



NIANTIC SPORTSMEN'S CLUB INC

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Coming up!

February 2008

- Sunday Breakfasts – February 3, 10, 24
(No breakfast on the 17th, after Game Dinner)
- Meeting Night Prime Rib Dinner – Friday, February 8
- Fourth Friday Dinner (pork roast) – Friday, February 22
- Annual Game Dinner – Saturday, February 16
- Hunting and Fishing Show – Hartford, February 15-17

March 2008

- Sunday Breakfasts – March 2, 9, 16, 30
(No breakfast on the 23rd, Easter Sunday.)
- Meeting Night Prime Rib Dinner – Friday, March 14
- NSC Incorporation Anniversary – March 24, 1955
- St. Patrick's Day Feast – to be announced
- Connecticut Interleague All-Star Pistol Match – March 29 or 30
- Fourth Friday Dinner (ham feast) – Friday, March 28
- First 3D Archery Match – Sunday, March 30

April 2008

- Meeting Night Prime Rib Dinner – Friday, April 11

May 2008

- Meeting Night Prime Rib Dinner – Friday, May 9
- N.L. County Pistol League Banquet – Saturday, May 17

Meeting Dates

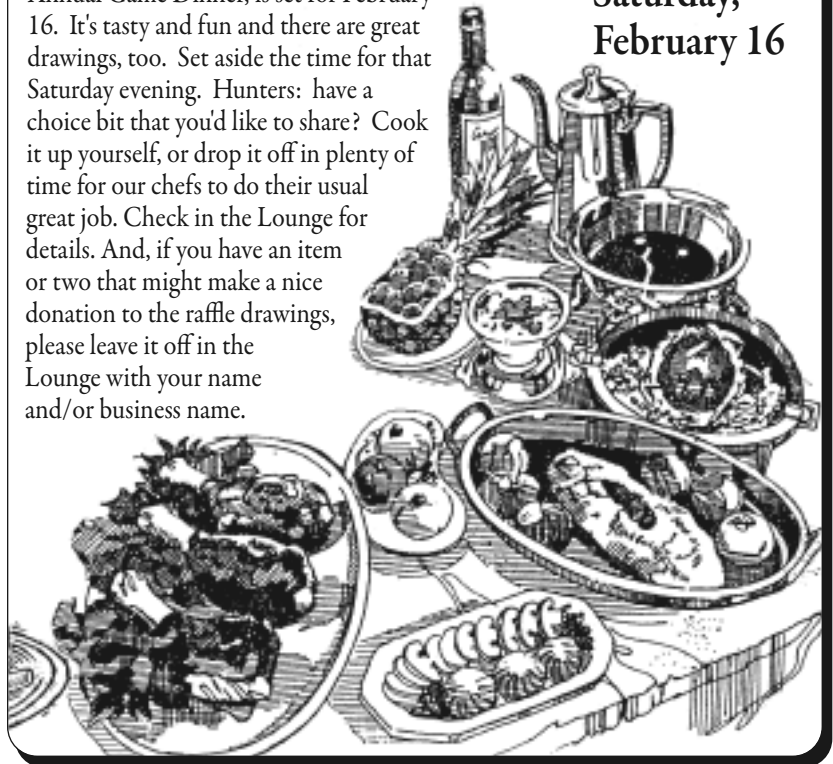
Executive Meeting
Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 pm

Regular Meeting
Friday, February 8, 7:00 pm

Game Dinner: a Fun-Filled Evening

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. And, if you have an item or two that might make a nice donation to the raffle drawings, please leave it off in the Lounge with your name and/or business name.

Saturday,
February 16



Juniors Receive Donation in Memory of Rudy Derlaga

The Junior program has received a generous donation of \$200 from Esther Kozak, daughter of member Rudy Derlaga of Rocky Hill who passed away last November. Ms. Kozak chose to make the donation to the youth program because her father valued firearm safety, respect for nature, and the Second Amendment; she recognized that youth are the future of our tra-

ditions, and she wanted the donation to have an impact... as well as a memory.

The program also thanks: Reed Shipman for a donation of standard-velocity ammunition (just in time for the annual youth pistol night on March 6); Craig Lennox for a donation of earplugs; Larry Dallas for the donation of a good, easy-pull recurve bow; and John Dube for his December 29 demonstrations of knife-sharpening and pistol-cleaning – and pizza for

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Juniors...from page 1

the kids.

Participation has been great, and parent "coaches" are doing a fine job, reports coordinator Jay Cole. Ron Michaels has been assisting on the indoor range with rifle nights, contributing to the smooth running of the events, and Ray Faulkner continues his fine support of the youth program. Upcoming are a black-powder night with rifle and pistol ... also a taxidermy demonstration.

Donations are always welcome and will be put to good use. Youth-size bows are needed for archery, and the rifle marksmanship program is standardizing with youth-sized .22 target rifles to take into account the stature of younger shooters. Remember, 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
 - 6:30-8:30 p.m. 2nd and 4th Thursday: indoor archery – John Dube
- Note: Please do not plan to use the range at this time!
- On months with "fifth Thursdays," special events are planned.

New Year's Day .410 Match Came Down to Shootoff

New Year's Day's rain and wind did not deter 25-plus competitors on the skeet range, as they took their .410 shotguns out in search of fast-moving and wily clay birds. The club's annual .410 shoot saw an occasional green-colored bird mixed in with the standard orange color, which resulted in special "Bar Buck" prizes re-

deemable in the Lounge. The match was decided by a shootoff – Jack Cutillo and Greg Goss had tied with 50 targets, and Jack came through to win the match overall. Match coordinator Paul Jezierski noted that the income from the match went to fund club programs. "Despite the weather, everybody had fun, I can tell you that!" Paul said.

Skeet Videos On Loan; Parking Area Resurfaced

Videos and booklets on skeet shooting are available in the skeet house for members on a sign-out basis...just return them promptly so that others can learn from them too. The range parking area has been graveled by Dick Beers and volunteers to make the area less muddy in bad weather (three cheers!). A new ice-scraper and shovels are on hand for clearing the skeet stations, as are brooms to keep the skeet houses clean (do

Muzzleloader Mania!

The low, muffled boom of muzzleloaders sounded through the New England woods Sunday, January 20, as more than 16 blackpowder experts tried their hands at lucky playing-card and paper targets at about 25 wooded yards. The crisp sunny day saw many of the competitors test their offhand skills more than once. Tension mounted as their results were compared to previously written "secret winner" scores: would the winner be the high card? Low card? Center hit? Edge hit? At stake were awards of NSC breakfasts...and a big dinner! Organizers Tom Snow and Craig Grimord plan other fun shoots soon, including an indoor event, and note that funds collected will go to club open-space programs.



your part!). Come down to a match and learn the ins-and-outs of skeet – you too may shoot a 50 some day. If you need any more info call the Commissioner, Bill Boehning, at 860.434.2336.

Game Recipes Welcome for Newsletter Features

Members are invited to share their home-tested recipes for meals based on wild game. We'll print them in an occasional column...and may try them out at our dinners. Email them to the Newsletter (nscnewsletter@snet.net) or to Michael Scott (msscott@courant.com), or leave them in the Lounge.

Club Nudges Membership Cap

The club membership is now approaching the membership cap specified in the bylaws. If you're aware of potential new members, it is advisable to have them apply sooner, rather than later. The cap's purpose is to ensure that our facilities are available to members without undue crowding or inconvenience. Membership forms are located on the club website and in the Lounge.

Photo-Badge System to Start

Members should be prepared to get their ID card photo taken over the next several months at regular meetings. When in operation, the new system will ultimately allow the club to provide more member services.

Archers Set 2008 Schedule

Archers in our 3D trail shoots will now have about 16 new targets to test their skills. The targets in the premium Reinhart system reflect the popularity of the club on the eastern woodland archery circuit and make a good, ever-changing, course even better. Copies of the 2008 3D-archery booklet are in the Lounge. The NSC home-range shoots are on the Sundays of March 30, April 27, May 11, October 12, and November 23. Remember that the Outdoor Range will be closed from 7 a.m., when the matches start, until about 2 p.m., when all scores are in. Contact Mead Close (203.988.2782) or Rick Salza (860.608.2897).

Sportsmen's Rights Up for Election-Year Grabs

Yes, 2008 is an election year, a big one. It's important that all sportsmen keep track of what candidates have to say on sportsmen's rights and responsibilities, and look beyond the short-term rhetoric and vague promises.

In the next few months there will be a lot of talk: We will be very dependent on NRA and other pro-sportsmen organizations to get our point of view to the candidates, and to extract clear information from them that we can use in making our personal voting decisions.

If you have questions about NRA positions, contact our in-club recruiter, Bob Sutcliffe, at 860.964.0580. The NRA is our united voice in this election year. If you are not already an NRA member, pick up an application in the Lounge. 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. Stop in at www.nrapvf.org for current information on many topics.

Big Hunting and Fishing Expo Opens February 15-17 in Hartford

The eleventh annual Dodge Truck Northeast Fishing and Hunting Show, presented by the New England Dodge Dealers Association, will open its doors at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford this Friday, February 15 (10 a.m.–8 p.m.), Saturday, February 16 (10 a.m.–8 p.m.), and Sunday, February 17 (10 a.m.–5 p.m.). One of the several blue-ribbon sponsors is the Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen.

The show will have hundreds of booths containing new equipment from some of the top manufacturers and reps, retail vendors, public service exhibits, charter boat captains, fishing boats and more. More than 65 hours of seminars from nationally known fishermen and hunting experts will be conducted in three seminar rooms, a fly-tying center, and casting pond. Kids can enjoy casting lessons and competitions run by the Connecticut Bass Federation; there is a catch-and-release trout pond and a chance to catch a tagged fish and win a Shakespeare rod and reel.

Directions...

The Connecticut Convention Center is at 100 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford (Exit 29A from I-91 North and South).

If you're traveling on Interstate 91 North...

- Take Exit 29A off I-91 North – Capitol Area/Convention Center (Left Exit)
- Stay in the right lane
- Take the first exit on right – Columbus Boulevard/Convention Center
- Turn RIGHT onto Columbus Boulevard
- The convention center and its attached parking garage are located immediately on the right.

Other parking areas are available — From 91 North toward Hartford from New Haven, turn onto 84 West (left two lanes). Take 84 West, middle lane; take Exit 32 B Trumbull Street (Exit Only); Turn right onto Market Street. Go straight through light at Trumbull Street, straight through one more light. Turn right on Pequot Street. The lot is on the right.

If you're traveling on Interstate 84 West/Route 2 West...

- Take Exit 54 off I-84 West/Route 2 West – Downtown Hartford (Left Exit)
- Stay in left lane over the Founders Bridge
- At the bottom of the bridge, turn left onto Columbus Boulevard
- The convention center and its attached parking garage are located on the left side of Columbus Blvd; see Rt. I-91 instructions for other lots.

See www.fishinghuntingexpo.com for more information.

Families, Guests, Welcome at Lounge Dinners, Breakfasts

Prime-rib dinners are offered on meeting nights from 5:30 to 7 p.m.,



and Fourth Friday Dinners will be served on February 22 (pork roast) and March 28 (ham feast). There's a hamburger option on the menu too, if that's your pleasure.

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 noon 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, which is smoke-free during food-service hours.

Remember that the kitchen crews always need hands-on help preparing, serving, cooking, and cleaning. The prime-rib dinners on meeting nights also welcome help starting in the late afternoon.

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NSC's Wholesome 'n' Tasty Sunday Breakfasts

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 on that particular day].



Club Notes

- 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.
- 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.

- 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. The Newsletter thanks the continuing efforts of member Emil Tillona, our webmaster.
- Delicious jams and jellies are available at 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.

Lounge, courtesy of the culinary prowess of Tony Cutone. Pick up a few jars (and return the jars when you've enjoyed the contents). Proceeds go to club programs.

- 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

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 8,
7 p.m. – Prime Rib Dinner Service Starts
at 5:30 p.m.**

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