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APRIL 2011 Newsletter

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- GENERAL MEETING APRIL 4th , 7:30 pm
- BOARD MEETING APRIL 14th

CLUB INFORMATION

- DINNER: There WILL be a venison Philly cheesesteak dinner prior to the General Meeting on April 4th. Price per person \$7.00. Sign up and pay at the Clubhouse. There will be NO WALK INS!
- SHOOTING COMMITTEE: Greg Buonocore is the chair of this Committee. He has contacted all individual shooting sport chairs. A meeting is scheduled for April 5th.
- HAM SHOOT: April 3d, for info and to schedule worktime see Bill Hicks.
- EASTER EGG HUNT - DATE CHANGE: April 16th at 10 AM, Flyer on website.
- PISTOL CERTIFICATION COURSE: Saturday, May 7th at 8 AM, flyer on website, sign up sheet in the clubhouse.
- REGISTERED SHOOT: Hamden Open, April 23d, there will be NO other shooting.
- HAMDEN PD: Will be on the rifle/pistol range on May 13, 16, 19 & 24, from 0830 to 3PM
- NO other ranges/shooting will be open/used during those dates/times.
- WORK PARTY: April 9th at 7AM, bring rakes, blowers, chain saws, get some worktime in!
- QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY: will be holding fishing classes at Ryan's Pond on April 29, 30 and May 1st; and, again SEPTEMBER 23, 24 and 25. Please make them feel welcome.
- DUES: Bills have been mailed out. They are now overdue. Please put your member # on your check. NOTE the instructions which follow regarding NRA dues.
- NRA DUES: REMEMBER, you must pay your NRA Dues with a separate check made out to the NRA. Mail Club Dues AND NRA Dues checks TO THE CLUB, NOT TO the NRA. ALSO: we need to know which NRA Magazine you want to receive.
- HUNTER SAFETY COURSE: For info please call Lou Coppola @ 203-248-1941.
- CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM: The Club is now a member of the CMP, access their web sites at www.odcmp.com and www.thecmp.org. For information please call Joe Simeone 203 387 9959, we have posted more information on the web site including our CMP certificate and membership number. See their websites for monthly CMP newsletter and other timely information.
- PERSONAL INFORMATION UPDATES: changes of address, phone number, email address, NRA Information, whatever. The Club needs you to keep everything up to date. Please (snail) mail it in, OR Email it in to our info address shown above.
- MEMBERSHIP TAGS: This is a reminder. TAGS must be worn visibly while at the club. Any member may question a person or persons seen on the grounds not wearing a tag.
- WEB SITE: Flyers for all upcoming events have been posted. Look for photos of all recent events. Event Chairs please send your flyers in a timely way. We would be happy to hear your suggestions for newsletter items or improvements. Please contact Vince Palmeri.
- NEWSLETTER: In order to ensure that as many members as possible receive the Monthly Newsletter we need to have your EMAIL ADDRESS. Please get it to us by any means possible and as soon as possible. If you have items for the Newsletter please see that they get to Vince Palmeri by hand, by email, by snail mail or by phone.
- It is usually best to do so on or by the date of any given meeting of the Board.
- COALITION OF CONNECTICUT SPORTSMEN: See link on our website. Club Liaison to CCS is Member Marc Ruby who can be reached at 203-248-7051.

SHOOTING

- HOLIDAY FIELD OPENING: Unless the fields are specifically scheduled to be open on a particular holiday, the fields will NOT be open. A list of open holidays will be published shortly.
- RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE SIGN-UP SHEETS: Book is just inside the range doorway.
- Members and guests MUST sign in, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- SKEET & TRAP FIELDS: No firearms other than shotguns are to be used on the fields and then ONLY for Skeet and Trap!!! REMEMBER that NO shot size larger than 7.5 should EVER be used.
- WEDNESDAY SHOOTING: Reminder, the fields are open from 10AM till dusk (rain date Thursday, based on the weather at the club on Wednesday) come up and enjoy.
- SAFETY REMINDER: EVERY member of this club is a Safety Officer. Please live up to the full measure of that responsibility. Failure to do so may jeopardize our future!!
- RIFLE AND PISTOL SHOOTING: is allowed ONLY ON THE RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE. No rifle/pistol shooting at any other location. (Picnic area, Skeet or Trap fields).
- RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE TARGETS: NO targets are to be placed above the base of the berm. Under no circumstances should targets ever be placed where there is no absolute backstop.
- IDPA: Join us for practical handgun scenario shooting on Thursdays from 4:45 PM till Dusk, (providing the range is dry). We will shoot from 31 March thru 3 November. To participate you must be a Club Member and have a State Pistol Permit. Guests are welcome but the member who brings a guest MUST be present. There is no cost to members but guests must pay a \$5.00 fee. Early arrival and help setting up and cleaning up is appreciated. For IDPA information go to www.IDPA.com. For answers to FAQ call Wayne Hopkins at 203 284-8528.
- SKEET SHOOTERS: When opening the skeet fields, Open field # 4 first, then open field # 3. This procedure will be followed each time the skeet fields are opened (UNLESS the 5-stand is open, in which case field #3 will be opened for skeet shooting first). **SIGN-UP AND PAY BEFORE YOU SHOOT!!!!**
- THE SPORTING CLAYS Committee would like to hear from any member or family member who might be interested in shooting SC (could be a reason to buy a nice new shotgun) and /or who would be interested in helping out on field 4 (worktime). Please call John Knott (days) at 271-3031. The 2011 schedule will be posted soon. Join us.
- MILLSTREAM PRESERVE: Has closed for the Hunting Season as of 31 March; remember that they also have good fishing available. Sign up at the Clubhouse, or on line to take advantage of the Club's subsidy for users of this terrific Club benefit. Millstream's web site is linked to ours so if you want to know more about them just go to our site and check it out by clicking on "Other Sites".

ARCHERY

- ARCHERY: If you are a beginner and have an interest the Archery Committee can provide you with instruction and basic equipment; for those who wish to raise their skill level we believe we can help; we also have 3D (realistic) targets for advanced archers; we know equipment and can help you with what you have or to find new and better equipment. If you have any questions call Chuck Turner at 203 248 6839.

FISHING

- FISHING: 2011 stocking schedule: Friday April 15th, Friday May 6th, Saturday June 4th.

GOOD TO KNOW

GOOD TO KNOW:	MAY 8th	Mother's Day
	MAY 30th	Memorial Day
COMING UP:	APR 3d	Ham Shoot - Flyer on website
	APR 15th	Fishing Sleepover
	APR 16th	Opening Day of Fishing Season
	APR 16th	Easter Egg Hunt - Flyer on website
	APR 19th	Passover
	APR 23d	Hamden Open - NO other shooting
	APR 24th	Easter Sunday (NO SHOOTING)
	May 7th	Pistol Certification Course - Flyer on website