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# December 2016 Newsletter

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

NEXT GENERAL MEETING **DECEMBER 5th 7:00PM**  
NEXT BOARD MEETING **DECEMBER 8th at 7:00PM**

## CLUB INFORMATION

- **NOTICE: Closure of the Willow St Bridge has been delayed - once implemented, access to the Club will only be from the North. Watch this spot for updates as we get them.**
- MEETING TIMES: ALL General Meetings and Board Meetings begin at 7PM.
- BOARD MEETINGS: Anyone wishing to appear before the Board with a proposal or a problem MUST let the Club President know (By Phone or in person) AT LEAST one week prior to a scheduled meeting (meeting dates always appear at the top of this newsletter).
- DINNER: There will be NO dinner prior to the December Meeting.
- BUDGET: The operating Budget for calendar year 2017 will be presented and voted on at the December general/annual meeting.
- **BYLAW CHANGES** : All were adopted at the November Meeting. The Board thanks all of the Members who turned out to vote on these important changes.
- RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE: Please DO NOT climb on the berm to place skeet (or any other kind of) targets. It will damage the wood chip cover, expose the dirt and cause erosion.
- WINTER LEAGUE: Began on November 6th. Still time to sign up and take part.
- CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KIDS (Age 11 and under): Sunday December 4th at 2PM. A flyer has been sent to the membership. Please contact Karin Arai @ 203 250 8815, or karin.arai@cox.net, to let her know how many adults and children will be attending. You MUST learn how to prepare a gift for Santa IN ADVANCE! Please ask Karin if there is anything you can do to help.
- HANGOVER OPEN: January 1st at 10AM, .410s and .22s ONLY.
- GAME DINNER: to be held on January 21st. We need Donations of Game and Raffle prizes. Call Joe Ruggiero 203 2882008; Paul Ruggiero 203 5354732; Tony Petrillo 203 4841968. See notice in Upcoming Events on our web site.
- CLUB OFFICERS: the Nominating Committee has recommended a full Slate of Officers for 2017: President, Mike Soufrine; 1st VP, John Knott; 2d VP Vince Palmeri; Secretary, Blaise Lombardi; Recording Secretary, Joe Simeone; Treasurer, Lew Lagervall, CPA; Assistant Treasurer, Dave Ballerini, CPA. There were no nominations from the floor at the November Meeting; voting on the full slate will take place at the December/Annual Meeting.
- WORK TIME: If you have a skill that you think the club might be able to use please let the Board know in some formal way - just mentioning it to someone may not be enough!! Right now we need a MASON, CARPENTER and some PAINTERS. Contact Joe Ruggiero . Remember, it is your responsibility so see that your work time is properly recorded. REMINDER: Work Time MUST be completed by November 30th. Committee Chairs MUST report all Work Time to the Club Secretary ASAP, but before November 30th.
- CLEAN UP: Take pride in the condition of our Club by cleaning up after using its facilities.
- GATE: Last one out PLEASE LOCK THE GATES!!!
- TARGET FRAMES: If you are observed shooting at and destroying target frames on the rifle/pistol range, it will be a matter for Board attention and possible disciplinary action!
- RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE USE: Observance of posted Rules/Hours is MANDATORY!
- OPENING/CLOSINGSKEET and TRAP FIELDS: Anyone needing training should contact Shooting Committee Chair Greg Buonocore (203-234-9615). DO NOT attempt to open or close the fields without having been instructed in the proper procedures. Severe damage has been inflicted on our machines and it is both time consuming and expensive to fix them. ONE person may now open the Skeet/Trap fields - if so, you must provide your own voice release system on the Skeet fields.
- CELL PHONES: Cell phones must be shut off when you are shooting!
- RAPID FIRE: Reminder - the limit on RF is a 5 shot string with at least 10 seconds of silence between strings. Failure to adhere to this important rule will result in disciplinary action by the Board.
- 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/NRA DUES: YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE NRA TO BELONG TO HF&G; AND, you must pay your NRA Dues with a separate check made out to the NRA when you pay your club dues. Mail Club Dues checks AND NRA Dues checks TO THE CLUB, NOT to the NRA. ALSO: we need to know which NRA Magazine you want to receive so please mark your check accordingly - if no selection is indicated you will receive American Hunter. 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. AGAIN: NRA RENEWALS MUST GO THRU THE CLUB.**
- HUNTER SAFETY COURSE: For info please call Lou Coppola @ 203-248-1941.
- CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM: The Club is a member of the CMP, access their web sites at [www.odcmp.com](http://www.odcmp.com) and [www.thecmp.org](http://www.thecmp.org) . For information please call Joe Simeone 203 619-1317, we have posted more information on our 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](http://www.ODCMP.com/latest_news.htm). For info on CMP Matches to be held in our area email Joe at: jsimeone1844@aol.com
- 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 most recent events, as well. Event Chairs please submit your flyers in a timely way. We would be happy to hear your suggestions for newsletter items or improvements. Please contact Vince Palmeri at 203-248-6600 or at Beansnhay6@aol.com.
- NEWSLETTER: We now routinely email the Club Newsletter to all valid member email addresses. In order to ensure that as many members as possible receive the Newsletter we need to have your correct EMAIL ADDRESS. Please get it to us ASAP. 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 (see above).
- COALITION of CONNECTICUT SPORTSMEN: See link on our website. Club liaison to CCS is now Greg Buonocore who will report back to the Club regularly.

## SHOOTING

- RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE TARGETS: NO targets are to be placed above the base of the berm. Nor 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 TRAP & SKEET SHOOTING: The fields are available to be open every weekday from 10AM till **ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE SUNSET** come up and enjoy. SUNDAYS 10AM till 2:30PM. NO SHOOTING on designated days and on days of registered trap/skeet shoots. Details on our website.
- 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: Evening IDPA ended on 6 October; Afternoon squad ends 8 December. Join us for practical scenario shooting in the Spring, start date TBA. To be eligible 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. Early arrival and helping set up and cleaning up is appreciated. For IDPA information please visit [www.IDPA.com](http://www.IDPA.com). For answers to FAQ call Wayne Hopkins at 203 284-8528.
- BULLSEYE LEAGUE: October thru March. For Info call Arnie Helland at 203 605 9078 - Shooters Needed , see notice on our web site.
- TRAP AND SKEET SHOOTERS: SIGN-UP AND PAY BEFORE YOU SHOOT!!!! 5-Stand shooters please sign up and pay AT the field.
- 5 STAND/SPORTING CLAYS: The 2016 Season has ended. The 2017 Schedule will be posted in the Spring. The committee is always looking for members who would like to learn the sport or who would be interested in helping out on field 4 (worktime). Please call John Knott (days) at 203- 271-3031.
- MILLSTREAM PRESERVE: Upland Hunting Season runs from September 15th to March 31st. See their website for details and directions. 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 members of this terrific Club benefit. In addition, even if the club subsidy has been exhausted, Club Members ALWAYS get a 20% discount. 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

- STOCKING DATES: Stocking for 2016 is complete; the 2017 schedule will be announced as soon as possible. REMEMBER NO FISHING on stocking days. Opening Day is April 8, 2017
- FISHERMEN: PLEASE DO NOT leave dead fish on the banks of the pond!!!!
- REMEMBER - 1 rod and one rod only!

## GOOD TO KNOW

GOOD TO KNOW:	DEC 24th	Hanukkah begins at sundown
	DEC 25th	Christmas Xmas NO SHOOTING
COMING UP:	DEC 4th	Children's Xmas Party 2pm
	JAN 1st	Hangover Open
	JAN 16th	MLK (obs)

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

**THE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES THE VERY BEST FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND THE NEW YEAR.**