



2013
Summer

President's Corner

- Joe Greathouse -

Here we are almost half-way thru the summer at the club. As I am sure many of you have noticed, our construction projects are continuing. We are not making all the progress we had hoped due to all the rain lately, but we are moving forward.

The new pistol ranges will open just as soon as it dries up enough to finish up about a days work with the front end loader. More details regarding all the projects can be found in the newsletter.

I hope all of you take advantage of the range and the activities being offered this year. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the club, please email me at president@ccfandg.org.

Club cleanup day

Thanks to all the volunteers who braved the questionable skies to come to the spring clean-up day on June 15th.

We had about 30 people for our half day event and it really made a huge improvement in the appearance of the club.

Our next cleanup day is scheduled for August 25th. I hope to see you there. As always there will be a free cookout for the volunteers and their families afterwards.



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Club's trap shooters continue to win big at state championships

- Mark Timney -

There can be little doubt that some of New England's best trap shooters hail from CCF&G.

With the conclusion of the NH State Shoot July 5-7, the club's shooters added to a long list of titles and trophies previously won throughout New England and in Pennsylvania.

(Editor's Note: The list of 'wins' was still being assembled at the time of publication, so this article does not include all the victories of the club's shooters in 2013.)

CCF&G's shooters won the 'Team Challenge' at the NH State Shoot, and Sally Alexander, Mike and Jake Blaisdell, Melissa Carpenter, Buddy Driscoll, Jim Gallagher, and Mark Timney walked away with many of the top prizes.

Gallagher won the 'All-Around-Resident' title, as well as the 'High Over All-Open' title. Mike Blaisdell was runner-up in the 'High Over All' category, and was the 'All-Around Sub-Vet' champion.

Blaisdell was also the 'Sub-Vet' Singles and Doubles champion, and Gallaher finished third in the handicap championship.

Melissa Carpenter won the 'Lady I' Singles and Handicap titles, and Sally Alexander won the

'Lady II' Singles, Handicap and All-Around titles.

Mark Timney won the Handicap title, overcoming Carpenter and another competitor in a shootout.

Jake Blaisdell made a clean sweep of the Singles, Doubles and Handicap 'Sub-Junior' titles, and, along with his father, Mike, won the Singles 'Family' event.

Buddy Driscoll topped the 'AA Class' in the Singles and All-Around events, and was the top 25-27 yard shooter in the Handicap Championship. Bill Weston took 'A Class-Nonresident' in the Singles event.

Chuck Divinne also added to the club's wins with the top 'Sub-Vet' score in the preliminary doubles event.

Sandy Tatham, who did not shoot at the NH championship, won several 'Lady II' awards during the the Massachusetts and Vermont State shoots. Weston, Carpenter, Dan Madden and Don Lee, among others, were also nonresident winners at these and other regional shoots.

Finnally, Mike Blaisdell had a series of wins at the Pennsylvania State Shoot, putting him in contention this year for the Amateur Trapshooting Association's 'Sub-Vet All-American Team.'

Dam Update

- Joe Greathouse -

Work on resolving our dam issue continues. Fortunately, the recent rains have not caused us any additional problems.

As you might have noticed, in complying with NH Dam Bureau mandates, we have allowed the fishing pond to drain until work is complete. The plan is to lower the dam below the six foot height criteria which technically defines it as a "dam."

With the dam lowered and the main spillway replaced by a weir, we will have a safer, more sustainable design, while still retaining an equivalent amount of water as compared to the last 10 years.

Overall I believe it to be a win-win situation in that we get to retain the benefits of having a fishing pond at the lowest cost option to the club members without restrictions.

The club has hired a Civil Engineering firm to design the new dam and plans are expected by the time you read this article. Pending a quick approval in the permitting process, we hope to complete the work this year, well ahead of the 2015 deadline.

Special thanks to club member Jonathan Sisson of Beaver Tracks, LLC. Jonathan donated his time and talent to complete the survey of the dam area to support the engineering work.

Jonathan has also volunteered to coordinate the filing of all paperwork for the permitting process. This generous donation of his time is saving the club thousands of dollars. Member volunteers like Jonathan are what makes this club great.



Warren Neumeister, High-Power Rifle Director with champion Neil Jeneral at the 2013 New Hampshire Garand Championship.

Jeneral wins NH Garand Championship

- Warren Neumeister -

The NH M1 Garand Championship was held June 22 at the range. There were thirteen shooters, and Neil Jeneral from E. Swanzey won the event with a 472-4X.

Rich Skowronski, of N. Hampton, NH, was second with a 470-5X.

This event is an annual fund raiser for CCF&G Highpower and GO-NH Shooting Sports.

The next major event will be a *Vintage Sniper* and *New Age Sniper* match August 4th. The details for this event are on the website under 'Highpower.'

Some loaner equipment is available. See the website and call the contacts on the program in advance to make arrangements.



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Our credit union

- Joe Greathouse -

In continuing efforts to provide more services to the membership, the club is now offering Credit Union services through our recent affiliation with Precision Credit Union in Keene.

That means that any member of the club can now join the credit union to access low loan rates and other competitive banking products, including free checking.

Why join a credit union? First as a member you are an owner of the company. That gives you a voice with Directors and even the ability to become a Director and have a say in how the credit union operates.

Another reason is that you can enjoy low loan rates with quick decisions made right here in Keene. Precision Credit Union has the flexibility to create a product tailored to you, unlike the bigger banks that have products designed at big city headquarters.

So ask some of your fellow shooters that are members here what they think of Precision Credit Union.

Please visit them at www.tspcu.org, or visit them on 7 Optical Ave. in Keene.

Recreational Pistol update

- Phil Chase -

We've had three matches so far in 2013. The April match had two stages, while the May & June events had three stages each.

It would be nice to see some women shooters participate.

The barn door for the separation fence is completed. Drainage has been installed in the new bays. Hopefully this will help dry things out. We've been

unable to open all the new bays because of the amount of rain we've been having.

The walk bridge over the ditch is in place & the walk path is completed.

We will need more Range Safety Officers to help with matches in the future. Let me know if you are interested and we will get you trained.

Join us for Rec Pistol on the first Saturday of the month!

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Indoor range update

- Ed Csenge -

With the approval by the City of Keene Planning Department for the Indoor Shooting Range granted on February 2013, we are now solidly in the fundraising effort.

Our first goal is to raise \$300,000 in order to continue the design and development of engineering plans and specifications.

In addition to initiating other fundraising projects, we are raising money through Hunters raffle for North American hunting trips, sporting shows in Concord and Rutland, Vermont and a Fishing Derby on the Connecticut River.

The Club's members will benefit greatly by this project. We'll be able to offer firearms safety training, Women on Target Programs, womens' pistol nights, NRA Pistol and Protection training, open member shooting, small bore rifle for juniors and adults, Bullseye Pistol matches and much more inside the facility!

It is essential that the membership supports this project. Please send your donations now. Contact me at edcsenge@yahoo.com.



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 below. 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!!

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

Our 2012-2013 regular season is nearly over. Practices have been held on Tuesday afternoon/evenings from November through March at both the Winchester ELM Center and the Peterborough Sportsmen's Club. We shot outdoors on Saturdays in April & May.

We've held Tuesday evening practice for our Gold & Silver Team shooters this spring and into the early summer. We'll start back up on September 7th. New shooters are always welcome.

Our thanks to the Peterborough Sportsmen for an outstanding turn out for our indoor season final match at their range on March 30th. We had 26 competitors.

We had 14 junior shooters on

the Gold and Silver Travel Teams this past season: Joe Nikiforakis, Andrew Solomonides, Lacey Hamelin, Robert Roland, Grace Hackler, Albert Miller, Russell LaPlume, Joe Ryan, Joy Ryan, Adam Levesque, Greg Ganio, Tobin Sanctuary, Aaron Bresnick and Lucas Maxfield.

Lacey, Robert, Albert and Joe R will be moving on to college, the military, or jobs this fall.

We have moved up the following shooters to fill the gap: Lucas Beteau, Peter Margand, Hunter Lang, Aidan Bradley and Matt Bechard.

It's never too late to pledge to be a sponsor for the 2013 National Matches. We are sending twelve juniors to the National Matches at Camp Perry this summer, and we'd be happy for any amount of support.

For 2013 we have had support from 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 & Riley's Gun Shop, and M Kay Dicey & Carolyn Locke in memory of Robert Lariviere.

In addition, Joe Greathouse made a generous contribution that was matched 100% by Timken.

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Junior Rifle Team... from page 4

With 12 juniors going this year, we sure would appreciate more sponsors. 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.

Heather Greathouse's University of Kentucky Rifle Team came in 2nd in the 2013 NCAA Rifle Championships on March 9-10. Heather was named to both the Air Rifle and Rifle ALL AMERICAN TEAMS this year. This makes 4 All American selections for her. Joe Bogar has been shooting on the West Point Pistol Team again

this year. Alex Martin completed his Freshman year at NC State on their rifle team. Tom Csege has joined the US Army's World Class Athlete Program.

Alex Martin, Lacey Hamelin and Joe Nikiforakis qualified for spots at the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships in Colorado this past April.

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 in smallbore shooting. smallbore@ccfang.org highpower@ccfang.org



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Membership News

- Dave Chickering -

As of July 2, 2013 the membership is at 634 members. We have had 498 members renew and 136 new members this year.

I have just mailed out renewals to about 180 members. If you received a renewal you could mail it to CCF&G Club, PO Box 233, Keene, NH 03431, or bring it by the clubhouse on Saturday mornings between 10:00 and 12:00.

If I happened to miss your name you can also go to the club web site at www.ccfang.org and download a renewal form.

This is my first year as membership director and I would like to renew all the 800 members we had last year, plus add 150 new members this year.

I have had a great time meeting many of you and I ask that all current club members help me reach 950 members this year.



photo by Al Patnode

BBQ and bands!

- Katherine Fuller -

A big thank you to everyone who helped out and came out to our 2013 BBQ and Bands Festival!

We had perfect weather and great food provided by Joe Peanuts House of Wings BBQ Team. (Check them out on Key Road in Keene.)

Fantastic performances were heard from Santa Croce and Weathered Road, and the whole event was kept on track by our Master of Ceremonies Al Kulas.

We had lots of winners in our raffle and gave away tons of great prizes, including a Ruger Hawkeye and an M&P 15/22.

Four local vendors, Highlander Arms, Granite Precision Arms, American Weapons Systems and Beaver Brook Firearms, were on hand to display their wares.

Upcoming Events

• Annual Sports Equipment Swap July 20th

The swap begins on the range at 9:00 am - 2 pm. The setup fee is \$15 which includes lunch. Please call Warren Neumeister, 357-0525, for reservations. The event will be advertised in the Keene Shopper and local radio, so this is an opportunity to sell your unwanted sporting items. There will be everything from fishing and hunting equipment, and reloading items to ATV's for sale. All federal firearms laws will apply to everyone and Dan Shepardson, Beaver Brook Firearms, will be on site to handle transactions. It will also be an open house to the public at our range.

• Basic Pistol Class August 5, 7 & 10

The next Basic Pistol Class will be taught by NRA Certified Instructors Rick Fuller and Justin Sanctuary at the club house on August 5, 7 and 10. This is a ten hour class and is great for people of all levels of shooting ability, and even those who would just like to learn more about firearms. It is not necessary to own a firearm to take this class. More details about the class are on the website: www.ccfandg.org.

• Women on Target September 8

The next clinic is set for Sept. 8. The Phase I Women on Target clinic is designed for women who have never shot a firearm before or who have very limited experience. Women will be able to try their hand at .22 cal Pistol and .22 Rifle and Trap. This morning session includes lunch, refreshments, eye and ear protection, loaner firearms, ammunition and personal instructions, all for a cost of \$45.00 per person. Additionally, the registration fee can be applied toward a CCF&G membership if you join that day. Space is limited to 30 participants. Registration info is available on the ccfandg.org website.

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.

