



March 2018 Newsletter

COMING UP:

- MAR 11th:**
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
- MAR 18th:**
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP/AWARDS DINNER
- MAR 25th:**
HAM SHOOT
- MAR 29th:**
IDPA BEGINS
- MAR 31st:**
EASTER EGG HUNT
- APR 13th:**
FISHING SLEEPOVER
- APR 29th:**
REGISTERED TRAP SHOOT - NO OTHER SHOOTING
- MAY 4th:**
5 STAND OPENS
- MAY 12th:**
ERIC SOUFRINE REGISTERED SKEET SHOOT -
NO OTHER SHOOTING
- MAY 19th:**
3 GUN SHOOT

GOOD TO KNOW:

- MAR 11th:** DST Begins
- MAR 31st:** Passover Begins
- APR 1st:** Easter Sunday- NO SHOOTING
- APR 14th:** Opening Day of Fishing
- MAY 13th:** MOTHER'S DAY
- MAY 28th:** MEMORIAL DAY (obs)
- JUN 17th:** FATHER'S DAY

GAME DINNER TO BE HELD ON MARCH 4th
watch for flyer. **MEMBERS ONLY!!**

WINTER LEAGUE: Ended on February 25th

BILLS ARE PAST DUE - PLEASE PAY ASAP!

MILL STREAM IS OPEN FOR THE BIRD SEASON UNTIL MARCH 31st.

WORK PARTIES - get your worktime in early this year:

MARCH 17 and MARCH 24

7AM to 12 Noon

Ranges will open LATE on Both Days

Sign up in the Clubhouse—Points of Contact are:

Dave Ballerini (dballerini@charter.net) and

Greg Buonocore (203-915-4749 or corem5@yahoo.com)

NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

MARCH 5th at 7:00PM

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

MARCH 8th at 7:00PM



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CLUB INFORMATION

- **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).
- **BYLAW CHANGES:** New booklets have been printed and are available from the club secretary
- **WORK TIME:** If you have a skill that you think the club might be able to use please let the Club President, any member of the Board or the appropriate Committee Chair know in some formal way - just mentioning it to someone may not be enough!! Remember, it is your responsibility so see that your work time is properly recorded. **REMINDER:** Work Time must always be completed by November 1st. **CHAIRS:** New Work Time Report Forms are available and MUST be used - see the Club Secretary for booklets ASAP.
- **CHAIRS - A REMINDER:** Event Flyers are due 60 days PRIOR to your event (PLEASE!!)
- **REGISTERED TRAP AND SKEET SHOOTS:** As a matter of Policy there will be NO OTHER SHOOTING on the days of these events - the Pistol/Rifle Range will, therefore, be CLOSED.
- **RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE:** Please DO NOT climb on the berm to place skeet (or any other kind of) targets as it will damage the wood-chip cover, expose the dirt and cause erosion.
- **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/CLOSING SKEET and TRAP FIELDS:** Anyone needing training should contact Shooting Committee Chair Greg Buonocore (203-915-4749 or corem5@yahoo.com). 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, Mike Pullano 626-646-9459/mpullano6@gmail.com is our liaison to the NRA 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 and www.thecmp.org . For information please call John Kurpiewski at 203 751 7363. 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/latestnews.htm>. For info on CMP Matches to be held in our area. Or, other questions email John at: jkurp@hotmail.com.



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CLUB INFORMATION continued....

- **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.
- **NEWSLETTER:** We now routinely email the Club Newsletter to all valid member email addresses. In order to be certain that we get it to both old and new computers we send it out in both Word and pdf formats. 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. IN ADDITION: the Newsletter is posted both on the Club website and on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse each and every month.
- **COALITION of CONNECTICUT SPORTSMEN:** See link on our website. Club liaison to CCS is 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).



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SHOOTING continued...

- IDPA: Join us starting March 29th for practical scenario shooting on Thursdays from 2:30 till dusk. 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; guests must pay \$5 and are limited to three visits per season. Early arrival and helping set up and cleaning up is appreciated. For IDPA information please visit 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 in the clubhouse BEFORE YOU SHOOT!!!! 5-Stand shooters please sign up and pay AT the field.
- 5 STAND/SPORTING CLAYS: Opening Day is May 4th. The 2018 schedule will be posted ASAP. 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 users 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: Archers interested in setting up and using a 3D course please call Archery Co-Chair Pete Vitali at 203 288 0621

FISHING

- STOCKING DATES FOR 2018: APRIL 13th, MAY 4th and JUNE 2d. REMEMBER: NO FISHING on stocking days.
- FISHERMEN: PLEASE DO NOT leave dead fish on the banks of the pond!!!!
- REMEMBER - 1 rod and one rod only

OTHER

- If you have any items for the newsletter please let us know by or on the date of any given meeting of the Board.
- NOTE: Work on the Willow Street Bridge has been postponed indefinitely.