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DECEMBER 2011 Newsletter

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 5TH , 7:30 pm
- BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 8TH

CLUB INFORMATION

- DINNER: Due to the number of other activities that we have scheduled there will be no dinner prior to the general meeting on December 5th.
- 2012 BUDGET: The Board has unanimously approved a budget for next year which will be presented and voted on at the December meeting.
- HANGOVER OPEN: January 1, 2012. The skeet fields will be open for shooting with .410 ONLY. The Rifle/Pistol range will be open for .22 Caliber RF ONLY. Sunday rules apply.
- GAME DINNER: Saturday January 14th. SOLD OUT!
- XMAS PARTY FOR KIDS: Sunday December 4th at 2PM at the Clubhouse. Please contact Karin Arai at 2032508815 or at Karin.arai@cox.net and let her know how many adults and how many children will attend. You must learn how to prepare gifts for Santa to give AND don't forget to ask if you can help in any way. There will be a flyer on the website.
- CLUB OFFICERS: The following slate of officers for 2012 - President, Ed Vaillette; First VP, John Knott; Secretary, Blaise Lombardi; Recording Sec, Joe Merhill; Treasurer, Chip Murano; and Ass't Treas, Joe Ruggiero; received no other nominations from the floor at the November meeting, the Secretary will cast one ballot for these positions at the December meeting. The position of 2d Vice President received a nomination from the floor, therefore there will be a runoff election held, the candidates are Vince Palmeri and Bill Hicks.
- SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM: Anyone tampering with the cameras or other equipment will be charged under Article 14 of the Constitution and Bylaws of this club.
- 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 http://www.ODCMP.com/latest_news.htm
- 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: We have emailed the last four Newsletters to all valid member addresses. In order to ensure that as many members as possible receive the Monthly Newsletter we need to have your correct EMAIL ADDRESS. Please get it to us by any means possible, as soon as possible. If you did NOT get the NL by email we may have a bad address for you or we may not have an address at all, please check. 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.
- NRA: If you have ANY questions, Board Member Greg Buonocore 203-234-9615, is our Liaison for Membership. Please let him know if you have any problems or concerns. RENEWALS should go THRU the Club with your Club dues, See Greg.

SHOOTING

- 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.
- 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 has been published and is available in the clubhouse and on our website.
- 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.
- WEEKDAY SHOOTING: Reminder, the fields are now open on WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS from 10AM till dusk (NO rain date) 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).
- IDPA: Join us for practical handgun scenario shooting in the Spring, starting date TBA. 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 and /or who would be interested in helping out on field 4 (worktime). Please call John Knott (days) at 271-3031. The 2011 schedule has been posted both in the Clubhouse and on our Website. Join us.
- MILLSTREAM PRESERVE: Has opened for the Hunting Season as of 15 September; 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 is now complete.

GOOD TO KNOW

GOOD TO KNOW:	DEC 22d	First day of winter
COMING UP:	DEC 4 th	Children's Xmas Party
	DEC 21 st	Hanukkah Begins
	DEC 25 th	Christmas Day (No Shooting)
	JAN 1 st	Hangover Open
	JAN 14 th	Game Dinner
	FEB (TBA)	Ham Shoot

If you have any items for the newsletter please let us know by or on the date of any given meeting of the Board.



**YOUR CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS WISH
YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES THE VERY BEST FOR THE
HOLIDAYS AND FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.**

