January 2008

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NIANTIC SPORTSMEN'S CLUB INC.

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Coming up!

January 2008
- Sunday Breakfasts – January 6, 13, 20, 27
- Meeting Night Prime Rib Dinner – Friday, January 11
- Muzzle-Loader Luck Shoot – Sunday, January 20
- Fourth Friday Dinner (pasta, sausage, meatballs) – Friday, January 25
- Indoor Range Work Parties – dates to come
- Annual Dues Due before January 31, 2008

February 2008
- Sunday Breakfasts – February 3, 10, 17, 24
- Meeting Night Prime Rib Dinner – Friday, February 8
- Annual Game Dinner – Saturday, February 16
- Fourth Friday Dinner (pork roast) – Friday, February 22

March 2008
- Sunday Breakfasts – March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- Meeting Night Prime Rib Dinner – Friday, March 14
- St. Patrick's Day Feast – to be announced
- Fourth Friday Dinner (ham feast) – Friday, March 28

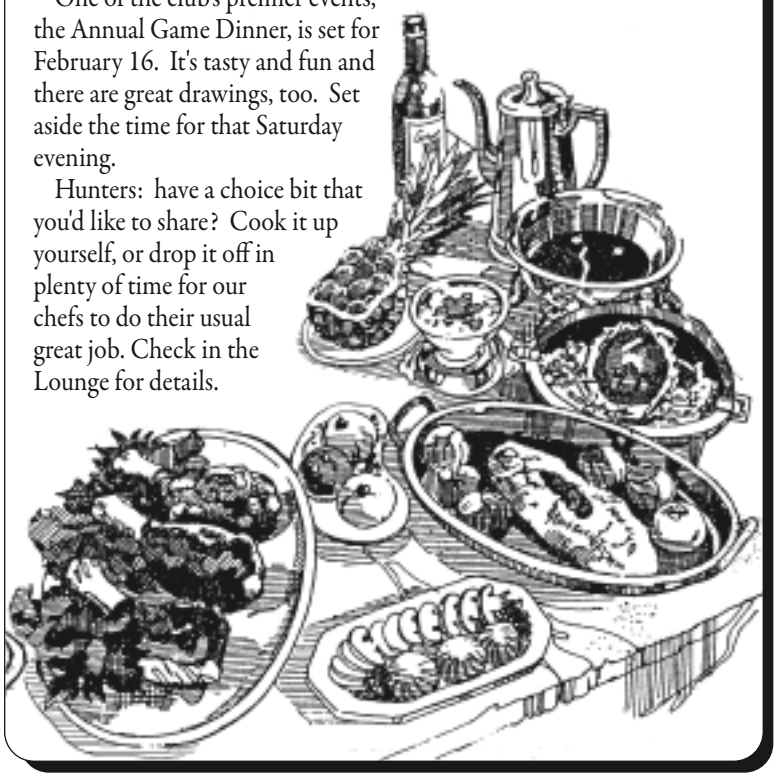
April 2008
- Meeting Night Prime Rib Dinner – Friday, April 11
- Connecticut Interleague All-Star Pistol Match

May 2008
- Meeting Night Prime Rib Dinner – Friday, May 9
- N.L. County Pistol League Banquet

Game Dinner on the Horizon
Saturday, February 16

One of the club's premier events, the Annual Game Dinner, is set for February 16. It's tasty and fun and there are great drawings, too. Set aside the time for that Saturday evening.

Hunters: have a choice bit that you'd like to share? Cook it up yourself, or drop it off in plenty of time for our chefs to do their usual great job. Check in the Lounge for details.



Meeting Dates

Executive Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 pm

Regular Meeting
Friday, January 11, 7:00 pm

Dinners Expanded to Include Fourth Fridays

The Friday Meeting Night prime-rib dinners on the second Friday of the month have been a success, and the club dinner schedule will be expanded starting in January to include a similar feast on the Fourth Friday of the month, at least from January through March. Plan to stop in...the price and quality are excellent. A footnote: the hot-dog option on Friday will be, alas, removed, but trusty hamburgers and fixin's will still be there. While you are planning your mealtimes, remember that NSC serves a good lunch on Fridays from about noon to 1:30 p.m. The menu is simple...with some nice surprises.

Rutigliano Family Donates to Land-Acquisition Fund

The family of Jack Rutigliano has made a donation to the NSC land fund in his memory.

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Blackpowder Luck Shoot Coming Up Soon: Boom!

This coming Sunday, January 20, bring along your personal-favorite muzzle-loader – any type of action, any type of sights including scopes – and try your luck on a variety of lucky targets at fairly short ranges, offhand. Don't have a muzzle-loader? We may have an extra for you to use!

This will be a great fun match, and a good time to shake the dust off "Ol' Betsy" in the wintertime. There will be a small entry fee, and prizes will be surprise items. The range opens at 9:30 a.m.; and the shoot will run to noon on the Outdoor Range. Contact Tom Snow for more information.

Rutigliano Family Donates...*from page 1*

Jack was a very supportive member who helped us in many ways with his good ideas and hands-on work; his quiet wit added a lot to the club experience. We appreciate the family's thoughtfulness, and welcome its interest in the club's long-range success.

Photo-Badge System Starts in January

Members should be prepared to get their ID card photo taken soon: our initial computer trials are over and we seem to be ready to start up and continue over the next several months at regular meetings. The new system will be more efficient and ultimately allow the club to provide more member services.

Winter League Offers Education for Potential New Shooters

If you are interested in shooting skeet, but don't know how to turn the skeet machines on, come down on Sunday mornings and watch the Winter League shooters in action. It's a great opportunity to learn technique from our members, who will often let you try their guns – if you don't have one at present – and help you select the correct gun for yourself. Proper eyewear and hearing protection is required; a perfect skeet round is a 25. "Come down to see what you can do," says our Skeet Commissioner, who adds that you can "ignore any grouchy guys – most of us are very friendly!" If you need any more info call the Commissioner at 860.434.2336.

Archers to Get New Targets

The 3D trail shoots will now have about 16 new targets to test their skills. The premium Reinhart target system reflects the popularity of the club on the eastern woodland archery circuit and will make a good course even better.

Juniors on Target with Bow and Rifle

Youth-size bows are needed for archery, and the rifle marksmanship program is planning to standardize with several youth-sized .22 target rifles to take into account the stature of younger shooters. Several members have expressed support and a proposal will be made to the general membership soon.

On behalf of the program, John Dube and Jay Cole thank NSC members Alan Blaschik and Larry Maggi for their generous donation of targets to youth archery.

Juniors – ages 8 to 18 – can join at any time. A parent/adult must attend with the Junior – just show up on Thursday evenings. Here's the general schedule:

- 6:30-8:30 p.m. 1st and 3rd Thursday: indoor range – Jay Cole

Note: Please do not plan to use the range at this time!

- 6:30-8:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Thursday: indoor archery – John Dube

Potluck Feast Was A Real Treat

The annual club potluck December Holiday Party was well attended – the food was great and the conversation lively. These friendly events make the dark and cold winter season move quickly. And to all...a Happy New Year!

NRA Protects Sportsmen's Rights

If you are not already an NRA member, pick up an application in the Lounge area. There are direct benefits to our club if you do: The NRA yearly membership is $35, but NRA will only charge you $25 and then turn back $10 of that fee to NSC for our use, so it benefits all gun owners and the club as well. If you have questions, contact your in-club recruiter, Bob Sutcliffe, at 860.964.0580. The NRA is our united voice and will be very important to sportsmen in this election year. "The NRA is our 'military,'" says Sutcliffe. "They are fighting for us in D.C."

Lounge Menus Offer Tasty Surprises

Full-service family Sunday breakfasts are served between 7:30 and 10 a.m. (except for some Sundays following major club events). The can't-be-beat prices run about $6, plus a little bit more if you choose sideorders or specials. Our informal Friday lunches are cooked from 12 to about 1:30 p.m.; and our Friday dinners on the second and fourth Fridays are ready from about 5:30 to 7 p.m. Lounge hours are every Tuesday evening from 5 to about 10 p.m., Friday from noon to about 11 p.m., Saturday from noon to about 6 p.m., and Sundays from 7 a.m. to about 6 p.m. Special menu items are often posted in advance in the Lounge.

Remember that the kitchen crews always need hands-on help doing dishes and serving breakfast. The prime-rib dinners on meeting nights also welcome help starting in the late afternoon.

NSC's Wholesome 'n' Tasty Sunday Breakfast Menu

1. Two eggs, homefries, choice of meat (sausage, ham, bacon), toast
2. Three eggs, homefries, choice of meat, toast
3. Texas toast with choice of meat
4. Kingsized pancakes with choice of meat
5. Kingsized blueberry pancakes with choice of meat
6. Eastern omelet, homefries, toast
7. Western omelet, homefries, toast
8. Bacon, sausage, or ham cheddar omelet, homefries, toast
9. "The Mess"...bacon, sausage, ham, peppers, onions, homefries, all "messed up" with scrambled eggs (Yum!)
10. "The Combo"...two eggs, two French toasts or pancakes, choice of meat
11. Egg sandwich...two eggs, choice of meat on a hardroll, homefries

Sideorders available... Corned beef hash; extra sausage, ham, bacon; coffee (free); juices and other beverages

12. Spectacular Super Specials as available.

Club Notes:

- The skeet range opens daily at 9 a.m. and closes at dusk. All shooters are required to pick up shell casings, reload the high and low houses, break up the cardboard boxes, and use the refuse barrels to keep the skeet house clean.

- NSC's 12-minute outdoor-range safety video is required viewing for new members; it can be viewed before their read-in or vote-in meetings at about 6:30 p.m. in the club office.

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NSC DUES NOTICE

Your 2008 Dues MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 31, 2008. Please complete the form below and send your payment to: NSC, P. O. Box 122, Niantic, CT 06357

Your yearly dues are $200 for the 2008 membership year. The $200 dues are subject to a reduction of up to $40 for up to four hours of service. These work hours must be attested to by a chit (signed by your work-party leader/officer) submitted by you with your 2008 dues. All Life and Senior members are required to submit the $40 service assessment fee or perform the volunteer work. Dues are due January 1, and late after January 31. A $100 late fee (half the annual membership) will be charged for payments received after January 31.

AFTER 31 January 2008 the following schedule applies: Late Dues – $300 ; Service Fee Reduction – $40

NSC DUES RENEWAL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008

Please print clearly; mail or drop off at the Club. Please include email.

Name_____

Member Number_____

Amount Enclosed $_____

Service Fee Reduction Chit Attached _____

Mailing address, including Zipcode

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Email_____

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Club Notes...*from page 3*

• Switch off lights when not in use...please. A committee is examining energy-conservation possibilities for the club that will yield long-term savings.

• Skeet Range dollar-chips are available in the Lounge for $20 a batch. Schedules and league standings are posted in the Lounge and you can check out the Eastern Connecticut Skeet Club (winter league) website at www.ecsc-skeet.com.

• Good Ol' USA: Members are invited to submit websites and sources for "Made in America" union-made products and clothing that might be of interest. Email the Newsletter or leave a note with the website in the Lounge. Here's one that's been suggested: www.kinglouie.com/kinglouie/default.asp.

• Continuing Reminder: It is the responsibility of membership applicants to be present at the meetings for the read-in and vote-in process; if members are sponsoring an applicant, be sure to inform him or her that our meetings are on the second Friday of the month at 7 p.m. Applicants for membership must submit a $100, non-refundable, deposit check along with their application. New membership applications and club brochures are in the Lounge.

• Members are reminded that the consumption of alcoholic beverages on our ranges – indoor, outdoor, skeet, archery – is not permitted. Alcohol at casual picnics and after-event gatherings next to the ranges is included in this prohibition, with the exception of scheduled club events in which the range is completely shut down during and after the event. Questions and event plans should be directed to the Executive Board.

• The NSC Newsletter always welcomes photos, short stories, and observations from members...just email them or leave them in the Lounge.

• Delicious jams and jellies are available at the Lounge, courtesy of the culinary prowess of Tony Cutone. Pick up a few jars (and return the jars when you've enjoyed the contents).

• Please be sure that you notify us if you change your your email address. The Newsletter is available on the website in text-only and full-graphics formats. Let us know at nscnewsletter@snet.net and include your full name and member number.

• NSC Website: www.nianticsc.org

• Newsletter email – nscnewsletter@snet.net

NSC Members! Are you planning a special event?

• Retirement? • Birthday?
• Reunion? • Reception?
• Anniversary?

The NSC Hall is available at moderate cost and minimum hassle for these and other gatherings. The kitchen is available, and Lounge service can be arranged.

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Contact House Committee Chairman Charlie Chambers, or Amy or Jodi in the Lounge for details.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, January 11, 7 p.m. Prime Rib Dinner Service Starts at 5:30 p.m.

Officers 2007
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John MacDougall, *Vice-President*
John Santos, *Recording Secretary*
Judy LeBlanc, *Financial Secretary*
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