



NIANTIC SPORTSMEN'S CLUB INC

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Coming up!

June 2009

- Beginners' Skeet Clinic – Saturday, June 6
- Meeting Night Prime Rib Dinner – Friday, June 12
- Summer Skeet Underway



July-August 2009

- General Meetings Suspended for Summer
- Newsletter Publication Suspended for Summer

September 2009

- Meeting Night – September 11
- Pistol League Matches Begin for NSC and N2 Teams – Monday, September 14
- Summer Skeet Ends; Signups for Winter Skeet League Underway

October 2009

- Meeting Night – October 9
- Youth Program Begins
- Sunday Breakfasts and Meeting Dinners Resume

Last Prime-Rib Dinner Held at June Meeting

The Friday evening of June 12 will be the last prime-rib meeting night until the fall. There will be special dining events scheduled from

Meeting Dates

Executive Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 pm

Regular Meeting
Friday, June 12, 7:00 pm

NSC Website: www.nianticsc.org

Muzzleloading-Pistol Match Saw Old-Fashioned Sharpshooting



An overcast rainy day did not deter blackpowder, muzzleloading marksmen and their revolvers and single-shot pistols on the morning of May 17. Eight shooters proved that classic target arms and Civil War-era revolvers retained their ability to put round balls into target-centers and leave clouds of white smoke behind. If you expect to be out ridin' the range roundabout 1860, or to be enjoying an elegant Parisian "galerie du tir" of that era, watch out for these boys — Gary Baier, B.G. Caras, Jay Cole, Tom Pieron, Carl Rood, Ralph Slater, Steve Wardlaw, and Art Womack. More matches like this are planned.

time to time so keep your eye on the newsletter and on the bulletin boards. It's been a very successful year for the kitchen cookery crew...and its loyal customers! Not only are

the meals quite tasty, they earn very substantial funds for the maintenance and improvements of the kitchen and club facilities which make NSC a better place for all of us.

Summer Skeet, Skeet Clinic, Doubles Match

Will Be Challenging

The summer skeet league starts in mid-June and it is open to all members, spouses, sons and daughters. No experience is necessary. The matches run weekdays nights starting at 5:30 p.m. and the signup sheet is in the skeet house. Join a team!

For beginners, novices, and in-betweens: NSC will hold a two-morning program on skeet techniques for beginners and newer shooters. The dates are the Saturdays of May 23 and June 6 at the skeet range; starting time will be 11 a.m. both days. Come and learn shooting skills and proper range technique! If you are experienced, on Saturday, May 30, you may compete at the field to shoot “Doubles” — two shots at each station. Starting time for this match will be 10 a.m. This doubles shooting is open to all — spectators welcome.

Skeet fields are open every day from 9 a.m. to darkness. A reminder: When finished shooting, refill the machines, close the window, and sweep off stations 1 and 7. There is a broom in each skeet house. For skeet-program information call Range Commissioner Bill at 434-2336.

Dues Policy Reminder

Think Ahead: Dues are due on January 1 of the year — after January 31, the person is delinquent and forfeits membership. We no longer can carry late members until dues are paid. All members in all categories (Regular, Senior, and Life) are responsible for the \$40 work fee. If members do indeed participate in a work party (or other volunteer task certified by a work chit) and fulfill their four-hour obligation, then they will receive the \$40 back in Club Bucks.

Keep Alert for Legislation

Over the summer, there's still a lot of law-making going on. Keep alert to it by reading your copies of American Rifleman, checking in at the NRA-ILA and Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen websites, and reading our own legislative bulletin boards. Don't hesitate to contact your representatives and leave a short and polite message stating your point of view on specific, proposed laws or policies. A phone call works best.

Youth “Aims Small” with Big Results



*Left to right:
Garrett “Dead
Eye” Kuhn,
Tyler “Card
Cutter” Kuhn,
and Tyler “The
Splitter”
Goddu.*



Garrett “Dead Eye” Kuhn, Tyler “Card Cutter” Kuhn, and Tyler “The Splitter” Goddu, were among the youth program sharpshooters who tested their skills against

“impossible” targets at 50 feet on the indoor range April 30. The youth program participants shot cards on edge with a scoped .22, then tested themselves with iron sights. They also

shot at various traditional gallery fare such as re-setting steel targets and a variety of paper-picture targets showing fish in a wood barrel, gallery ducks, the playing cards (with small, diamond, club, spade, heart), and the ever-popular “shoot the fuse off the stick of dynamite, don't want to blow it up by hitting it!” (Besides, the stick is a too-easy target.)

It was lots of good fun; their accuracy at “aiming small” even pleasantly surprised themselves and built confidence!

The program finished its regular season with a skeet night May 21 with a great turnout. Many had never shot skeet but ended up hitting three or four birds in a row before digging in to pizza and soda to finish up a good fall-winter-spring schedule. The program thanks John Dube, Kym Goddu, and Grandpa Kuhn for ammo donations.

Coordinator Jay Cole concluded that “We have really had a banner year when we look back on the increase in participation this year and the successful beginning of a very serious competition program. Hats off to Lisette Grunwell and Kent Lacey for that commitment, which will continue through the summer to include national matches at Camp Perry. Likewise, a thank you to Ron Michaels and all who have helped to make every week of this program so much fun. I know our junior members have enjoyed this year, and I wish to thank them for the fun I have had being part of this program. I look forward to the fall and any new ideas for next year.”

Competition Corner

Niantic Juniors Make All-State Honors

NSC's junior competitive shooters now include six All-State winners. More than 170 people were in attendance to honor Connecticut's top junior shooters at the Stillwood Inn in Wallingford, where the Connecticut State Rifle and Revolver Association honored athletes and their coaches. State honors went to the top ten athletes in each division or class — Sub-Juniors are under 14, Juniors are 14-20, and High School covers shooting teams in grades 9-12. The CSRRA began in 1927 to promote education and training in the safe handling of firearms and to encourage the lawful ownership of firearms for sport and recreation, including a broad range of competitive matches.

Included in the top honors were these Niantic Sportsmen's Club shooters:

CT Sub-Juniors: Kimberlee Grohocki and

Emily Britt

CT Sub-Juniors Honorable Mention: Eric

Sloan

CT Juniors Honorable Mention: Drew

Denno

CT High School: Zach Smith and Nick Sautter.

The NSC competitive Juniors, Coach Lisette Grunwell-Lacey, and other senior shooters/coaches will be preparing for the National Championship events over the next few months on the outdoor range. The NRA National Matches at Camp Perry are in late July. From May until September there are local – Northeast – three-position and prone NRA Regional Championships The USA Shooting Nationals/team selection matches at are held at Fort Benning, Georgia, in June and September. These matches are held at distances of 50 yards/meters and 100 yards/meters. For more information contact NSC Coach Lisette Grunwell-Lacey at 860.625.6218.

Pistol Teams Planning Fall Competitions

Following the May 16 league awards banquet at which several Niantic and N2 competitors received awards, the .22 caliber indoor-bullseye pistol teams are continuing to practice informally in the indoor range over the summer and compete in relaxed evening matches at Mystic Rod and Gun Club. Looking ahead, anyone who wants to participate in next year's 27-match season should contact captains Myron Kavalgian, of Niantic, or Amber Sneddon or Jeff Schwartz, of N2, at their earliest convenience. The teams need to submit the complete rosters early and arrange for targets and other equipment for the Monday-evening matches. Niantic appears to have a full roster of 25 competitors, but N2 (which finished in third place in the league), should have openings for both beginners and experienced shooters. The official season starts September 14. Myron can be reached at kavalgian@comcast.net or 860.434.6889. Potential N2 competitors should contact Jeff at jhschwartz@att.net or leave a note in the Lounge, where league and team brochures are also posted.

Pioneer Homestead, March 1840

“We entered the log house: the inside is quite unlike that of the cottages of the peasantry of Europe: it contains more than is su-

perfluous, less than is necessary. A single window with a muslin blind; on a hearth of trodden clay an immense fire, which lights the whole structure; above the hearth a good rifle, a deer's skin, and plumes of eagles' feathers; on the right hand of the chimney a map of the United States, raised and shaken by the wind through the crannies in the wall; near the map, upon a shelf formed of a roughly hewn plank, a few volumes of books – a Bible, the six first books of Milton, and two of Shakespeare's plays; along the wall, trunks instead of closets; in the centre of the room a rude table, with legs of green wood, and with the bark still upon them, looking as if they grew out of the ground on which they stood; but on this table a tea-pot of British ware, silver spoons, cracked tea-cups, and some newspapers. ...The dwelling is itself a little world — an ark of civilization amidst an ocean of foliage: a hundred steps beyond it the primeval forest spreads its shades, and solitude resumes its sway.”

—from Appendix S (18)

Book II, *Democracy in America*
by Alexis De Tocqueville

Club Notes

- **PARKING:** When you are parking your car at the club, please park well off the roadways – do not ever obstruct any traffic on Plants Dam Road or in the loop driveway in front of the club. Emergency vehicles must have access to these roadways. Overflow parking is usually available in the skeet- or outdoor-range parking areas.
- The NRA is our principal defense against legislators and laws which would unfairly and unjustly take away sportsmen's freedoms and responsibilities. Join up, if you're not already a member. Check the legislative bulletin boards frequently and, above all, stay involved – there's a lot at stake and your opinion counts.
- **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 applications. New membership applications

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and club brochures are in the Lounge and on the website. 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.

- Pistol Permit Renewal: the Dept. of Public Safety 1) accepts only checks or money orders for the \$35 renewal fee; and 2) requires that you must produce proof of citizenship when you appear to renew. This ID can be a birth certificate, voter registration card, U.S. Passport, or Naturalization papers. Legal Alien Residents must provide Alien Registration Number and 90-day Proof of Residency form.



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.



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

Further information may be obtained at the website: www.ct.gov/dps by selecting the State Pistol Permit box in the left column, and then clicking on Pistol Permit Renewal in the body of the text. Don't let your permit expire!

- The Over the Hill Gang has built sturdy target frames for your personal, all-weather, marksmanship pleasure; these are on sale in the Lounge or on most Friday mornings at the outdoor range. Members are reminded that any frames which have been set up for permanent use are to be treated carefully.
- Please be sure that you notify us if you change your your email address. The Newsletter is available on the website in full-graphics PDF format at www.nianticsc.org.
- Safety First on all ranges! Remember that members are responsible for their guests and family members. Children must be closely supervised at all times.

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Newsletter email – nscnewsletter@snet.net

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

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