



# NIANTIC SPORTSMEN'S CLUB INC

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## Coming up!

### October 2007

- Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen Dinner at the Aqua Turf Country Club – Sunday, October 14, 4 p.m.
- Annual Pig Roastin' Festivities – Saturday, October 20, 5 p.m.
- Prime Rib Dinner – October 12 Meeting Night
- Sunday Breakfasts Begin – October 7
- Youth Program Starts – Thursday Evenings

### November 2007

- Firearms Safe Sale Takes Shape
- Prime Rib Dinner – November 9 Meeting Night

### December 2007

- Annual Holiday Party – Friday, December 21

## Breakfasts and Dinners are Warm and Filling Treats

Breakfasts at the NSC begin on Sunday, October 7, and will end on April 6, *continued on page 2*

### Meeting Dates

Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 pm

Regular Meeting  
Friday, October 12, 7:00 pm

## NSC Annual Pig Roast



### Good Eats

Pig Roast on Saturday,  
October 20

is a Treat for the Whole Family  
We're ready for Pig Roast 2007 —  
NSC's Premier Fall Dining Event!

Bring along family and friends for an evening of great eats and drawings...  
you can't go wrong!

**Saturday, October 20, 2007**

**5 p.m. Cocktails; 6 p.m. Dinner**

- Adults — \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door; Children — \$6
- Menu — Great Fresh-Roasted Pork, Fine Trimmin's and Fixin's
- Good Fun for All with Great Drawings and Gifts for Members, Families, Friends
- Volunteers Needed and Appreciated — earn your four hours; show up at about 4:30 p.m. for setup and serving assistance.
  - Reserve your tickets now!



## Breakfasts and Dinners...from page 1

2008; there will be no breakfasts served on the Sunday after the pig roast (October 21), the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the Sunday after the Game Dinner, and Easter Sunday. The hours of operation are 7:30 to 10 a.m. and the kitchen



crews always welcome hands-on help doing dishes and serving breakfast. Prime Rib dinners start with the meeting night of October 12, and help is welcomed for these meeting dinners as well.



## Skeet: Summer Results; Winter Plans

Six teams competed in the summer league playoffs; single-round elimination found Fred Douglas and his team – Keith and Claudia Nichols and Mike Yunkman – shooting their way to the top. The 40 men and women, who competed from beginner to expert, used handicap scoring to make most shootoffs extremely close.

The Winter League starts on October 7 and extends to April. Most Sundays the skeet field will be used for competition. There are some Sundays during the league season the skeet field will be open with no shooting scheduled, and the range is open all day Saturday and all weekdays to all members who want to shoot. Schedules are posted in the Lounge and you can check out the Eastern Connecticut Skeet Club (winter league) website at [www.ecscskeet.com](http://www.ecscskeet.com)

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.

## Junior Program Begins This Month

The 2007-2008 youth program is underway, with opportunities for kids to learn life-time skills and ethical attitudes, and have a lot of fun besides. Initial meetings focus on an ongoing NRA Rifle Qualification course of fire. The program is safety-oriented, including NRA programs starting with "First Steps" certificate (safety and basics) and the Rifle Qualification Course. This year we will also participate in the NSSF program (as explained on their web site, "The Path to the Olympics" ([www.rangeinfo.org/jrusa](http://www.rangeinfo.org/jrusa))).

Archery with John Dube also will be featured, with a variety of interesting targets to encourage friendly archery competition while building skills.

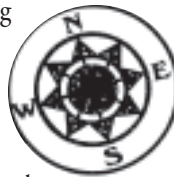
Off-range, for the fall we will do leaf/tree identification, and continue throughout the year with knot-tying, using and sharpening a pocket knife, track identification/tracking, orienteering/using a compass, GPS with topo maps, and other topics as they are suggested by the youth and their families. Watch for a special, Junior-oriented black-powder event with Craig Girmord. It will offer tradition, history, marksmanship and fun.

As always, if anyone would like to share skills and expertise and run an event – by all means please speak up and join in! Junior members may enlist at any time. They do not have to participate every week, because activities are self-paced. 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



## Browning Safe Sale NSC to Benefit from Sales of Quality Gun Safes

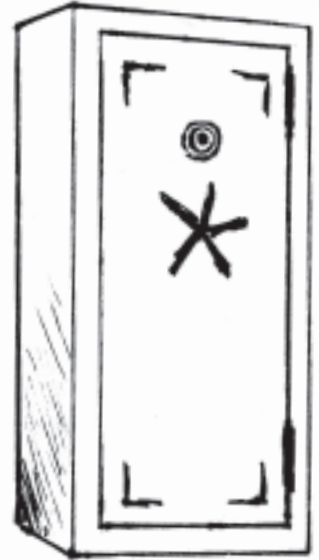
As of this October 1, all firearms owners in the state are subject to a 72-hour theft-reporting requirement...regardless of whether you were unable reasonably to check every item in your collection. If the state deems that you "should have discovered" that a firearm was stolen and did not report it, you will be liable for severe fines and penalties.

This may be the time to consider a stronger security system – even though, as a responsible owner, you may

have solid systems already in place. NRA summaries of the Connecticut legal situation said that "Governor Jodi Rell signed Connecticut Senate Bill 938 into law on Tuesday, June 19, and it takes effect October 1, 2007.

"SB 938 makes it a crime to fail to report the loss or theft of a handgun to police within 72 hours of when you 'discovered or should have discovered' the firearm missing. This law will also trigger two more investigations to determine whether or not you 'should have discovered' the missing handgun and whether or not you are a 'gun trafficker.'"

The club intends to work 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>.

## Reminder: No Alcoholic Beverages on Club Ranges

We haven't had a problem – but we do not want one, either. Neither does our insurance company. Members are reminded that the consumption of alcoholic beverages on our ranges – indoor, outdoor, skeet, archery – is not permitted. The Lounge is available for the enjoyment of those beverages. Signs have been posted on the range entrances for many years to make this policy clear.

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 Back in the Woods

The September 9 3-D shoot attracted 48 archers, reflecting a solid turnout and a great day of competition in the woods. Plans are afoot to purchase new, more durable, more cost-effective targets to keep NSC a desirable range on the regional match circuit.

The next matches of the 2007 Southern New England 3-D Archery schedule are October 14, and 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.

## Wood-Splitting Parties Yield a Warm Clubhouse

Wood-splitting and other hands-on work on the 25-yard outdoor range is continuing as brush and trees are cleared for an expanded range area.

Work-party dates are posted regularly on the Lounge and range bulletin boards. A byproduct of the range clearing is plenty of good wood for our Lounge fireplace – nothing is wasted.



## Sportsmen Applaud Order to Promote Hunting

Washington, D.C. – An Executive Order issued by the President of the United States will spell more hunting opportunities and conservation efforts, according to the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance. On August 17 President George W. Bush released the order, entitled "Facilitation of Hunting and Wildlife Conservation." It directs all relevant federal agencies to facilitate the expansion and enhancement of hunting opportunities, wildlife management and habitat.

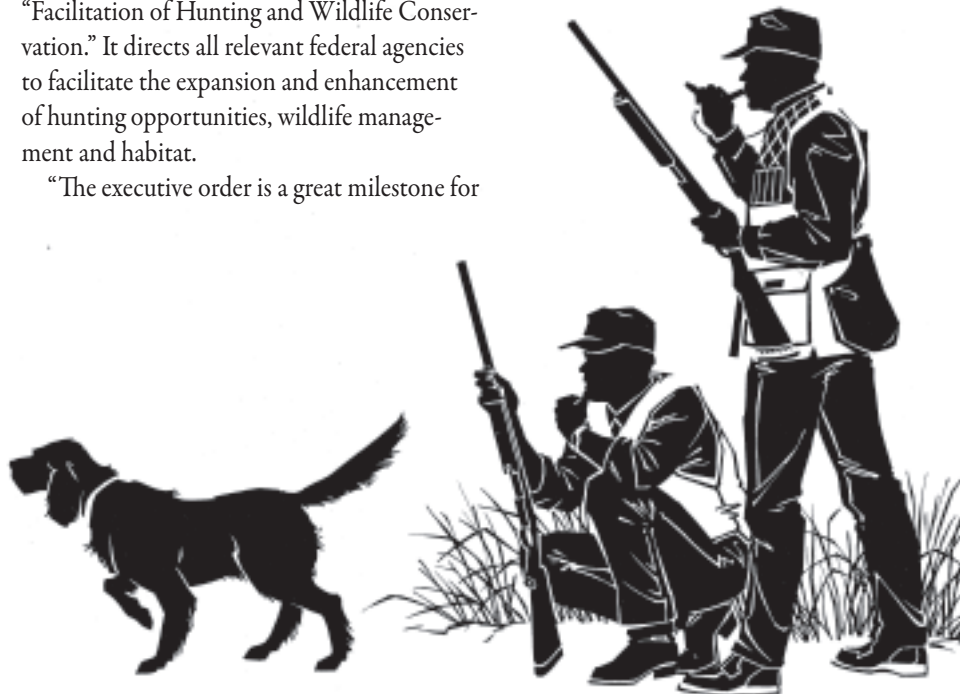
"The executive order is a great milestone for

sportsmen and wildlife conservation," said Bud Pidgeon, president and CEO of the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance. "It clearly demonstrates that the President understands the unbreakable bond between successful wildlife conservation and hunting – that sportsmen are the key to abundant wildlife and habitat. ...The President is to be commended."

For more information about the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and its work, see [www.ussportsmen.org](http://www.ussportsmen.org).

## NRA Protects Sportsmen's Rights

The new system of NRA contribution to the NSC for new memberships is working well. If you are not 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.



## 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.

• It is the responsibility of membership applicants to be present at the meetings for the



### 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.

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 and short stories and observations from members...just email them or leave them in the Lounge.

• A new Membership Photo ID-card system is being developed that will be phased in slowly over the coming months; stay tuned for details as they take shape. Along those lines, remember that it's OK 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.

• 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 send in (or attach) your email address when you renew your mem-

bership later this fall. Your address will not be used for any purpose other than NSC communications; when you check the website, you will note that the Newsletter is available in text-only and full-graphics formats. If your email address changes, please notify us at [nscnewsletter@snet.net](mailto:nscnewsletter@snet.net) and include your full name and member number.

• NSC Website: [www.nianticsc.org](http://www.nianticsc.org)

**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Friday, October 12, 7 p.m.**  
**Prime Rib Dinner**  
**Service Starts at 5:30 p.m.**

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