November 2007

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NIANTIC SPORTSMEN'S CLUB INC.

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Coming up!

November 2007

- Prime Rib Dinner – November 9 Meeting Night
- NSC Annual Elections – Friday, November 9
- Sunday Breakfasts – November 3, 10, 17, 24

December 2007

- Meeting Night Prime Rib Dinner: Friday, December 14
- Firearms Safe Sale Display
- Annual Holiday Party – Friday, December 21
- Annual Dues Due before January 31, 2008

Skeet: Off to a Great Start

The winter skeet league has begun and all six Niantic teams have won their first matches. The teams shoot at home every other Sunday – so come down and watch, and pick up some good shooting techniques. Any of our team shooters will be glad to help you with their knowledge of the proper fit of a skeet gun, proper ammunition, and all procedures of the sport. A side note: the commissioner of the NSC skeet field, Bill Boehning, shot his first perfect round of 50...and then proudly had his ceremonial hat blown off.

Schedules are posted in the Lounge and you can check out the Eastern Connecticut Skeet Club (winter league) website at www.ecsc-skeet.com.

Meeting Dates

Executive Meeting
Tuesday, November 6, 7:00 pm

Regular Meeting
Friday, November 9, 7:00 pm

Junior Program Open to Kids

The 2007-2008 youth program is underway, with opportunities for kids to learn lifetime skills and ethical attitudes, and have a lot of fun besides. Initial meetings focus on an ongoing NRA Rifle Qualification course of fire. Archery with John Dube offers a variety of interesting targets to encourage friendly archery competition while building skills. A Junior black-powder event with Craig Grimord will offer tradition, history, marksmanship, fun. Off-range, planning for the fall includes leaf/tree identification, and continues throughout the year with knot-tying, using and sharpening a pocket knife, track identification/tracking, compass orienteering, GPS/topo maps, and other topics.

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

Pig Roast on October 20 Was Savored by 100

Pig Roast 2007, NSC's Premier Fall Dining Event, was enjoyed by about 100 members and guests. Plentiful food, prize drawings, and live country music kept the evening jumping. Pete and Jan Fallucco provided the 90-pound porker, which was cooked to a turn by Red Anderson and Don Babcock and their crew. Jodi Stone and Josh Ebersole made up a fine chunky clam chowder, and our volunteer cooks, servers and cleanup crews made the evening a great success. Thanks, all!

In Memoriam: Jack Rutigliano

Jack E. Rutigliano, 65, a native of Old Saybrook, died Monday, October 15, 2007, after a long illness. A local attorney, he began practicing law with the firm of Dzialo, Pickett & Allen after graduating from the University of Connecticut Law School in 1967. Jack was a veteran of the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He was an active member of the Niantic Sportsmen's Club and spent many hours participating in club activities. He was a devoted family member; his dry wit and "grumpy" charm will be missed.

Lounge Menus Offer Filling Treats

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 range about $5 to $6, plus a little bit more if you choose sideorders.

Our informal Friday lunches are cooked from 12 to about 1:30 p.m.; and our good-eatin' Friday dinners on meeting nights – usually with a prime-rib special – are ready from about 5:30 to 8 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

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Sunday Breakfast Menu...*from page 1*

5. Kingsized blueberry pancakes, 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 on that day].

Falkner Scores Big Ram

Ray Falkner harvested this trophy Mouflon ram recently at the Wild Hill Preserve in West Fairlee, Vermont. The animal was spotted by a fellow hunter, who informed a guide that he had sighted a ram. After a wild ATV ride, Ray traversed the side of a 700-foot hill, then made a climb of about 100 yards to a rock outcropping, where he took a 60-yard heart shot. His single-shot, .30-30 Remington rolling-block rifle has metallic sights and the ammo was handloaded. The meat has been donated to the club for the game dinner.

Witkins, Kurlansky Score in Limpopo Province

You probably noticed them this summer as they practiced on the outdoor range with their .375 H&H rifles off African shooting sticks. Well, Jim Witkins and Steve Kurlansky are back from their August safari in Limpopo Province, South Africa, where each took several trophy plains game on their two-week hunt.

"Our base camp was outstanding, the PH's (professional hunters) and staff were top-notch and we ate from every animal we took, including the Blue Wildebeest," reported Jim, fresh from the hunt. "We hunted the Bushveld for eight hours a day and learned to identify spoor and tracks. It was a complete experience that begs to be repeated." The photo shows Jim's Greater Kudu that scored at 121-1/8.

Coalition Dinner Savored by NSC Sportsmen

The Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen's annual awards dinner saw several NSC members attending for the honors and festivities on October 14 in Southington. Second District congressional aspirant Sean Sullivan stopped by the table of (left to right) Chuck Rowbotham, Clay Caras, Tom Davis, and Myron Kavalgian to express his support for the Second Amendment. Also representing NSC at the CCS dinner were Bruce Vandal, Jeff Schwartz, and John Stratton.

Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen director Robert Crook hosted the annual dinner, which featured presentations to sportsman-friendly legislators and state organizations and many drawings and auction items.

Browning Safe Sale

NSC to Benefit from Sales of Quality Gun Safes

The club is working with The Grouse Perch and its owner, member Tom Davis, to make Browning safes available at very attractive prices. Members will also save the substantial shipping costs: about $250 to $375 for these very heavy items! At least four models, from Medallion to Theftgard, will be available. Tom stresses that these are high quality theft- and fire-secure items, not simple lockboxes, and many accessories for storage are available. All funds beyond basic prices will go to benefit the Club's land acquisition and club-improvement accounts.

More information will be posted in the Lounge and on the club website on the safes, and inquiries can be made directly to Tom Davis at 860.388. 2277 (thegrouseperch@sbcglobal.net). Browning information is on the web at http://www.browning.com/products/catalog/safes/category.asp?value=F.

Pig Invaders Destroy Lawn; NSC Volunteers Fix It Up

NSC members Tom and Nancy Kalal and Rick and Cindy Taylor were among the volunteers who restored a Waterford lawn after a group of errant pigs, escapees from a nearby farm, enjoyed most of a late September day munching on roots and grubs and tulip bulbs. The animals were rounded up and returned, and a couple of days later our volunteers got to work being very good neighbors. The restoration events were reported thoroughly in The Day and elicited several letters to the editor.

"The nice people who helped round up pigs and then rebuild the lawn that was torn up showed more intelligent decision-making and problem-solving than the top decision makers in this country," read one letter. Another noted that "It is such a great way to start the day — reading local stories like these in which people help each other and act with kindness and compassion."

Wood-Splitting, Range Upgrade "Party" Warms Clubhouse and Improves Sighting

An October 14 work party on the outdoor range involved at least a dozen club members and resulted in a massive pile of cut and split wood for our fireplace, a smooth wood-chip-dressed range field, higher and deeper backstops, and refurbished distance and lane markings at 25, 50, and 100 yards.

Headed up by Stan Bowdish, the crew manhandled treetrunk-thick sections into a splitter, loaded the wood into a trailer, carted it to the clubhouse, and stacked it neatly. George Stone worked his York rake behind his backhoe and spread out several large piles of chips, while hand-rake crews evened out the expanded berms. Cleaned up and repainted steel range markers helped finish off the job.

"Boy, we got a lot done!" remarked Stan, who had been seen frequently on the range earlier in the week trimming brush and touching up the range markings. Future work will include digging out a new 25-yard pistol range to the south of the covered firing points.

Crew members included R. Taylor, T. Kalal, E. Burr, D. Klubek, L. Gifford, B. Clark, J. Koziatek, A Tremblay, D. Gifford, B. Boehning, and G. Stone...plus a few others, including young Garrett, who dropped in to lend a hand here and there.

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS!!!

November is the month for the election of officers (one year term), five executive board members (two year term). The form below may be used as a mail in ballot only. All other cast ballots must be filed only by those in attendance of the November meeting.

NOTE!!! ALL MAIL IN BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED WITH NAMES PRINTED BELOW, SIGNATURES AND MEMBERSHIP # FILLED IN OR THEY WILL BE REJECTED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. THEY MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11-08-07 AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 11-06-07.

Mail to: Niantic Sportsmen's Club, P.O. Box 122, Niantic, CT 06357, c/o Nominating Committee

Mail in Ballot 2007

All officer candidates are running unopposed.

Officer Candidates:

President	Matt Fleisher	unopposed
Vice-President	John MacDougall	unopposed
Recording Secretary	John Santos	unopposed
Financial Secretary	Judy LeBlanc	unopposed
Treasurer	Position Open	

Five Executive Board positions at a two year term (2008-2009) are open. Please cast a vote for the candidate/s of your choice.
You may not cast more than five choices. (1 each for 5 different candidates)

The following Executive Board candidates are:

Charlie Chambers____ Tony Cutone____ Rob Grohocki____

Al Cocola____ Jack Douton____ Ron Michaels____

Jack Cutillo____ Peter Edmondson____

Signature_____

Print Name_____

Membership #_____

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

Name_____

Member Number_____

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Service Fee Reduction Chit Attached _____

Mailing address, including Zipcode

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Reminder: No Alcoholic Beverages on Club Ranges

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.

3-D Archers Wind Up for '07

The last match of the 2007 Southern New England 3-D Archery schedule is November 18. Signup for all matches is 7 a.m. to 12 noon at the upper fields, and lunch and refreshments are served; all scores will be in by 2 p.m. Join in by calling Mead Close at 203.988.2782 or Rick Pape at 860.625.6573. There's a league booklet posted in the Lounge.

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. In unity there is strength, and the NRA is our united voice; as we enter a big election year in 2008, we should be at peak strength. "The NRA is our 'military,'" said Sutcliffe. "They are fighting for us in D.C."

Club Notes

- Volunteers are the heart of our club: what you get out of the club is what you put into it. There are many major events and ongoing maintenance activities that will benefit from your assistance...and there's also the small stuff: picking up a bit of litter, raking, trimming, sweeping. Every bit helps.
- 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.
- 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.
- The NSC Newsletter always welcomes photos, short stories, and observations from members...just email them or leave them in the Lounge.
- Remember that it's OK, and encouraged, to introduce yourself to other shooters on the ranges. Only members and escorted guests are allowed there.
- Reflecting increases in basic services – electricity, oil, insurance – our membership dues will be increased slowly, to avoid "sticker shock." A committee is being formed to back up any increases with facts, and to explore fund-raising events for the benefit of all club members.
- Please be sure that you send in (or attach) your email address when you renew your membership this fall. The Newsletter is available on the website in text-only and full-graphics formats. If your email address changes, please notify us at nscnewsletter@snet.net and include your full name and member number.
- NSC Website: www.nianticsc.org
- NEXT MEETING: Friday, Nov. 9, 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*
Rick Pape, *Treasurer*

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