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## Coming up!

### September 2007

- Summer Skeet League Cookout
- Friday Dinner – September 14 Meeting Night
- Pistol League Matches Begin September 10

### October 2007

- Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen Dinner at the Aqua Turf Country Club ("Early Bird Special" Deadline October 7) – 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

### December 2007

- Annual Holiday Party – Friday, December 21

## Summer Skeet Scores Successes



### Meeting Dates

Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, September 11, 7:00 pm

Regular Meeting  
Friday, September 14, 7:00 pm

Six teams and 40 shooters battled for supremacy this summer on the skeet range, and it boiled down to a series of August playoffs which any team could still win. Full reports in the next issue! The winter league starts later in September and ends in May; shooting is every other Sunday during the season, rain or shine. Signups are underway in the Lounge

or contact Mike Foley at 739-8018 or MFoley1956@aol.com. Check out the Eastern Connecticut Skeet Club (winter league) website at [www.ecscskeet.com](http://www.ecscskeet.com)...and ask NSC's own shooters!

Unfortunately, 645 members out of 650 missed the turkey fry demonstration last June...but the lucky ones attending with their

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### Summer skeet...*from page 1*

friends and families had a good time and a great taste experience when NSC's own TurkeyMaster cooked up two fine gobblers in a deep fryer, presenting them with taste and tenderness. A few shooters enjoyed a round of skeet after the feast, too. Be there next time!

## Junior Program Begins in October

The NSC Junior Program kicks off in October – but now is the time to line up your children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews for an easy-going, information-packed series of Thursday evenings learning

traditional, "lifetime" skills and having a wide-ranging good time. In addition to rifle and archery, the program covers leaf/tree identification, knot-tying, track identification, and guidance on orienteering/compass/GPS/topographic maps. A black-powder event with NSC's Craig Grimord is on the schedule too.

Youth participants can start the program at any time, but an early signup will get them off to a good beginning. As always, if anyone would like to share skills and expertise – or run an event – speak up and join in!

## June Fish Fry Pleased Club Palates

Last June 16 saw the meeting hall filled with eager eaters and full plates for the club's annual fish fry. It was a fine evening of good food and good conversation, thanks to many club volunteers.

## Pistol League Season Starts September 10

Monday, September 10, is the first match of the 55th season of the New London County Pistol League. The ten teams in the league shoot weekly through March, with breaks for the holi-

days; the full schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the Lounge, along with a brochure outlining the competition format. Stop by the NSC indoor range on a home-match night and take a look. Team members will be happy to give you advice.

## Wood-Splitting, Earth-Moving Underway on Outdoor Range

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 this fall. Work-party dates are posted regularly on



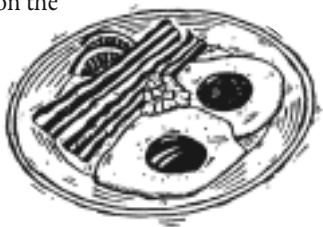
the Lounge and range bulletin boards. A byproduct of the range clearing is plenty of good wood for our Lounge fireplace – nothing is wasted.



### Good Eats: Pig Roast Set for October 20, Breakfasts and Dinners Start Next Month

Save the date – Saturday, October 20 – for the club's Annual Pig Roast. Starting at 5 p.m., the evening begins with cocktails, followed by dinner and some great prize drawings. Tickets are \$15 in advance (but \$25 at the door), with a limit of 100. More info will be posted in the Lounge and appear in NSC's October newsletter and website.

Breakfasts at the NSC will begin on Sunday, October 7, and will end on April 6, 2008; there will be no breakfasts served on the Sunday after the pig roast, 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 will be in need of help doing dishes and serving breakfast. Prime Rib dinners will begin on the meeting night of October 12, and help is welcomed at these meeting dinners.



### eBay Cuts Off Firearms-Related Auctions

The auction website eBay will no longer allow firearms brass, gun parts, bullets, etc. to be sold on the site – allegedly to prevent criminal use of firearms. Here's their whole notice; judge for yourself whether they need sportsmen's business.

"Hello everyone...In mid-August, we will be updating our Firearms, Weapons and Knives Policy to place more restrictions around gun-related items. Once these changes take effect, we will prohibit listings of any firearm part that is required for the firing of a gun. This includes items like bullet tips, brass casings and shells, barrels, slides, cylinders, magazines, firing pins, trigger assemblies, etc. Please read the

Firearms, Weapons and Knives Policy for more details on our current policy.

"As you may know, eBay does not allow the listing of any items which are regulated by individual states or the federal government; however, there are still a large number of firearm-related parts that are legal and are widely available in retail stores. These items have also historically been allowed on eBay.

"After learning that some items purchased on eBay may have been used in the tragedy at Virginia Tech in April 2007, we felt that revisiting our policies was not only necessary, but the right thing to do. After much consideration, the Trust & Safety policy team – along with our executive leaders at eBay Inc. – have made the decision to further restrict more of these items than federal and state regulations require.

"This new update continues to encourage safety among our community members and brings our policies in the U.S. and Canada in closer alignment with our existing policies in other markets around the globe."

### NSC to Host Safe Sale this Fall

Responsible firearms storage is not only a good idea, it's required by law. The Grouse Perch in Old Saybrook is considering making available high-quality firearms safes – including the Browning brand – in a few sizes at excellent prices to NSC members, and may have them delivered to the club for evaluation before purchase. Look for more information in the Lounge and in later issues of the Newsletter.

### NRA's Membership Push 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.

### Bruce Stern, NRA Director, Passes Away

Bruce E. Stern, an NRA Director who was a strong supporter of NSC at the state and national level, died July 18, 2007; he was 64. A lifelong resident of the Bridgeport and Trumbull area, he was a practicing attorney for almost 40 years. He served the Town of Trumbull for 14 years as town treasurer and sat on the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association for 11 years.

Bruce graduated from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 1964 and earned his J.D. degree at New York University followed by his Master's degree at the University of Bridgeport. A captain in the U.S. Army, he was a Vietnam veteran and member of American Legion Post 141. His passion for firearms and gun owners' rights was evident in his lifetime memberships in the Ye Connecticut Gun Guild, Forks of the Delaware Historical Arms Society, Inc., Stratford Gun Collectors' Association, Inc., Ohio Gun Collectors' Association. He was founder and president of the Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen.



### 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.

### 3-D Archers Back in the Woods

The next matches of the 2007 Southern New England 3-D Archery Schedule are September 9, 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.



tainers packed with hard-to-get items and they were much appreciated overseas. There's a list of desired items in the Lounge; just bring in some nonperishable goodies and put them in the marked containers. Or, if you'd like to send items on your own, his address is: 1st LT William Tomaszek, CLB6 Security Company, Unit 73870, FPO AE 09509-3870.

### Club Notes:

- 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.
- 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 membership 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, September 14, 7 p.m. – Dinner Service Starts at 5:30 p.m. (hamburgers/hotdogs)**

### Ruger Names New Marketing Director

Sturm, Ruger & Co. announced the appointment of Kevin B. Reid Sr. as director of marketing. Reid was the company's assistant general counsel since 2001, and will now be responsible for day-to-day marketing activities, including advertising, publications, website, distributor and dealer communications, new product launches, and sales of logo-printed clothing and accessories.

### NSC's Overseas "Goodie Boxes" Go to Good Homes

Club member William Tomaszek welcomes "goodie boxes" for his unit in Iraq. Last year we shipped about 20 sizable con-

### Executive Board

Term 2007 through 2008 – Bob Clark, Tom Davis, John LaChapelle, Al LeBlanc, George Stone;

Term 2006 through 2007 – Charlie Chambers, Al Cocola, Tony Cutone, Peter Edmondson, Jack Douton

### Officers 2007

Matt Fleisher, *President*  
John MacDougall, *Vice-President*  
John Santos, *Recording Secretary*  
Judy LeBlanc, *Financial Secretary*  
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