figure out what was going on in the mind of George Zimmerman at the time of the shooting and then apply it to the REASONABLENESS STANDARD.

Next time: what constitutes a **REASONABLE BELIEF**

Skeet House News

We have a new chairperson to head up the Skeet House, Peter Krause (860) 460-8680. You can contact him for your certification. The procedures on the skeet fields have been established through the years by the skeet committee. Not all procedures are included and defined in the bylaws as those comprise the governing of the club as a whole.

We're not going to change the key distribution system but we will try to help someone who wants to come out on an off-night to use the facility.

Keys for the skeet facility are given out to skeet committee members. To become a member of the skeet committee requires a minimum of one year as a club member and a demonstrated history of supporting the skeet facility; usually by regular participation in maintenance and upkeep, etc. New committee members are brought in as openings are available.

Our regular hours are daily from 0900 until shooting is done, which is usually around 12 or 1300. If people are still shooting when Pete leaves for the day, the field stays open and it's the responsibility of those persons to shut everything down and secure the facility; information which you receive when Pete signs your card for the skeet facility. Monday is the only day of the week that the field is closed, however, sometimes Pete, or one of the other committee members, is there doing chores and can open the field.

During the summer we have the fields open on Wednesday evening for the summer league however anyone can shoot during that time. One of the committee members usually gets to the field around 1630, sometimes earlier, and shooting usually completes around 1830 or so.

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

HARLEY DAVIDSON 1982 SHOVEL HEAD FXRS 15,716 MILES ELECTRONIC IGNITION \$9,500 All offers will be considered Please call Dave 860-442-4638



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.