



NIANTIC SPORTSMEN'S CLUB INC.

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Coming up!

October 2008

- Sunday Breakfasts – October 5, 12, 26
(no breakfast following Pig Roast evening)
- Youth Program Resumes
- Blue Trail Range Fundraiser – Sunday,
October 5, 2-6 p.m.
- Meeting Night and Prime Rib Dinner –
Friday, October 10, 7 p.m.
- 3D Archery – Sunday, October 12
- Annual NSC Pig Roast – Saturday,
October 18
- Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen
Banquet – Sunday, October 19

November 2008

- Meeting Night and Prime Rib Dinner –
November 14
- Board and Officer Elections – November 14
- Sunday Breakfasts – November 2, 9, 16,
23, 30
- 3D Archery – Sunday, November 23

Nominations for Board Due at October Meeting

Five positions on the club executive board are open for nominations at the October 10 meeting for election voting at the November 14 meeting. Please submit nominations to John MacDougall by email, regular mail, or leave a written note in the board's file (the

Meeting Dates

Executive Meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 7:00 pm

Regular Meeting
Friday, October 10, 7:00 pm

NSC Annual Pig Roast



Saturday
October 18
5 pm cocktails
6 pm dinner



Reserve your spot at the table for NSC's annual Pig Roast, set for Saturday, October 18. The fun gets underway at 5 p.m. for cocktails and 6 p.m. for a full – really full – dinner. The menu is hearty, fresh-roasted pork, with fine trimmin's and fixin's. There's good fun for all ages with great drawings and gifts for members, families, and friends. Tickets are available in the Lounge: adults for \$15 preferably in advance; children for \$6; children age 6 and under, free. Volunteers are always appreciated (earn your four hours!).



“green envelope”) at the Lounge. Ballot forms for November will be in the November newsletter and at the Lounge. The new board will become active at the January 2009 meeting.

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BBQ and Shootoff Wrap Up Summer Skeet

The NSC summer league season finished up on September 9 with a BBQ and a shootoff between the two top teams competing for the championship. Captain Rich Chmiel and his team of Dave Bell, Bob Kennedy, George Reynolds, Russ Watson, and Mike Bowers won by one shot in the finals with Fred Douglas's team – 150 to 149. Most of the summer-league shooters showed up for “famous N.Y. Bratwurst,” hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade potato and macaroni salads, and cookies for dessert. A good time was had by all!

The Eastern Connecticut Winter League is starting in early October: the skeet field will be used on Sunday mornings by the winter league teams. Sunday afternoons and all other days are available for open shooting from 9 a.m. to darkness. For any info on the skeet field contact Commissioner Bill at 860.434.2336. Good shooting!

New Walkways Make Entering Easier; Lounge Work Will Keep Us Warm

New concrete work has made the two entrances to the club a lot more pleasant. The widened walkways and new stairway – with railings – are gracious, long-needed additions. Likewise, crews have rebuilt the draft-dampers and hearth in the Lounge fireplace; new Lounge windows have also been installed which improve the insulation and tightness of the building. Jobs Well Done!



Junior Program Underway

NSC's youth is getting off to a quick start with fun events and teaching on the outdoor archery range and on the skeet field, as daylight permits.

Recent donations to the growing programs include: Jack Adanti (.22 ammunition), Pfizer Pistol Team (.22 ammunition, targets, and eye/ear protection), Frank Balantic (prone mat), Clay Caras (youth target rifle), John Stratton (youth target rifle).

“The firearm and Pfizer donations are huge,” said Jay Cole, program coordinator, “and all of these contributions really show the fantastic support of the youth program and demonstrate that our membership sees youth as our future. Our junior members truly appreciate that and enjoy the experience – every week! There's lots of opportunity here. Our key volunteers, John Dube and Ron Michaels, look forward to additional people to help with their particular expertise, including coaching and instructing.”

The NSC youth program started in late September; 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 so you can put it on your fall calendars:

- 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

On months with “fifth Thursdays,” special events are planned.

Kitchen Program Has Openings for “Fourth Friday” Volunteers

Our program of dinners on the “Fourth Friday” evening of the month was well-received last year, and cooking and service volunteers are needed to get it started for this winter. It's a great opportunity to get your chef-skills going with dinners like roast pork or classic spaghetti and meatballs, which supplement the classic prime rib served on the “Second Friday” meeting nights. A core group of at least three once-a-month cooking volunteers and a few servers and washers is



needed: Contact Tony Cutone for details.

The kitchen crew is appreciating the nice new walk-in cooler installed over the summer – as a result of its diligent fund-raising and the work of George Stone and crew – and is looking forward to a brief fund-raising program to install a commercial dishwashing machine. Stop in for Sunday breakfasts, starting October 5, 12, and 26.

NSC's Wholesome 'n' Tasty Sunday Breakfast Menu

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].



Fall 3D Archery Matches Begin October 12

With the spring 3D shoots over on May 11 – and tallying well over 70 bowmen for some matches – the archery gang continues to compete informally on Tuesday evenings on the upper field or in the meeting hall. Copies of the 2008 3D-archery booklet are in the Lounge. The fall NSC home-range shoots are on the Sundays of 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).

Awards Banquet on October 19; Blue Trails Event October 5

Several NSC members are attending the annual awards banquet of the Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen on Sunday, October 19, at 4 p.m. at the Aqua Turf Country Club in Southington. Join in, and form a carpool to make a full table representing the NSC...and maybe win a few of the excellent prizes and auction items. It's a good time and a good cause, especially in an election year. Contact the Newsletter, see the Lounge posters, or look at www.ctsportsmen.com for current information.

Likewise, an October 5 Fundraiser Pigroast and BBQ with family entertainment at the Blue Trail Range promises to be a fun event in a good cause. Blue Trail in Wallingford is the largest outdoor range in the state, and one of the oldest. Posters are in the Lounge and on bulletin boards. It's Sunday 2 to 6 p.m., rain or shine, kids welcome: contact 203.239.2528 for more information or see www.savebluetrailrange.org.

NSC's Grunwell Holds Two National Records

Late last June Lisette Grunwell fired a series of national matches that resulted in two national records for her in the 120-shot 50-yard, three-position (prone, kneeling, standing) .22 rimfire competition, and set three more national records for the individual Standing stage in the Open, Civilian and Women Categories with a 394-22.

At the Camp Perry National Matches in July more than 330 elite shooters had their sights set on breaking her new national records in the same course of fire. After all the scores were posted Grunwell still owned the First Civilian National Record with a 1191-79x, which also guaranteed her the First Woman shooter Na-



tional Record.

"And," she says, "I have to say after having over 330 shooters – including the best-of-the-best – trying for them and seeing that they are still standing, I'm one very happy shooter. I'll be starting up my training for the fall matches and the National Team Selection Matches in October."

Grunwell is interested in helping to develop NSC competitors in these demanding rimfire matches, as well as 10-meter air-rifle and air-pistol matches in which she also competes with record-breaking success.

"I would love to have more shooters, young and old, participate in the sport. How else are we going to have the tradition carried on? And it would be great to have another rifle team in the Mohegan league," she said.

Jersey Bears Hard at Work

Repeated years of rejecting a bear hunting season in New Jersey is "coming back to haunt" the state's governor and Department of Environmental



Protection, say New Jersey newspapers. Black bears, "virtually unmanaged and with little fear of humans, continue to cause a record number of nuisance incidents, many of which involve breakins." Recently, a black bear foraging for food broke into the home of a 76-year-old woman, ripping door and window screens and scattering groceries. The NJ DEP has recorded

55 previous reports of bears breaking into homes statewide.

Taurus Acquires Rossi

NSSF – Forjas Taurus S.A. of Brazil announced its acquisition of the manufacturing and distribution rights of all Rossi products from Rossi Firearms S.A. Taurus said it will expand its manufacturing capabilities and dedicate additional funding for research and development for new Rossi products. Production of Rossi Firearms will continue uninterrupted at Forjas Taurus' facilities in Sao Leopoldo, Brazil. All current Rossi staff will be retained.

Email: from Alaska...to Us

Subject: Chitna and Former NSC member
From: "Jeff Alling" <alcanbld@mosquitonet.com>

Date: September 5, 2008 2:17:01 PM EDT

To the Editor:

I was a member 30 years ago and I have lived up here in Alaska since then, inspired



by the outdoor skills I learned while I was involved in NSC. This photo shows a 55- or 60-pound King I got in the Copper River 90 miles north of Cordova in August. I thought I would just tell you that I really enjoy the website and newsletter. You people have enhanced the club greatly; I thank you and it gives me a warm feeling to know that it is a strong ongoing entity. I will also

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add that the new national VP candidate, Sarah Palin, is well liked here in Alaska and she is "for real." She is pro-gun and hunts and fishes and she may help to moderate McCain's position on gun control. Have a great fall and please say hello to the Dick and Helen Younger clan!

– Jeff Alling

Freedoms Up for Vote: Will You Show Up?

As we approach the national election, both political parties are aware of the sportsmen's vote. NRA and other pro-sportsmen organizations are pressing them to provide accurate and clear statements that will help our personal voting decisions. As voters, we have to look beyond what they say, and examine what they actually do, and have done, to protect our traditional rights.

If you have questions about NRA positions, contact our in-club recruiter, Bob Sutcliffe, at 860.964.0580. 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. A direct link to becoming an NRA Member is on our NSC website.

Are YOU registered to vote? Then Vote!

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO:
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Club Notes

- We all owe a vote of thanks to the volunteers and donors who are making a variety of club improvements possible. Progress is visible, and we all benefit from their skill and diligence.
- 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 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 checks or money orders only for the \$35 renewal fee; and 2) requires that you produce proof of citizenship when you appear to renew. This 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!

- 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. Let us know at nscnewsletter@snet.net and include your full name and member number.
- Safety First on the Range!
- NSC Website: www.nianticsc.org
- Newsletter email – nscnewsletter@snet.net

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, October 10,
7 p.m. – Prime Rib Dinner Service Starts
at 5:30 p.m.**

Officers 2008

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