



## WINTER 2014

### Word from the 'GM'

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

What I notice mostly is that everyone I see here in the clubhouse or out on the range is genuinely happy to be here.

I guess that's to be expected. After all, this is a shooting range!

Everyone shows great enthusiasm in the direction the club is moving. Many of you have shown strong support by volunteering for tasks needed, buying raffle tickets and participating in club activities. It's been a pleasure working for you all the past 4 months.

I want to remind everyone that I am here at the club at least 4 hours each weekday: Mon., Tue., Wed. & Fri. from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., and on Thursdays from 1p.m. until 5p.m. If I'm going to be away for a day or more, I will post an entry in the calendar. Check out our web site for all activities and scheduled events on the calendar at [www.ccfandg.org](http://www.ccfandg.org).

Drop by the clubhouse in the mornings for "Coffee at the Clubhouse." Jim Bob will put on a pot of coffee around 9am and, you never know, there might be a donut or baked item lying around. Where else can you get coffee and a snack for a buck?

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## Dreaming of a clubhouse Christmas

- Ed Csenge -

*Indoor Range Project Manager*

It's December again, cold & snowing, and as I sit in CCF&G's little clubhouse having lunch I think to the future and what our indoor range will mean.

Imagine that in a few years we can have a club Christmas party with enough space to gather and watch the juniors shooting a match. The ladies can come for their Saturday pistol club without freezing, members can shoot inside all week long in pistol and rifle leagues, and we can come in any time to just shoot for fun.

I look forward to the educational and safety programs, and I wonder what other interesting presentations our classroom will host. We can have all of this, and a nice bite to eat too, in the same building.

The plans for the range & training facility are ready and we've received site plan approval from the city. We're beginning the marketing and fundraising effort, and want to be sure that everyone understands the project.

We'll build in at least two parts. Phase 1 will cost approximately \$2.8 million and will include 14 shooting lanes, a classroom, office and lobby.

The second phase, to come later, will include further enhancements, including a cafeteria, more classrooms, and

dedicated archery & air rifle ranges.

Funds for the project will come from donations. The plan is to NOT to have to increase membership dues. We want members to use the indoor range in the same way we currently use the outdoor ranges—with no additional charges. We believe the new facility will attract a significant number of new members to help us cover costs.

Our club is growing, with our membership this year hitting 840 and expected to top 900 next year. The new facility will help us to attract new members and make it possible to have a stronger and more vibrant club in the future. Watch for more details on the website and newsletter.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering to make this happen, or who wants to help with cash or in-kind donations to CCSSEF, please contact or call our fundraising chairman, Bob Lindberg at [rmlindberg@aol.com](mailto:rmlindberg@aol.com) or 355-7672, or our marketing specialist, Allison Barrows at [preteen@ne.rr.com](mailto:preteen@ne.rr.com).

We are considering sending out a survey to gauge the interest of the membership. If you should get a survey, please respond to it. This is an exciting time to be a member of CCSSE Foundation and CCF&G Club.

*(Ed Csenge can be reached at: [1edcsenge@yahoo.com](mailto:1edcsenge@yahoo.com))*

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## From the CCSSEF President...

- Jim Mountford -

The Foundation is still looking for a Vice President. We have a few candidates going through the acceptance process. If anyone has an interest, please contact me.

We have a new fund raiser, Bob Lindberg. Randy Tefft has been helping with the fundraising, especially with the last 2 raffles ('Rokon' and 'His & Hers Pistols').

Allison Barrows has offered her skills as a marketing expert for the publicity regarding the new indoor range project.

Kate Fuller will be taking over as Treasurer in 2014. A big "thank you" to Laurel Csenge for handling the Foundation's finances along with the CCF&G Club's. It's enough work to do one set of books, say nothing about 2 sets. KUDOS to Laurel!!

The "His & Hers" pistol raffle has had GREAT response and will be easily sold out. Thank you to Randy Tefft and Phil Chase for their hard work in preparing this and getting the tickets out. Thanks also to Lori Cook for her nice article in the *Shopper News* about this raffle.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at the Cheshire County Shooting Sports Foundation.

*Jim Mountford can be reached at: [president@ccssef.org](mailto:president@ccssef.org)*



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## 600 yard range 80-percent complete

- Neil Jeneral -

With winter upon us, the visible progress on the 600 yard range has stopped, but it was a great Fall.

A great deal of progress was made in September, October and November. The mild weather allowed us to pour concrete in the pits in 12 separate pours.

The Target pillars, footings, frost wall, pit wall, pit house and walkway are done. More than 85 yards of concrete and 6000 feet of reinforcing steel have been used so far. Partial backfilling was accomplished to prevent frost damage over the winter. The floor of the pit house remains to be poured.

Over the winter the hi-power crew will be busy with many tasks, including; number boards, target frames and perhaps even some frame repair and painting.

When spring arrives, we will be backfilling, grading, seeding and pouring the floor of the pit house. We plan to be working on the firing line as well, using material from the decommissioning of the dam on the club property.

If you see Pete Desantis, Warren Neumeister, Al Giles, Dave Smith, Neil Jeneral, Ed Csenge or Bob Felock

thank them for their much appreciated "volunteer time." We also want to thank Carl Ellsworth for his craftsmanship in completing the concrete work.

We are approximately 80-percent complete on this project, and plan to have a non-sanctioned event in June as a "shake down" shoot.

We are still looking for financial support for this 600 Yard Project through Member Support to the Club with a 'Promissory Note' loan to the Club. The goal set for the completion of the 600 Yard Range Project in October 2013 was an additional \$40,000.00 to be raised through loans to the Club under 5 year Promissory Notes that will pay 4% interest per year to the lender.

To date we have raised only \$11,000.00 through these notes. We have had some interest shown by a few other people, but still need to have more participation. We would like to think that we were correct in believing that members would be willing to support major projects by loaning the Club money as an alternative to just donating money.

*For more information, please contact our General Manager, Larry Parker, at 352-8563 or with an email to [gm@ccfundg.org](mailto:gm@ccfundg.org).*

## Recreational Pistol



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### 2013 was a very good year!

- Phil Chase -

Eight matches were held April thru November. The additional pistol bays greatly reduced the wait times for shooters, allowed us to set up more and better courses of fire (stages) and kept a pistol bay open for other club members.

There were a total of 165 shooters (average of 20 shooters per match) including 28 acting as Safety Officers (see below). We charge \$15 per shooter and Safety Officers shoot for free.

With revenue from matches we purchased a used MGM attack target for \$500 (which costs \$2000 new) to add to the shooting props the club owns & two new shot timers for \$250.

We also purchased a Dueling Tree from Action Target for \$520 that will handle up to .44 mag. The Dueling

Tree will be left on one of the pistol bays for all club members to enjoy.

Our beginning balance for 2013 was \$900 and revenue from matches was \$1980. Expenses & purchases were \$1580 & we turned \$1000 into the club treasury. This leaves us with \$300 to start the 2014 season.

Many thanks to the following people that helped run these matches as Safety Officers & Score Keepers in 2013: Joe Quintillio, Rec. Pistol Match Director & NRA Range Safety Officer; Tony LoProto, NRA Range Safety Officer; Mark Daigle, NRA Range Safety Officer; Alan Palmer; Mark Timney; Jason Taylor; Rick Fuller, NRA Range Safety Officer; Stuart Mitchell (Pony); Phil Chase - NRA Range Safety Officer & IDPA Safety Officer

### Using the winter ranges

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

We will do our best to keep most of the ranges open and functional throughout the winter.

We will have several snow shovels on the range. If you're the first one there after it snows, it's okay for you to pitch in and move some snow out of the way.

The clubhouse is always accessible. Please remember to lock the door when you leave.

We will keep a path to the 100/200 yard open range benches. The road to the 200 yard pits will be kept plowed. You'll need to stomp a path to the 50 yard and 100 yard target frames if you're shooting from there. We will keep the 100 yard and 200 yard gongs up.

We will keep the 100 yard covered range cleared out and will snow blow a path down to 100 yards. Please put the aluminum shooting benches back to the center posts and leave the individual benches locked in the up position to make it easier to clean the snow out.

For both covered ranges please return the portable steel target bases under the cover when not in use, not left out to be buried by a snowstorm. This will keep them available for use all winter and we won't have to worry about the snow blower scooping one up.

Pistol Bay #1 has the front panels on them so you will need to shoot out through the sliding glass openings. Close the panels when you're done shooting. A path will be maintained down range here as well.

We are leaving the 'plate rack' on Pistol Bay #2 and will maintain the road up to it. The bench will be moved back to the edge of the road and we will move the plate rack closer to the bench & table.

Remember, a staple gun & staples should be in your range bag, but there is a 'loaner' in the clubhouse if you forget.

## ADVERTISE IN GUNSMOKE!

Contact Sophie Chapman at [advertising@ccfandg.org](mailto:advertising@ccfandg.org)

AD DEADLINE: Spring issue- March 18.



## Jr. Rifle Team still needs .22 ammo

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

You'll remember in the last newsletter that I said I wasn't in a panic yet... However, I'm getting close.

Some of you responded to my plea and were able to either sell or donate ammo to us. Some provided us with leads on .22 ammo. But standard velocity .22 ammo continues to be extremely hard to come by.

We have four cases of .22 ammunition coming through a grant from the YSSA, but they have not indicated when it would be available.

We're averaging about 25 shooters per week. That amounts to about 10 bricks (a case) per month. We still have five months left in this season. Fortunately, the Gold & Silver Team shooters have been doing Air Rifle in December and early January, but after their a sectional match in January, they will be back full time with .22 rifle.

The stuff we're looking for should be in the \$20 - \$30 per brick range and American made-- CCI, Federal, Remington, Winchester, etc. But if something else is reliable, then we certainly would put it to use.

Contact me at [smallbore@ccfandg.org](mailto:smallbore@ccfandg.org), [gm@ccfandg.org](mailto:gm@ccfandg.org), or 352-8563 if you have questions or can help us out with some ammo.



photo by Al Patnode

## Junior rifle team update

- Larry Parker Sr. -

The results of the 2013 NRA Sectional Matches and National Matches can still be viewed at the web sites noted here. 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.

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

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.

Our 2013-2014 indoor season is well underway. We are practicing at the Peterborough Sportsmen's Club range on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. We certainly appreciate their hospitality. New shooters are always welcome to start at any time.

Here's our Gold and Silver Travel Teams for the this season: Joe Nikiforakis, Andrew Solomonides, Grace Hackler, Russell LaPlume, Greg Ganio, Tobin Sanctuary, Aaron Bresnick, Lucas Maxfield, Lucas

Beteau, Hunter Lang, Aidan Bradley and Matt Bechard. Lacey Hamelin is attending college in the Springfield Mass area and has been participating in weekend matches.

They have already competed in the 2014 Junior Olympic Shooting Championship Matches. Joe Nikiforakis earned a 1st round invitation to the JOSOC at the US Olympic Training Center in April for winning the JOSOC Match in Hudson NH in December. The G&S Team members will be competing in Sectional Matches over the winter.

THANK YOU to the NRA Foundation for their generous support through their Grant Program.

THANK YOU again 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 & 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 the Timken Charitable & Education Fund. The nice thing about sponsoring Junior activities through the CCSSE

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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.

As for past members of the team, Joe Bogar is in his junior Year at West Point and will be shooting on the West Point Pistol Team again.

Alex Martin is in his sophomore year at NC State on their rifle team.

Tom Csenge is still in the Army Reserves and part of its 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 winter indoor 4-Position League starts on January 3rd and continues through March. 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@ccfandg.org](mailto:smallbore@ccfandg.org), or [highpower@ccfandg.org](mailto:highpower@ccfandg.org).



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**Trap & 5-Stand News**

- Chuck Tatham -

Attention all shotgun fans. Please know that both trap ranges and 5-Stand will be open all winter!

If after a big snow storm you feel the urge to shovel some snow, your help cleaning up the trap ranges would be much appreciated! The club just purchased a new snow blower so the job should be a little easier.

Our club hosts the travelling Winter Trap League three times this year. Feel free to come see the frozen fun! The dates are Dec 22nd, Feb 2nd, and Mar 9th. Lunch will be served.

If you would like to participate please let me know as there are occasional openings.

Remember, 5-Stand is the most fun you can legally have with a shotgun.

(You can email Chuck Tatham at [trap@ccfandg.org](mailto:trap@ccfandg.org).)

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## Ladies Pistol on fire... even in the cold!

- Sophie Chapman -

The ladies are braving the cold to keep shooting over the winter... and yes, we mean outdoors!

Shooting skills, like all skills, degrade over time when not maintained. Your body reacts differently when cold, and this will affect your shooting. If you choose to use a pistol for self-defense, staying acquainted with your firearm in all conditions is a must.

The growing group of ladies, under the supervision of certified instructors Sophie Chapman and Rick Fuller, meet the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to socialize, play games and practice. From bowling pins to self-defense drills, different activities are offered every month to develop and maintain all your skills.

So whether you are an IDPA champion or a beginner, join us to chat, learn, and practice! All calibers and pistol types are accepted and we also have pistols for rent. All you need is your eye and ear protection and ammunition.

Cost is \$5 for member, \$8 for non-member, and \$2 for rental.

Sorry gents ... Ladies Only! Look for the men's version in the spring!



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## WOT looks forward to 2014

- Laurel Csenge -

We have instructed over 800 women in the 8+ years we have been running the WOT program. Fortunately the weather has been good for every WOT so far. Hopefully we'll be as lucky for our 2014 sessions.

Though most participants show up nervous, all leave enthusiastic and smiling about the great time they had. The morning is divided into 3 groups of 10 women: 10 to handgun, 10 to rifle and 10 to shotgun.

After safety instructions for each discipline, you hear the rapid fire of pistol, the more precision paced shooting of the rifles, and the cheers for hitting the clay pigeon for the first time. After a short time, each group is moved to try another discipline. At the end, its door prizes, gift bags and lunch where they can talk with the instructors/volunteers they met.

As this class fills up very fast, if you are thinking of signing up or know of someone who is interested, please do so immediately to secure a spot. Keep checking the website for dates and download the application and mail it in with your payment to reserve your space.

The dates for 2014 are May 18th and September 14th. The applications should be posted in early March.

We are also in the starting phase of a monthly women's pistol shoot. Ladies can bring their own handgun, ammo, eyes & ear protection and practice shooting their handgun in the company

of other women. (For \$2, you can borrow one of the Club's .22 pistols.) That is not to say there will be no men there. We can always use their expertise with

any questions/problems that might be encountered. Currently the shoots are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. Check with Sophie Chapman at the club.

It is a very volunteer intensive program, and I would like to thank all the great volunteers we have had, including those that have been involved since the beginning and those that are new each year. Without you, we would not have this program.

New volunteers are always welcome, and there are many ways one can help where you don't need to know how to shoot! Please contact Laurel Csenge at 603-313-9952 to inquire about volunteering.

**WOMEN TARGET**  
From the Women of the NRA™

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

Remember that our "Drop Box" is always available just inside the clubhouse door for dropping off membership renewals or paying for club clothing or shooting accessories. The Drop Box can also be used for suggestions, guest hold harmless agreements, and incident reports or for event entry registrations.

We are well into 2014 membership renewal time now with over 60% of our members already renewed before the end of 2013. You are welcome to come into the clubhouse during my hours and give me your renewal application and check and 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 2 new members, so be sure to let your friends know about us.

Remember, there are 4 ways to take care of your renewal:

- 1) *Submit them by mail;*
- 2) *Come in during the GM hours on weekdays;*
- 3) *Come in on Saturdays from 10am until 1 p.m.; or*
- 4) *Place your renewal application and check in the secure "Drop Box" that was just installed inside the clubhouse near the front door at any time.*

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 chief-trainingofficer@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 for your support of the club and of shooting sports.

## Training Report

- Sophie Chapman -

Our training department has been busy in 2013 and has great plans for 2014.

Led by our recently appointed Chief Training Officer, Rick Fuller, the group of dedicated instructors has grown. In alphabetical order they are: Sophie Chapman, Al Giles, Chip Lang, Bob Lindberg, and Jim Mountford. These individuals will allow CCSSEF to offer a growing array of classes and educational activities.

On the calendar for 2014 are pistol, rifle, and archery classes, as well as many specialized clinics and seminars, including Rob Pincus, and Blue-U.

Our ever-so-popular Women on Target, organized by Laurel Csenge, will be offered twice again in May and September. Nora Ross and Kay Ohye will also be offering trap clinics and several Hunter's Education sessions are planned.

New to CCSSEF in 2014 are instructional activities to bridge the gap between classes and our regular activities. Ladies Pistol will be continuing and "Intro to IDPA" for men and one for women will also be making their debut so check your calendar!

A big "Thank You!" again to all the volunteers, from coaches to those who support the instruction team from behind the firing line, for making our club inviting. We could not do it without you!

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## How much is that gun worth?

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

As a service to Club members, we are offering a 'gun value' service. It will be available at two levels.

1) At no cost (for members only) we will provide a basic "Blue Book of Gun / Air Gun" value based on your description of the firearm's condition. (There is a five item limit on this level.)

2) At a cost of \$3 per item, or \$5 for every two items, we will provide a detailed description and value range for your firearm based on the "Blue Book" and at least one 'on line' source provided if it can be found. Non member cost is \$4 per item for the detailed description and value range.

Maybe you're looking to buy or sell a firearm, or perhaps just preparing a list of the firearms you own for your information or having to itemize a claim for your firearms. If so, this an excellent way to document the value.

Remember, it's always a good idea to have a good photo of your individual firearms to accompany your list.

**For further details, contact me at the Club at 352-8563 or by email at gm@ccfandg.org**

## Being new to shooting sports & CCF&G... one woman's take

- Lori Catozzi Cook -

Prior to coming to Cheshire County Fish & Game Club, I had no knowledge of guns other than my boys' shooting BB-guns in Cub Scouts. I was spending time with a man who had the hobbies of hunting and target shooting, so it became pretty apparent that I needed to be a bit familiar with guns.

My first experience with CCF&GC was when this man (now my husband) brought me up to the facility to the 2012 Open House. My initial thought was "good ol' boys club," and I wondered if I could possibly fit into a place such as this.

It was when I took the *Women On Target* course at the club right after this visit that I realized this hobby could definitely be interesting and that I wanted to be part of the club.

I was being taught by women while learning alongside other women. Not only was I being educated about what I needed to know about guns, but I had the opportunity to shoot a pistol,

a rifle, and a shotgun. It really didn't matter what I shot at that point... I was hooked. I went on to take a Basic Pistol class and I definitely foresee taking other classes in the future.

This past year I also became a member of CCF&GC. Everybody has been very welcoming, and the members I have come in contact with have a true love for the future of the club.

I'm looking forward to the future plans of an indoor range, but know that it takes more than just a handful of people volunteering their time to make these plans come to fruition. Where do you see your club five, 10, 20 years from now?

Do you want it to grow and prosper so that future generations will also have a chance to enjoy the same shooting sports you do? Do you want your club to be instrumental in educating the public on firearms rather than be disillusioned?

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## NBB winter archery begins

- Mike Wright & Dan Deyo -

This winter the North Branch Bowmen will be very busy at the Recreation Center on Washington St. in Keene NH.

Our indoor practice starts on Sunday December 8th with open practice and work detail for target maintenance. We will have the all-purpose room from 12pm to 4pm on Sunday afternoons following that except when there will be a scheduled archery shoot.

These scheduled archery shoots are available for all shooting abilities and need not be a club member to participate.

The Keene parks and Recreation Center's annual youth archery program begins on January 7th and should be very popular this year with the recent release of the "Hunger Games Catching Fire" movie. Contact the Keene Parks and Recreation center for details as there is limited space in this program.

Mike Wright and Dan Deyo, who are both certified instructors, will be available for instruction on Sunday afternoons from 3pm to 4pm for all ages, basic equipment is available.

Our Tuesday evening league night is from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. immediately following the youth archery instruction. This year we will be having three evenings of shooting 3-D's and one Sunday indoor 3-D shoot.

Cost for shooting is \$5 for adults (league and Sunday practice) \$2 for children 16 and above for the league & free for children practicing or instruction on Sunday afternoons.

The full league schedule is on Facebook or Cheshire County Fish & Game Club's website; ccfandg.org.

Contact: Mike Wright at 603-209-8007, or Dan Deyo at 603-723-6921.

*North Branch Bowmen of CCF&G is a member of New Hampshire Bowmen (visit [nhbowmen.com](http://nhbowmen.com) or on facebook) If you would like to receive emails from NHBowmen email*

## CCF&G Club clothing & shooting gear

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

The Club has hats (\$15), sweatshirts (\$20), 'T' shirts (\$15) cooking aprons (\$20), window decals (\$10) and patches (\$5) with the Club logo on them for sale in the Clubhouse.

These items are a great way to show your support for the Club. Wear them proudly.

We also have taken on a line of gun cleaning products by Winchester for \$10 each.

We have a few safety items and accessories from Midway, including shooting glasses (\$10), Caldwell Electronic Earmuffs (\$30, including batteries), 'Dirty Bird' shoot-n-see type targets (\$5 per doz), and we even have a couple of soft gun cases.

Prices are listed near the display case on the far wall and items can be purchased anytime by just leaving your payment in the Drop Box if no one is at the Clubhouse.

If you want to pay by credit card, you would have to do that during weekday office hours or during Saturday membership hours.

For further details, contact me at the club at 352-8563 or by email at [gm@ccfandg.org](mailto:gm@ccfandg.org).

## New to shooting sports... from page 8

I have two thoughts about the future of the club: one, that it would be beneficial for each member to get involved somehow doing something at the club (whether in a big or small way), and, two, that women need to be made to feel welcomed more than ever before.

Why the latter? Because, as we all are well aware, women can be a strong driving force to make things happen. A

woman joining CCF&GC means that there could possibly be a spouse who will also join the club.

And if this woman has children, more than likely, she will have her children get involved with one of the junior programs. Membership will blossom and future plans for the facility can thrive.

Just one woman's take.



## A new place to have your morning coffee

- Jim "Jim-Bob" Flanders -

I'm inviting members to stop by the club during weekday business hours (in addition to Saturday mornings) for a coffee and perhaps even a donut or baked item.

There's always something to read laying around, including the current newsletter, *The Shopper News*, *Hawkeye* and a variety of shooting publications.

Or, maybe you'll find someone to talk to about firearms, hunting or fishing.

The clubhouse also has 'Wi-Fi' so you can bring your tablet or laptop and catch up on some work or read on-line.

I hope to see you real soon, and thank you for supporting the club.

## More new members every year

- Dave Swenson -

2013 has been one of our best membership years ever! The club had 190 new members in 2013, a 17% increase over 2012 resulting in a 7% increase in total membership in 2013 to 837.

Our goal for 2014 is 1000 members. As a response to our increasing membership, the club has invested heavily in expanded facilities to include two new completed pistol bays, with three more in the planning stages, a 600 yd range which is nearing completion, and an indoor range which is in the fundraising stage. Thank you to all our volunteers for making this possible.

All membership and orientation fees remain unchanged for 2014. The \$50 skipped renewal penalty has been eliminated. Therefore, prior members who wish to rejoin the club, will no longer be subject to this fee.

Please remember that our club is unique in providing free memberships for our active duty military, 100% service connected disabled veterans and law enforcement officers and reduced membership fees for our Guard and Reserve members. The club currently has 49 members in these categories.

Earn a 100% discount on your 2015 membership at Cheshire County Fish & Game Club!

Effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, any current CCF&G member who refers two (2) people that result in two (2) new Regular (\$125)

memberships will receive his/her 2015 CCF&G membership free. New members must specify at the time of application for membership the club member who referred them. (Exception: No Officers, Directors, or members of the Membership Committee are eligible to participate.)

We continue to provide club membership "Gift Certificates" toward gun cleaning supplies and clothing available at the clubhouse.

Larry Parker has office hours at the clubhouse, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1p.m., and on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for renewals and new memberships. We now accept credit cards for all purchases at the clubhouse, including memberships.

We began offering "walk-in renewals" every Saturday beginning 9/21/13, at the clubhouse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and during the General Manager's office hours. Your walk-in renewals greatly benefit the Club directly by eliminating some of the expenses associated with processing your renewal including postage and supplies.

We also mass mailed renewal apps on 11/11/13. To date, we have a 60% renewal rate which is outstanding. It is our goal to have your renewal card to you within five working days of having received your completed app and renewal fee.

Thank you all again for another great year. See you at the range!

## Thanks for helping Toys For Tots

- Viki Flanders -

Thank you to everyone who participated in CCF&G's efforts to assist the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program.

While most of us may have enjoyed a childhood with holiday gifts every year, some of us most likely did not and can relate to the program's mission to distribute

toys to less fortunate children in the community in

which the campaign is conducted.

Toys are distributed through hospitals, hospices, shelters, special children's events, and social service agencies.



## CCF&G NRA link

- Larry Parker, Sr. -

When you are renewing your NRA membership or signing up a new member to the NRA, be sure to use our "Join NRA" link near the bottom of our home page on the web site.

Your support of the NRA is important in the preservation of our 2nd Amendment Rights.

The NRA is also a great supporter of our Junior Rifle Program through the NRA Foundation. Their 2013 grant to our club was instrumental in getting our Junior Program moved safely to the Peterborough Range by providing secure gun and equipment storage.

Over the past 10 years, our Junior Rifle Program has received over \$40,000 in support from this excellent NRA Program. This has come in the form of rifles, ammunition, equipment and monetary support for our juniors attending the National Matches.

**For further details, contact Larry at the club at 352-8563 or by email: gm@ccfandg.org**

## Fly Tying Class to be held at CCF&G

The Monadnock Chapter of Trout Unlimited will offer Fly Tying Classes at the Cheshire County Fish and Game Club in Keene, NH beginning February.

Fly Tying is directly related to the education mission of *Trout Unlimited*. We use fly tying to teach people about natural resources, entomology, and of course how trout relate to their primary food source.

Fly tying as a social event and a way to connect with youngsters and adults. Most of all, we do it because it's fun!

Classes begin with basic techniques on simple patterns for the first few weeks. The remaining time will be determined by the participants and their choices. This could involve tying zonkers, dry fly patterns or classic New

England streamers for example.

The chapter will supply materials and have tools available for class use.

The first five week session will be a Beginner's session and will run from Monday, February 10 to March 10.

An Advanced session of 5 weeks will follow. The second session will be Monday, March 17 and March 24, then Mondays from April 7 to April 21.

Each session will have a range of tiers and we will work with each student to help them along.

The fee for each 5 week session is \$75 for adults, \$50 for CCF&G members, \$25 for students and veterans.

Contact Mike Elkavitch, VP Monadnock TU Chapter # 333, at [elks61975@gmail.com](mailto:elks61975@gmail.com) to sign up or get more information.

## 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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