



2013
FALL

Word from the 'GM'

- Larry Parker -

Please allow me to introduce myself and let you know of the positive steps we are taking with the Club to increase our image and to move forward with major projects that will improve our Club and shooting sports in the area.

My name is Larry Parker Sr. I am a native of Keene. My wife Vicki and I have lived in East Swanzey for the past 10 years. We lived in Marlborough for 32 years prior to that.

I'm a US Army veteran (1967-1970). I served as a certified Part Time Police Officer for the Town of Marlborough for 16 years (1972-1988). I retired from Peerless Insurance Company in 2012 after 33 years working in Auto and Property claims.

The CCF&G Board of Directors selected me to start the new position of General Manager of the Club at our August Board of Directors Meeting. I have been a member of our Board of Directors since 1984 and have been coaching and running our Junior Rifle Program since 1985.

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It's 'membership' time of year

- Dave Swensen -

Dave Chickering has stepped down as Membership Director. Please join us in thanking Dave and his volunteers for their many contributions towards a job well-done in moving membership forward during 2013.

I will be assisting in coordinating membership along with our new General Manager, Larry Parker Sr. Both Larry and I will be involved in coordinating membership, with Larry being responsible for volunteers who will be available Saturday's at 10 a.m. for new member orientation and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for renewal processing.

Larry will also have office hours at the Clubhouse, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for renewals and new memberships.

I will assist primarily in "back office" administration, coordination, maintaining the Club database, mailings and providing membership policy advice and consul.

Considering that the Club did not send renewal applications to members last year, 2013 has been a very good year. New membership is ahead of last year and 2013 renewals are still coming in.

Due to the success of the "refer two members, receive a free renewal" program, we will be continuing it for 2014. Please check the CCFandG.org website for program specifics.

All membership and orientation fees

will remain unchanged for 2014. The \$50 skipped renewal penalty has been eliminated.

The purpose of the penalty fee was to provide a financial incentive to encourage members to renew each year without skipping a year(s). However, our experience has shown that many members were not able to renew for reasons beyond their control--the economy, lost jobs, moving, illness, etc.

Therefore, prior members, who wish to rejoin the Club, will no longer be subject to this fee.

Beginning Saturday 9/21/13, for those members who want to renew for 2014 we will start offering "walk-in" renewals every Saturday at the Clubhouse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and during the General Manager's office hours. Your walk-in renewals will also greatly benefit the Club directly by eliminating some of the expenses associated with processing your renewal including postage and supplies. While you are at the Club take a moment to check out the two new pistol ranges and the good progress on the new 600yd range.

We will begin the mass mailing of renewal apps with return postage paid envelopes to all members beginning the week of 11/11/13. It is our goal to have your renewal card to you within five working days of having received your completed app and renewal fee.

We are looking forward to another great membership year and to seeing you at the Club!

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Indoor range update

- Ed Csenge -

Last year, the Cheshire County Shooting Sports Education Foundation (CCSSEF) and the Cheshire County Fish & Game Club (CCF&G) started design and site planning for an indoor shooting facility to be built on our property on Ferry Brook Road in Keene.

The facility will feature 20 firing lanes for pistol and rifle, and 20 lanes for air rifle and archery. The building has a setup/staging area, lobby & viewing area, bathrooms, storage, offices, classrooms and cafeteria. It will be available to all members for general use and for competitive events and training.

We have a working floor plan, along with city-approved site drawings. Now we need the support of the membership to complete the building design and submit it to the city for a building permit.

Money is an issue with the projected cost around \$5 million. The funding will depend upon donations. Construction will be phased in as financial support is received.

There is nothing like this in the Northeast, and it will be a major benefit to the community, similar to the YMCA and the Ice Arena. We intend to solicit the shooting community nationwide for assistance, as well as local help.

This facility will be able to handle all of our current shooting, competition and training needs, plus competitions with four club or collegiate teams at the same time. The training and competitive events hosted would likely draw participants and competitors from all over the Northeast.

We anticipate a 30+% jump in membership as soon as the range is brought online. We are closely following a Pennsylvania club's efforts here. Check out the Palmyra Sportsmen's Association at: <http://www.palmyrasportsmens.com/index.asp> Their membership has grown from 600 five years ago to over 3500 in 2013. They are now putting up their 3rd indoor range.



Shooters at the Vintage & Modern Sniper match August 4th.

Highpower Rifle News

- Warren Neumeister -

We had our first Vintage and Modern Sniper Rifle match on August 4th on the 300 yard line.

We had 8 teams (shooter/spotter) with sixteen shooters total. Neil Jeneral and Al Giles won the Vintage match with a Springfield 1903 A1 and 8x Unertl Scope.

Matt Morgan and Dave Polonsky won the Modern match with a .223 Savage and 10x Simmons scope.

Our next Sniper match will be

held on October 13. (The Sniper Match Program is posted on the CCF&G website, see the 'Highpower page.')

All ability levels are welcome, just have a 100 yd zero and know your scope adjustments. If you have any questions about the match email highpower@ccfandg.org or review the program.

Our last New Hampshire High Power League match is scheduled for October 6.

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Recreational Pistol

- Phil Chase -

Twelve shooters joined us for the August match with 4 stages waiting to test their skills. We ran 2 squads with separate Safety Officers & Scorekeepers using pistol bay #1 & the new pistol bay #2.

Running two squads at the same time moves the matches along much more quickly. One stage had the shooter firing from a canoe while another stage required shooting on the move. The other two stages included "shooting your way out of a warehouse" and "trouble in a court room" scenarios.

The September match had 22 shooters with 4 stages. Shooting from behind cover, dealing with a charging target, pepper poppers, a swinger, an out & back, drop-turners and a target that drops down then goes right back up kept everyone on their toes. A new lady shooter joined us and we are hoping for more ladies to participate.

Now that we are trying to provide 4 stages per match we would appreciate some more help setting up stages the Friday night before the match, starting at 5 pm. We are also looking for a small pickup or minivan to shoot from and/or around. Doesn't need a motor, we

just need to be able to push/tow it around. If anyone has such a vehicle and is willing to donate it to our program get in touch with me.

So come join us on the first Saturday of the month, April through October (possibly November) to test and improve your skills and visit with all of the other handgun shooters. Shoot safe and see you at the range.

Range update: Pistol bays #2 & #3 are now being used. They are equipped with a canopy, picnic table, target stands and a shooting bench. There are target sticks under the picnic tables, but you will need to bring cardboard up from the pistol bay #1 building.

The pistol bays also have their own Porta Potty located just outside pistol bay #1. The plate rack has been moved to pistol bay #2 for safety reasons.

Rob Pincus, a world renowned firearms instructor, recently held a 2-day Combat Focus© Shooting class and a 2-day Advanced Pistol Handling class at CCF&G using the new pistol bay #3.

(Contact Phill Chase at: pistol@ccfandg.org)

New 'Drop Box'

Be sure to take note of the NEW DROP BOX located just inside the door to the Clubhouse. This can be used for Membership Renewal applications & checks during non GM and Membership hours.

It can also be used for dropping off registration forms and checks to Club events and training classes.

We will be putting some blank ' Guest Hold Harmless Agreements', 'Suggestion Forms' and 'Incident Report Forms' on the Cards, Forms & Brochure display beside the Drop Box. You can use the Drop Box to place those in as well. These will be picked up daily.

If you are leaving a Suggestion or Incident Report Form, please indicate on the form if you wish to receive a reply or be contacted regarding the details of the matter.

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AD DEADLINE: Winter issue- December 18.



.22 Ammo needed for Jr. Rifle Team!

- Larry Parker -

I'm not in a panic yet, but I'm getting close. Standard velocity .22 ammunition is very hard to come by if you haven't noticed.

The Junior Rifle Program will soon need ammunition to continue. With 15 new shooters starting the first week, it won't take long to use up the 2 cases we have remaining.

If all 50 kids come to practice every week, a case of .22 ammo (5,000 rounds) will last about 2 weeks. A more practical number of what the juniors use of Club ammunition is about 2 ½ bricks each week. That's still a case of ammo every month.

Please help us out and keep your eyes open for standard grade, 40 grain .22 ammunition. Let me know if you have a line on any or if you see some and can buy it, we will reimburse you for it. The stuff we're looking for should be in the \$20 - \$30 per brick range, preferably American made; CCI, Federal, Remington, Winchester, etc.

If in doubt, please contact me with a description: smallbore@ccfandg.org, gm@ccfandg.org, or 352-8563.



photo by Al Patnode

Junior rifle team update

- Larry Parker Sr.-

The results of the 2013 NRA Sectional Matches are out. The website is shown here:

<http://competitions.nra.org/championship-results/nra-national-indoor-rifle-pistol-championships-results.aspx>

Just choose the Junior Championships category and select Conventional Position, International Air or NRA Metric Position as we competed in all 3 of these events. Our Gold Team finished 14th Overall out of 106 Teams Nationally in the Conventional Position Match. Excellent results!!

Our 2013-2014 regular season has started back up with the Gold & Silver Team shooters practicing outdoors on Tuesday evenings and the newer shooters on Saturday mornings. We had 15 new shooters come to our season starter on September 7th. With 37 shooters on the roster when we broke for the summer last May, that puts us over 50 juniors in the program. Starting in November and going through March, we will be practicing indoors at the Peterborough Sportsmen's Club. New shooters are always welcome to start at any time.

Here are our Gold and Silver Travel Teams for this season:

Joe Nikiforakis, Andrew Solomonides, Grace Hackler,

Russell LaPlume, Adam Levesque, Greg Ganio, Tobin Sanctuary, Aaron Bresnick, Lucas Maxfield, Lucas Beteau, Peter Margand, Hunter Lang, Aidan Bradley and Matt Bechard.

We sent 11 juniors to the National Matches at Camp Perry this summer. National Match results can be viewed at the following web site:

<http://compete.nra.org/championship-results/nra-national-outdoor-rifle-pistol-championships-results.aspx>

Select any of the Smallbore 3-Position or Prone matches to see the results.

In the 2013 Whistler Boy Team Match, Joe Nikiforakis and his team mate from Hudson, Elizabeth Dutton, placed 5th overall and was 3rd State Association Team. Congratulations to Joe and Elizabeth for earning those medals. In the Metallic Sight Prone Team Match our Team of Joe, Andrew, Lacey and Tobin finished 2nd Junior Team. Another fine job.

THANK YOU to our 2013 sponsors; the Keene Elks, Ed & Laurel Csenge, Edson & Virginia DeAngelis, Vern Peterson, Wayne Wheelock, Gun Owners of NH, Pete Bissell & Quality System Design LLC, Mike Korpi, Alfred & Diane Bertin, Ralph Demicco &

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Junior Rifle Team... from page 4

Riley's Gun Shop, and M Kay Dacey & Carolyn Locke in memory of Robert Lariviere. In addition, Joe Greathouse made a generous contribution that was matched 100% by the Timken Charitable & Education Fund. The nice thing about sponsoring Junior activities through the CCSSE Foundation, is that your donation is tax deductible. The foundation will provide a 'thank you' letter that qualifies as a 501(c)3 deduction. We're always happy to accept any sponsors for any amount of support.

Joe Bogar enters his junior Year at West Point and will be shooting on the West Point Pistol Team again. Alex Martin enters his soph-

omore year at NC State on their rifle team. Tom Csenge continues in the US Army Reserve and the US Army's World Class Athlete Program at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Capt John Nikiforakis is driving a tank around somewhere near Fort Knox. Heather Greathouse has graduated from UK and is living and working in Kentucky.

For adult smallbore shooting, the Club has a couple of rifle target scopes for the several Winchester Model 52 rifles the Club owns. Contact Larry Parker or Warren Neumeister if you're interested: smallbore@ccfandg.org & highpower@ccfandg.org



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Trap & 5 Stand News

- Chuck Tatham -

The Massachusetts Amateur Trapshooters Association held a registered shoot at the Royalston Fish and Game Club on the Labor Day weekend and the team competition was won by our club for the fifth year in a row.

The shooters on our team included: Buddy Driscoll, Bill Westin, Ken Firman, Don Lee, and Chuck Tatham.

Open trap practice continues at the club every Wednesday at noon and Saturday at 10 a.m. The winter trap league will soon be organized. If you're into shooting in blizzards and sub freezing temps, please let me know! (Frost bite is considered a badge of honor!)

Pheasant season opens October 1st (see the NH F&G link below) and there is no better practice for nailing those fast and high flying pheasants than on our state-of-the-art Five Stand course. So clean up your favorite bird gun and join us every Saturday starting at 10 a.m.

Remember, shooting Five Stand is the most fun you can legally have with a shot-gun!

http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/Hunt_species/hunt_pheasant.htm

Word from the 'GM'... from page 1

I'm an NRA Level II Rifle Coach and a Certified NRA Range Safety Officer. All of my immediate family (wife & sons) and I have been competitive rifle shooters since 1983.

I'm a Distinguished Rifleman in Highpower and Smallbore Prone and hold Master classifications in both disciplines. I've been a member of the US Dewar Team 4 times (1997, 2000, 2003 & 2007).

I'm especially proud to report that joining me on the firing line this summer at Camp Perry for the Smallbore Prone National Matches and Manassas Virginia Regional Match was my wife, our 2 sons, our daughter in law and both grandsons.

I am here at the Range at least four hours each weekday. Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., and on Thursdays from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. These are trial hours and may change some in the future as we determine the need.

Some days I might be early or late or leave early or late depending on needs, but usually here during the core hours. If I'm going to be away for a day or more, I will post an entry in the calendar.

As we enter into 2014 membership renewal time over the next few months, you are welcome to come into the Clubhouse during my hours and give me your renewal application and check. I will

be able to give you an updated membership card on the spot.

I will also handle New Membership Applications and Orientations on weekdays during my office hours. We have a great incentive program for referring two new members, so send them on up.

2014 membership renewals have begun and we're offering 4 ways to take care of your renewal: mail, during the GM hours on weekdays; Saturdays from 10am until 1pm, or drop your application and check in the secure "Drop Box" that was just installed inside the Clubhouse near the front door.

Keep in mind that completing renewals during this first two months of the process saves us as much as \$1.50 each member in envelopes, labels & postage. It doesn't sound like a lot, but there are almost 800 members.

Website and calendar changes will be coordinated through this office with the exception of Training Classes. Those will be done through Rick Fuller, Chief Training Officer at 876-4162 or by email at chieftrainingofficer@ccfandg.org

If you see any issues with the web site or calendar, please let me know. You can contact me at the Club at 352-8563 or by email at: gm@ccfandg.org or smallbore@ccfandg.org.

Thank you all for your continued support of the club and shooting sports!

Class demands balance of speed and precision

- Jack Commerford -

Thanks to CCF&G and CCSEF's Board of Directors for allowing Rob Pincus, owner and lead instructor of I.C.E.Training Company to come to our Club on September 7th – 10th for four days of training.

Thanks also to Tim Cousineau for helping with the the 4 days of training.

Rob taught a 2 day course on Combat Focus Shooting to 11 students and two days of Advanced Pistol Handling to five students. These two courses were physically and mentally challenging .

Rob's training simulates threats from all sides, and a balance of speed and precision is a major focus.

If you carry a firearm to protect yourself or others you have a responsibility



to yourself and others to get properly trained. Rob is just one of many outstanding trainers out there and I hope to bring more of them to our club. Traveling to attend training should never be an issue. The students who attended these 2 courses were from MA, CT, NJ, PA, DC, SC and San Antonio Texas .

Check CCFandG.org's web page for similar events in the future. I look forward to training with you all.

'On-Range' Camping

Both member and non-member participants of CCF&G and CCSSE Foundation training, competitions and events are welcome to camp on the range from the day before the event to the day after the event.

We have several areas that will support tent camping or 'boondocking' RV camping. These are free to event participants. The Clubhouse would be made available to allow use of the bathrooms.

Our bathrooms do not have showers. Gas and charcoal grilles are okay, however, no open fire pits are allowed without a permit from the Keene or Sullivan Fire Department.

We can accommodate a few 20 amp plug-in RV's. Plug-in campers will be charged \$10 per night. We do not have 30 amp or 50 amp hook-ups. If you have an RV, you already know your electrical limitations associated with only 20 amps.

Once power is established for the new 600 yard firing line, we expect to have perhaps as many as six or eight 30 amp hook-ups on the right as you enter the grounds, just after the current gate.

We do have water available at the Clubhouse for filling RV potable water tanks, but there are no RV direct water hook-ups. Nor do we have a Dump Station on club grounds.

The nearest Dump Station is at the Keene Water Treatment Plant behind the Keene Airport on Route 32. They are only open weekdays from 7am until 3pm. Some local RV campgrounds have Dump Stations, but they charge for dumping if you're not camping there.

We expect to develop a single Dump Station in the future and will likely charge for that at a rate of perhaps \$5 for each 1/3rd of a black/gray tank level. Until then, however, you'll have to go elsewhere.

Camping arrangements must be made through the General Manager, at 603-352-8563 or gm@ccfandg.org, prior to arriving.



A few good men or women...

OFFICERS NEEDED- The Foundation (CCSSEF) is currently looking to fill two important vacant officer positions on its Board of Directors/Executive Council.

The positions are for Vice-President and Treasurer. If anyone is interested you're encouraged to contact any of the following individuals:

Jim Mountford, President CCSSEF, president@ccssef.org, 355-1755; Ed Csenge, Indoor Range Project Manager, edcsenge@yahoo.com, 313-9953; or Larry Parker, General Manager, gm@ccfandg.org, 352-8563.

CLEAN UP HELP- We have a list of unfinished tasks from the Clean-Up Day (August 25th) and some additional chores that were added to that list to be finished up.

If you have some time and would like to help, come on up to the range during the General Manager's hours (M/T/W/F 9-1 p.m., Thur. 1-5 p.m.) and see what's still on the list that you could do. Most of the chores are clean-up items; weed whacking, brush cutting, painting & such.

Take action to save the 2nd!

- Viki Flanders -

Cheshire County Fish & Game Club's Board of Directors believes we should band together to help protect our Second Amendment rights. The steady stream of legislative proposals we've seen the last few years will not address the real problem of violence that results from criminal access and misuse of firearms.

To reduce such flawed legislative efforts and to protect gun ownership rights, the Board would like the club's members to do the following whenever possible:

1) Make your voice heard! Call or write your legislators. You can find names and contact information for local, state and federal legislators and officials for New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut on our web site. If you are reading this newsletter online, click here: [Legislative Contacts](#).

To send messages to legislators with the assistance of these organizations, or to remain aware of legislative initiatives involving firearms rights, use these links. Please take action now, before it's too late.

Links to Legislative Action and Alerts may be found on our web site or, if you are reading this newsletter online, click on the following links:

- [Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation](#)
- [Firearms Policy Coalition](#)
- [Gun Owners of New Hampshire](#)
- [NSSF's Government Relations](#)
- [NH Firearms Coalition's Action Alerts](#)
- [NRA's Institute for Legislative Action](#)
- [NSSF's Legislative Action Center](#)
- [Smith & Wesson's Preserve America's Rights](#)
- [US Sportsmen's Alliance's Legislative Action](#)

2) Determine how NH legislators are graded in relation to the single issue of your firearms rights by the NH Firearms Coalition shown on their website.

3) Let your friends know that we need help to preserve our rights. Send them to our site at <http://CCFandG.org> to use the links above.

The world is filled with violence. Because criminals carry guns, we decent law-abiding citizens also should have guns.

Otherwise, they will win, and the decent people will lose.

~James Earl Jones

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Women On Target

The club was proud to welcome another 30 ladies to our biannual "Women on Target" Clinic on Sept. 18th. Once again, our WOT Clinic Director, Laurel Csenge, did a fantastic job at making the event run smoothly.

Despite the windy conditions, our ladies were able to safely try their hand at rifle, shotgun, and pistol shooting. The shooting sessions were followed by a wonderful lunch, prizes, and visit from two vendors: Highlander Arms and Blue-U Seminars.

All of it was made possible only with the help of our friendly and dedicated staff of volunteers, and to them, a big "THANK YOU!"

Next year's Clinics are tentatively scheduled for May and September. Watch the web site for dates about when registration opens at the beginning of 2014.

Upcoming Events

• Personal Protection Outside the Home

The class will be offered by NRA Certified Instructor Rick Fuller on October 7th from 5-9 p.m., October 9th from 5-9 p.m. and October 12th from 1-5 p.m. at the CCF&G Club House. This class is an intermediate level shooting course on how to use a firearm for self-defense. It requires students to have already mastered safe gun handling and basic marksmanship skills prior to attending the course. For more information contact Rick Fuller at 876-4162 or rfuller617@gmail.com. A full line up of courses will be offered again starting at the end of March, so check the Club Calendar and website!

• First Aid / CPR Training

Class to be held at the Clubhouse on Sunday October 20th from 11:30 until 2:30 p.m. The class instructor is Sandy LaPlante. The cost is \$35 and includes a First Aid manual. For more information and sign up contact Rick/ Kate Fuller (chieftrainingofficer@ccfandg.org 876-4162) or Larry Parker (Call 352-8563 during Club GM office hours.)

• Trapper Education

Trapper Education courses are offered at CCF&G by the NH Fish & Game Department. Courses at CCF&G are presented by Mr Mike Morrison. Mike is a retired biology teacher from Monadnock High School and a renowned expert on Wildlife Management and Trapping. Mike has been discussing the possibilities of moving all of his Wildlife Fish & Game Club meetings and activities to our facilities. We will have more news on this as the details are established. Information about this program and on how to sign up are available on the NH Fish & Game web site at the following link. Mr Morrison can be reached at 603-352-8468. http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter_ed_schedule.htm

Safety Reminders!

- ⚠ All guns are always loaded.
- ⚠ Never point the gun at anything you are not willing to destroy.
- ⚠ Identify your target, and what is behind it.
- ⚠ Keep your finger off the trigger till your sights are on the target.
- ⚠ PLEASE PUT OUT THE RED FLAG ON THE 50 / 100 / 200 YARD RANGE WHEN GOING DOWN RANGE, AND THEN REMEMBER TO PUT IT AWAY WHEN YOU RETURN FROM DOWN RANGE.



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