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FEBRUARY 2011 Newsletter

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- GENERAL MEETING MARCH 7TH , 7:30 pm
- BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 10TH

CLUB INFORMATION

- DINNER: There WILL NOT be a dinner prior to the General Meeting on March 7th.
- HAM SHOOT: April 3d, for info and to schedule worktime see Bill Hicks.
- QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY: will be holding fishing classes at Ryan's Pond on April 29, 30 and May 1st. Please make them feel welcome.
- DUES: Bills have been mailed out. Please pay promptly. 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.
- 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.
- ANNUAL REPORT AND 2011 TAGS: Will be mailed out after your 2011 Club & NRA dues have been received. The Report will summarize the events of 2010.
- 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: All upcoming events, Flyers and a bunch of great new links have been posted. Look for photos of all recent events. Thanks to Jim Thomas we have posted new photos of the fishing rodeo and family picnic, we can now rotate last year's photos out and put the new ones in so keep looking because we are trying to post something new each month. We would also 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.
- If you have any items for the newsletter please let us know by or on the date of any given meeting of the Board.

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 in the March Newsletter.
- WEDNESDAY SHOOTING: Reminder, the fields are open from 10AM till dusk (rain date Thursday) come up and enjoy.
- SHOOTING COMMITTEE: Greg Buonocore is the chair of this Committee. He will be contacting all individual shooting sport chairs in the near future for a meeting
- PISTOL CERTIFICATION COURSE: Saturday February 5th, 0800, sign up at Clubhouse.
- HUNTER SAFETY COURSE: For info please call Lou Coppola @ 203-248-1941.
- WINTER LEAGUE: Is in progress, it is not too late to enjoy this annual event. WE need some volunteers on Sunday mornings to help sign up shooters.
- 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 link here for monthly CMP newsletter.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 in the Spring 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 opened for the Hunting Season as of 15 September; and, 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: TBA

GOOD TO KNOW

GOOD TO KNOW:	FEB 14 th	Valentine's Day
	FEB 21 st	President's Day
COMING UP:	FEB 27 th	Winter League ends
	MAR 5-6	Club Championship
	MAR 6 th	Awards Dinner
	APR 3 rd	Ham Shoot