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Coming up!

September 2009

- Meeting Night and Prime Rib Dinner - 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 and Prime Rib Dinner - October 9
- Youth Program Begins in October
- Sunday Breakfasts Resume - October 4

Indoor Range Refurbishment Continues

A dozen or so volunteers -- some very skilled, and some not-so-skilled but very helpful -- converted the 50-year-old overhead target-carrier pulleys in the Indoor Range into more user-friendly sidemounted reels. People of all heights can now manage their targets efficiently. The Saturday, August 15, effort was coordinated by Peter Edmondson and Myron Kavalgian, and centered on the construction and design efforts of Dave Thompson and Frank Zito, along with others adding good work of their own to the completed job. In addition, the range stairway walls were considerably brightened with a fresh coat of paint. Great teamwork for a great result!

9th Annual Awards Banquet

The ninth annual awards banquet of the Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen will be on Sunday, October 18, at the Aqua Turf Country Club in Southington.

Get together with 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, which benefits all areas of the traditional outdoor sports.

The banquet starts at 4 p.m. at the Aqua Turf Country Club in Southington. See the Lounge posters, call 203.245.8076, or visit ctsportsmen.com for more information.

Nominations for Board Members will be due at October meeting

Five positions on the club executive board are open for nominations at the October 9 meeting for election voting at the November 13 meeting.

Please submit nominations to John MacDougall by email, regular mail, or leave a written note in the board's file (the "green envelope") at the Lounge. Ballot forms for November will be in the November newsletter and at the Lounge. The newly elected board will become active at the January 2009 meeting.

Pig Roast Comin' Up

Saturday, October 24th

Reserve your spot at the table for NSC's annual Pig Roast, set for Saturday, October 24th. The fun gets underway at 5 p.m. for cocktails and then at 6 p.m. get ready for a full -- and we mean a REALLY FULL -- dinner. The menu is hearty, fresh roasted pork, with a bunch of fine trimmin's and fixin's.

There'll also be plenty good fun for all ages with great drawings and gifts for members, families, and friends. Tickets will be available in the Lounge later this month: adults for \$15 preferably in advance; children for \$6; children age 6 and under, free. Volunteers are always appreciated (earn your four hours!).

Pistol Teams Planning Fall Competitions

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

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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 by calling 860.434.6889. Potential N2 competitors should contact Jeff at jhschwartz@att.net or Amber at tattoochicky2000@yahoo.com -- or leave a note in the Lounge, where league and team brochures are also posted.

Metacon Gun Club of Simsbury Prevails in Federal Appeals Court Case

Metacon Gun Club of Simsbury got welcome news on July 31, when it received a notice from its legal partners that the U.S. Court of Appeals had ruled in its favor on a longstanding series of complaints from new neighbors. The club won on all counts.

Metacon had been involved in a lawsuit involving noise and environmental/safety issues for the past several years. More than a year ago it won favorable decisions in both the State and Federal courts.

The club's opposition, the Simsbury Avon Preservation Society, decided to appeal the Federal decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

"This decision is not only a victory for Metacon but also a significant victory for every gun club and shooting facility in the nation. The case now set legal precedents for other clubs facing similar actions," club officials said.

The decision also "removes the cloud that has been hanging over us and will allow us to move forward with additional plans for the club; and it sends a strong message to those who may want to file legal action against us in the future that we are on solid legal ground and that we are prepared to fight back."



Firearm and Ammunition

Excise Taxes up 43%

Firearm and ammunition manufacturers paid \$109.8 million in excise taxes in the first quarter of 2009, up 43 percent over the same period last year. Released by the U.S. Department of Treasury, excise tax figures are one of the industry's best indicators of performance. Manufacturers pay the tax -- a major source of wildlife conservation funding -- on all firearms and ammunition sold (11 percent on long guns and ammunition and 10 percent on handguns).

NSC Youth and Adults Excel at Camp Perry with New Records

"We have another national champion at Niantic Sportsmen's Club," Lisette Grunwell-Lacey reports from Camp Perry. "Kimberlee Grohocki and her teammates won the junior national title! They did this in 25-30 mph winds and driving rain! That's our girl! She also placed in the top five sub-junior in the overall competition.

Our NSC sub-junior Kimberlee made the Connecticut state team for Perry. She is teammates with this year number-one ranked USA Shooting Sub-junior Libby Tallberg as well as with many of the nationally ranked juniors, like Claudia, Jacob, Remington and Mike. So she has done very well to be in these ranks! Connecticut has one of the best records for wins at the nationals.

Coaches are Rick Cappelletti and Patti Clark and team captain is Mike Burzynski, Sr. Jennifer Sloan represented the State Association.

Club Notes:

· **PARKING:** When you are parking your car at the club, please park well off the roadways.

Do not 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 laws which would 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:** Membership applicants must be present at the meetings for the read-in and vote-in process. Members sponsoring an applicant should be sure to inform them that our meetings are on the second Friday of the month at 7 p.m. 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 all new members

· **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 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. Past Newsletters are 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.

The David Thompson Shoreline Classic Junior Rifle Tournament Hosted By The Niantic Sportsmen's Club

Dates: Saturday & Sunday, December 5 & 6 2009

Limited Relay time available by appointment for Thursday and Friday nights, December 3 & 4

Range: Niantic Sportsmen's Club, 67 Plants Dam Road, East Lyme CT 06333, (860) 739-5322

A spacious 10 Point Range with lots of prep and waiting room

TIME: First relay starts at 9AM then every hour until the Last relay at 6 PM (45 minute Block Time per relay).

Eligibility: Open to all as defined by NRA Rule 2.3, NRA Membership is not required. Sub-Junior: Born 1995 or later (NRA 2.3.2) Intermediate Junior: Born 1992-1994, or later (NRA 2.3.1)

Junior: Born 1989 -1991, or later (NRA 2.3)

Entry Fee: \$6.00 per shooter & Four man Team entry fee is an additional \$4.00 per team. Registration in

advance is appreciated. Checks payable to the **Niantic Sportsmen's Club or Lisette Grunwell.**

Cash or check only. NRA Award points will not be accepted.

Registration & Info: Lisette Grunwell, 13 Boggy Hole Road, Old Lyme CT 06371 Telephone: 860-434-1846 (home) or 860-625-6218 (cell) Email:

lgrunwell@sbcglobal.net

Challenge Fee's: \$1.00 and \$2.00 for Team challenges.



Rules: Current NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules will govern the conduct of this tournament. ECIs (Empty chamber indicators) are required and will be provided to those that need one.

Coaching: Allowed as per NRA 12.6 **Positions:** Rule 5.6, 5.10 and 5.12

Distance: 50 feet **Targets:** USA50 **Rifle:** any single shot .22 Cal. Rifle **Sights:** Metallic Sights only

Time: Block time, 45 min.

Ties: Ties will be broken using Rule 15.7 (a) through (k)

Squadding: Advanced Squadding is requested as space is limited.

Awards: Awards will be given for all matches with 8 or more competitors. Match winner in each match will be recognized. In Match 3 the winners of each Class will be recognized. A Modified Lewis System will be used for all other awards.

Match 1: Sub-Junior 30 shots Prone only. SJs may enter and shoot match 3

Match 2: Tyro Intermediate-Junior 30 shots Prone only. Open only to IJs that have never fired in a prone or 3-position competition of any kind. Tyros may enter and shoot Match 3
Match 3: 3-Position open to **all** competitors. 10 shots in each of the 3 pos., Prone, Standing, Kneeling in any order in 45 minutes block time.

Match 4: Unfired team match using scores from match 1

Match 5: Unfired team match using scores from match 2

Match 6: Unfired team match using scores from match 3

Niantic Sportsmen's Club Officers 2009:

Matt Fleisher, President
John MacDougall, Vice-President
John Santos, Recording Secretary
Judy LeBlanc, Financial Secretary
Rick Pape, Treasurer

Executive Board 2009:

Term 2009 through 2010 - Stan Bowdish, Al Cocola, Tom Davis, Al LeBlanc, George Stone;

Term 2008 through 2009 - Charlie Chambers, Jack Cutillo, Tony Cutone, Peter Edmondson, Jack Douton

Committee Chairs 2009:

Judy LeBlanc - Finance
John MacDougall - Membership
Stanley Bowdish - Outdoor Range
Peter Edmondson - Indoor Range
William Boehning - Skeet

Mead Close - Archery
Tom Snow, Craig Grimord - Blk. Powder
Anthony Cutone - Kitchen
Charles Chambers, George Stone - House
Jay Cole, John Dube - Youth
Bruce Vandal, Jeff Schwartz - Conservation
Emil Tillona - Website
Tom Davis - NSC Raffle Planning