



NIANTIC SPORTSMEN'S CLUB INC

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Coming up!

May 2009

- Meeting Night Prime Rib Dinner – Friday, May 8
- Pistol League Banquet, Groton Inn – Saturday, May 16
- NSC Muzzleloader Pistol Match – Sunday, May 17
- Beginners' Skeet Clinic – Saturday May 23
- 3D Archery Match – Sunday, May 24
- Doubles Skeet Match – Saturday, May 30

June 2009

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

July-August 2009

- Newsletter Publication Suspended for Summer (information continued on website)

September 2009

- Pistol League Matches Begin for NSC and N2 Teams – Monday, September 14
- Youth Program Begins – Thursday Evenings
- Summer Skeet Ends; Signups for Winter Skeet League Underway

Prime-Rib Dinners Held May and June

The Friday evenings of May 8 and June 12 will be the last prime-rib meeting nights until

the fall. There will be special dining events scheduled from 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.



Skeet Clinic to Offer Tips for Early Skill Levels; Doubles Match Will Challenge Experts

Beginners, novices, and in-betweens: NSC will hold a two-morning program on skeet techniques for beginners and newer shooters. The dates will be 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!

But what if you are an expert? On Saturday, May 30, experienced shooters will 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 if you think you can do it – spectators welcome!

The winter league season has concluded, so the skeet fields are open every day from 9 a.m. to darkness. The Summer Skeet league will be starting in June, so sign up at the skeet house. All members are welcome – bring your sons or daughters – and no experience is necessary.

Just 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 information call Range Commissioner Bill at 434-2336.

Outdoor Pistol Range Sees Improvements

Outdoor range chairman Stan Bowdish reports that the target carriers for the outdoor pistol range have been improved. Portable target-leg supports, fabricated and welded by member Dave Thompson, allow a fixed firing-line with varied target positions including a full 25-yard match distance. New signage also makes clear that the pistol range should not be used for shotgun or centerfire rifles, and that members should sign in at the outdoor range logbook. Please use the brooms and scoops to recover brass and trash for the appropriate containers.

Basic Facilities, State Taxes Reviewed at April Meeting

As presented at the April 10 membership meeting, reviews by the club board of basic components in the clubhouse have revealed that we must begin extensive work on a new septic system and interior plumbing to replace aging and insufficient systems. The work will be done as much as possible by members. Repaved areas near the clubhouse will be lined for parking, including handicapped-access spaces. The club's barns on Bride Brook Road were also surveyed and appear to be in worse shape than anticipated. The board is reviewing the physical status and potential uses of the barns; several suggestions for their rebuilding, reclamation, or salvage were offered at the meeting.

Beginning in 2010, a portion of the club membership dues will be subject to a state mandated, ten-percent "luxury tax," which applies to all organizations in the state like ours. Applica-

Meeting Dates

Executive Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 pm

Regular Meeting
Friday, May 8, 7:00 pm

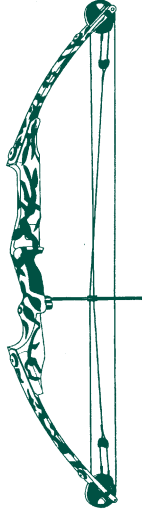
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tion forms for new members have been prepared to reflect this added tax.

3D Archery Plans Last Spring Match

The 11 clubs of the Southern New England 3D Archery circuit will meet on Sunday, May 24, for the last match of the spring, picking up again September 27, October 18, and November 29. Signups are from 7 a.m. till 12 noon, with all scores in by 2 p.m. Lunch and refreshments are served. Our contacts are Mead Close (203.988.2782) and Rich Salza (860.608.2897). The full event booklet is available in the Lounge. Remember that the outdoor range will be closed for shooting until about 2 p.m. when all archers will be out of the woods.



Six-Shooters and Classic Duelers Welcome at Muzzleloader Match

Pirates of the Caribbean, Lewis and Clark, Yank and Reb, Card-Shark Gambler, Keen-Eyed Marshall, or simply settling a Dispute of Honor: whether its a single-shot "boarding-pistol" flint or caplock, or one of those new-fangled revolving Colts from Paterson, Whitneyville, or Hartford, you're welcome to try your luck at NSC's first blackpowder muzzleloader-pistol match. It's set for Sunday morning, May 17. The match will be on our new, 25-yard outdoor range where traditional, fun targets will be set up at varied distances.

Come prepared to reload, and to fire at least ten shots with your revolver or five shots with your single-shot pistol. Speed will not be a factor! Flintlock, caplock, 1836 Paterson, 1847 Walker, 1848 Baby Dragoon, 1848 Whitneyville Dragoon, 1848 Dragoons models 1, 2 and 3, 1849 Wells Fargo, 1851 Navy, 1858 New Army, 1860 Army, 1861 Navy, 1862 Pocket Navy, 1862 Police pistols – original or replica, all are welcome.

Registration will start at 9:30 a.m. and the final rounds will be before noon. If one match isn't enough, you can re-enter for more fun. If it works out, we'll have more!

Competition Corner

NSC Match May Have Tallied National Record



The NSC-hosted Connecticut State 2009 NRA Three-Position Rifle Championships were a success. The April 4 indoor matches had three full relays for 28 shooters total, according to coordinator Lisette Grunwell. These matches also heralded successes at several other competitions.

"I would like to congratulate Jeffery Doerschler for another fine performance," Grunwell said. "Jeffery shot a spectacular score of a 594/600, which is a potential new national record in this course of fire. Just a couple of weeks ago Jeffery shot another great score of a 1186/1200 and a 599/600 at the West Point 60x40x40 match. That said, Jeffery is the 2009 State Open Champion."

The April 4 match saw another fine performance by a Connecticut Junior, Jacob Costa, Grunwell reports. Jacob shot a 583 to win the 2009 Junior State Championship. The Massachusetts Junior Team, Hanson Thunder, captured the Junior team match, while the Digby-Hand-Alpha team took the open team match.

Grunwell offers "a special thanks to those at Niantic Sportsmen's Club that helped getting the range ready for the match and for helping during the match: Rob and Kris Grohocki, Peter Edmondson and members of his work parties, Dave Thompson, Jay Cole, Mike Burzynski Jr. and Sr., and my husband, Kent Lacey."

A full listing of NSC's youth and adult small-bore competitive activity is listed on the club's website under Youth Programs and posted on the new Youth competition bulletin board, but here's a listing of a few highlights...

Some NSC Youth Results:

At the April 4 NSC indoor match Kimberlee Grohocki got her second score required for her NRA Three-Position Expert award and won second place in her class during the standing match

with a fine 165/200. Niantic Sub-Junior Emily Britt won first place in her class in the kneeling match with a fine 184/200. Other Niantic shooters there included Junior Nick Sautter, who won the Marksmen class, and Zach Smith, who also shot on a Niantic two-man team; Kimberlee and Emily also shot on a two-man team. NSC Sub-Junior Eric Sloan shot the match too, with good results.

Other major matches include: State Gallery Match, one of the largest indoor smallbore gallery matches in the United States; West Point Match at the West Point Military Academy on the bank of the Hudson River near Bear Mountain, N.Y.; NRA Headquarters Match in Virginia; and the Bell City Junior Match – where Sub-Junior Kimberlee was the declared Match Winner in the Junior three-position match by a 12-point lead shooting a fine 265/300. In second place was fellow Niantic Junior shooter Zach Smith, posting a 253. Subbie Emily Britt shot a 233 for the second in class B award; Subbie Eric Sloan posted a 206 for the second in class C award, and Subbie Cory Britt, shooting his very first three-position match with a new rifle, posted a 168 and won first in class D.

Outdoor National Matches and Preparations:

The NSC competitive Juniors, Coach Lisette, and other senior shooters/coaches will be preparing for the National Championship events over the next few months on the outside shooting range.

The Juniors and coaches shoot in their first outdoor match of the season on April 25 at Quaker Hill Rod and Gun Club. This marks the opening season of outdoor shooting in Connecticut that goes well into October. This first match will be a 3x40, three-position course of fire, which is the same course of fire shot at the NRA National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. 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

NSC and N2 indoor-bullseye pistol teams will continue 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 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.

Interleague All-Star Results See Mets Squeak by NLCPL

In the fifth annual Interleague All-Star Match, hosted this year by NSC on March 29, the Metropolitan Revolver League of Hartford edged out New London County Pistol League in the closest statewide match

yet. The Met league posted 8482 of 9000 and New London came up with 8448, with New Haven at 7893 and Southwest (Fairfield) at 4570. Congratulations to all who fired this 900-point match – next year, we'll get 'em.

The indoor range itself has



benefited from a general sprucing up, and new lighting which will allow 10-meter air-gun competition (courtesy of Laliberte Electric and Bob Burton), and improved, multilevel target hangers (thanks to Dave Thompson and Rob Grohocki). Further improvements are planned.

A Letter to NSC...

April 3, 2009

To: Matt Fleisher, President, Niantic Sportsmen's Club



Dear Matt:
The 2009 Interleague All-Star match was a great day and all the shooters and match staff had fun and enjoyed visit-



ing the Niantic Sportsmen's Club. On behalf of the New London County Pistol League – the host league – and also the New Haven Revolver



League of Connecticut, the Southwest Connecticut Pistol League, and the Metropoli-

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tan League of Hartford: Thank You! We thank you for making the facilities available to us and your members for their great support coordinating the event and supporting our shooters during the match.

A special thanks goes to several of your members: Myron Kavalgian, the Niantic Pistol Team Captain, facilitated coordination within NSC; Jeff Schwartz and Frank Zito did a great job with preparing the pistol range and setting up for the match; John Stratton has again done an outstanding job developing press material for the All-Star Match; Peter Edmondson and Jodi Stone did a great job in coordinating and providing food for us. We also thank the members working behind the scenes who contributed to a great day of competition. Everyone praised the quantity and quality of food. Great Job!

When the opportunity comes the All-Star Match participants will look forward to visiting the Niantic Sportsmen's club again.

Sincerely,

Steven Wheeler, Match Coordinator

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 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. 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 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.
- NSC Website: www.nianticsc.org
- Newsletter email – nscnewsletter@snet.net

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

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