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Newsletter Headlines

- *Annual meeting September 20, 2017! Don't Miss It!!*
- *Welcome new Club Members!*

From the President

Fellow members,

It is my great pleasure to say that, to my knowledge, we did not have any members pass away since the last General Meeting.

I would like you to know that I have appointed Jeff Pollard as the Stonington Game Warden. All questions concerning hunting and boundaries will be directed to Jeff. Jeff's contact info will be published in this newsletter. As a reminder, all land owner hunting permits will be signed by John Stevens, Paul O'Neill, Frank Fox or Bill Salisbury. Ray Thiel may also sign the slips until September 19, 2017. Please note that there will be a parking policy when hunting on the 440 property. The tenant would like hunters to put a note (or a copy of a GSC license plate) on their dashboard, this will let the tenants know authorized personnel are on the property. Jeff will provide details.

Susan Pollock, the kitchen chairperson, is organizing a Women's Day to be held on the Club property. She has enlisted two members to help organize the event. This will be for female Club members and may include members' wives, details to follow. I will say this, Sue and I have had several conversations about this and we attended a Women's Day at Quaker Hill Rod and Gun to get ideas, this promises to be great fun for the girls.

Earlier this month (August) our publicly co-chairs, Keith Richards and Dan Sawyer, have put up a Facebook page for the Club. Now, there were several GSC pages, one has been taken down and the other page we are investigating who launched it (it may have been Facebook). Our sanctioned page is: **Groton Sportsmen's Club Official**. Official being the operative word. This is how you will know that you are on the correct page. The BOD (along with Publicity guys) will come up with a plan to govern the site. Keep checking the site for updates.

A reminder that the Annual Meeting will be held September 20, 2017. During this meeting important subjects will be discussed, work hour rate, dues, membership cap and other items affecting the Club. Please note the announcements posted in this newsletter.

See you around the Club,
John Stevens, President

Open Position for Publicity Co-Chair!!

There is an opening for the position of Publicity Co-chair. This person will serve with Keith Richards. Keith will be handling the social media side and the other co-chair will handle "conventional" media.

Please contact John Stevens for further details. Contact info is as follows:

Phone - 860.908.2626, email - capitol1918@gmail.com

Annual meeting September 20, 2017 Notice!

The Annual Meeting of the Groton Sportsmen's Club will be held on September 20, 2017. This meeting will be held at the regular meeting date as stated above and will start at 7:30 p.m.

Among the topics to be decided upon, the work hour rate - the number of hours and the dollar value, and the number of regular members in the Club - may be adjusted up 10% or remain the same. Please try to attend.

Look forward to seeing you there! – John Stevens, President GSC

Hunting Season Starts Soon

The 2017/18 hunting season starts in September. **HUNTER ORANGE IS REQUIRED** in accordance with State Hunting Regulations. A hunter orange hat is also required.

ALL PERSONS using the property beyond the clubhouse and parking lot, must conform to these hunter orange requirements during the bird hunting season (September 15, 2017 through March 31, 2018). Archery deer hunters must wear hunter orange while moving to and from their tree stands. All deer hunters using Club property must have a valid private land deer permit (archery, shotgun/rifle and/ or muzzleloader) and written consent from the Club to hunt deer on Club property. The Club's President, Vice President and Director-at Large, Bill Salisbury can sign consent forms for either Club property. The Club's deer hunting rules are on the Club's web site.

The Club's upland bird hunting program starts on October 14, 2017. The first weekend we'll be stocking chukars on both Saturday and Sunday (weather permitting). The cost for chukars is \$10 each and there's no limit. The cost of pheasants this year is still \$15.00 for your first bird and \$10.00 for your second (the limit is still two birds). Any pheasant shot on a day when we don't stock is only \$10.00. Any member that hasn't previously read a copy of the upland bird hunting rules before they hunted the last few seasons, must do so before they hunt this season. This is particularly important for new members. The rules and a signature list will be in the Voluntown/North Stonington clubhouse. After reading the rules, hunters must sign the list certifying that they've both read and understood the rules. If you read the rules and signed the certification list previously, you don't have to do it again this season, but feel free to re-read the rules to refresh your memory.

See you in the field.

Ray Thiel, Game Committee Chairman

Youth Hunt Opportunities This Season!

The Club will be holding two youth hunts again this coming season. The first will be a youth deer hunt that will be held on Saturday, November 4th. The licensed junior hunter must be a child, or grandchild of a Club member, must have a valid private land shotgun/rifle deer permit and written consent from the Club. An adult mentor who is a Club member must accompany the junior hunter. The adult mentor must also have a valid private land deer permit and written consent from the Club but they cannot carry a firearm. A maximum of 8 junior hunters can participate on November 4th. If more than 8 junior hunters are interested, November 11th will also be used as a youth deer hunt day. Dates, hunting areas and hunting times will be chosen by lottery. Contact Ray Thiel (prmal@comcast.net or (860) 564-2443) for more information and to get your name on the list of potential hunters.

The second Club youth hunting activity that will be held this fall will be our annual youth pheasant hunt. This hunt will be held on Sunday, December 3rd. The first 24 applicants will be accepted. Hunters must be less than 16 years old and possess a junior hunting license (see the attached flier). Contact Tim Milette (tdmilette@comcast.net or 860-376-4274) for more details and to sign up. **A flier is included in the digital newsletter.**

Don't wait, this is a very popular event and we always have more applicants than we can accommodate. Ray Thiel, Game Committee Chairman

Bird Hunters E-Mail Group

If you are interested in the Club's hunting programs or things going on on the Club's North Stonington/Voluntown property in general, you should join the GSC Bird Hunters e-mail group. This e-mail group currently has 115 members. I use the e-mail group to make members aware of work hour opportunities on the North Stonington/Voluntown property, and I usually announce news to the e-mail group before it shows up in the Club's newsletter. I also use the e-mail group to make timely announcements concerning changes in bird stocking plans due to weather. If you want to be added to this e-mail group, send me an e-mail at prmal@comcast.net and you'll start getting all the up to date information.

Outdoor Range Committee Notice!

Purpose Range "Cold Range Condition" Procedure:

COLD RANGE CONDITION: When the range is "Cold" (Warning Lights Flashing/Alarm) & Prior to persons going Down Range, ALL FIREARMS SHALL BE UNLOADED, actions open or flagged, on the tables or in gun racks, holsters or cased. "Firearms Shall Not Be Handled" until the range has returned to "Active Shooting Status" (Warning Lights/Alarm off). Always insure "**Direct Communication**" with other shooters when calling for a "Cold Range" or returning to "Active Shooting Status".

Rapid Fire on Club Ranges:

Rapid Fire is “**Not Allowed**” on the big bore rifle ranges (100, 200/300, 500 yard ranges). Rapid Fire is allowed on the Multi-Purpose and E. Spear “Combat” Ranges for the purpose of engaging targets (falling plates, plate tree, double tap targets, combat targets, etc). Dumping a high capacity magazine is “**Not Acceptable**” on any Club Ranges.

General Issues:

Members should take the time to “review” the Range Rules for the specific range they are on in order to assure activities and conduct are appropriate.

Be courteous. Shooters should always share the ranges with new arrivals. The ranges are just as much theirs as they are yours.

Keep Your Ranges Clean and Safe.
Tom Phelps, Outdoor Range Committee

Notice from Haywood's kitchen

Everyone loves **Haywood's Famous Burgers!**

The September meeting we will be serving **8 oz. Black Angus Burgers & Fries!** Swing by this months meeting and enjoy some good food while learning more about the Club.

The Chuck Chenette Scholarship Committee

The Chuck Chenette Scholarship committee awarded seven scholarships to deserving students this year. We will be having a Steak or Lobster fundraising dinner on Oct. 21 2017. For tickets or to help or donate please contact **Jeff Pollard at (860)235-5714**

*A flier for the Steak or Lobster fundraising dinner is in this newsletter.
Please support this Club fund raising activity.*

Thanks, Jeff Pollard, Scholarship Committee

New Game Warden Appointed!

I have appointed a Game Warden for the Stonington property in the person of Jeff Pollard. Please direct questions concerning hunting, hiking, scouting etc. to Jeff. He is very well versed in the boundaries and the hunting rules of the Club. His contact information is as follows:
Jeffp1451@yahoo.com, phone 860.235.5714

Please note that John Stevens and Paul O'Neill must sign the hunting permission slips. In their absence Frank Fox can sign.

Attention help needed!

Brian Kennedy, Stonington House Chairman, will be remodeling the ladies room very shortly. He needs help sheet rocking, mudding, painting and laying a linoleum floor. The job needs to be done in a timely manner and he really needs some members to help out.

Please contact Brian at 860.867.7570. If you can't reach Brian, please call John Stevens at 860.908.2626

Donate to the victims of Hurricane Harvey

In the past, we, as a Club, have donated to charities when a natural disaster has struck. I would like to start a fund to donate to the victims of Hurricane Harvey. I have checked with Stewart, our treasurer, and he is on board and willing to track the donations. The Board will decide the appropriate charity to donate the proceeds to, but, please free to offer suggestions to legitimate charities. You may mail checks to the Club, drop them in the mailbox or safe in the meeting room or turn them in meeting night, just please put a note on the envelope Attn: Harvey Fund. Please make checks payable to Groton Sportsmens Club. Thank you in advance for your generosity,
John Stevens, President GSC

Pictures For The Newsletter Are Always Welcome

We are always looking for interesting and/or informative input for the Club's newsletter, but the pictures we have been putting into the digital newsletter make it all the more fun to read. Summer camping adventures, pictures of big fish or your kid's first fish, or just about any outdoor activity are always great. Photographs of Club activities are also always welcome. You get the idea; more pictures will mean we can give you a more interesting newsletter. Send pictures, stories, or any newsworthy items to Mark Bevington at newsletter@grotonsportsmen.com. The more input we get, the better the newsletter will be. The standard deadline for newsletter submissions is the 25th of the month.

Thanks! Mark Bevington, The Newsletter Guy

From the Membership Committee;

Please extend a welcome to the Club the following new members who were voted in on 8/16/17

Daniel N Wilczek
Eddie Ebrahimi
Joseph V Zonfrilli
Devin T Maloney
Gilles J Depot
Paul I Bowyer
Jefferey J Walker
Mark J Twiss
Bradford R King
James S Streeter

Joshua M Tefft
David P Doyle
Arthur R Huskes
James G McCaffery
Gregory S Howard
Shawn P Paradis
Andrew M Stoner
George K Giffault
Norman S Dahl
Edward E Demuzzio

In accordance with the Groton Sportsmen's Club by-laws the following members are being considered for Membership and have attended an interview and orientation.

They were read to the membership on 8/16/17 and will be voted on during the September meeting.

Grace M Zazzaro
William J Jackson
Andre J Maurice
Goran Subotic
Desiree G Paquette
John J Kay
Aaron J Murray
Allen M Chappell
Tom Messina
James L Jordan
Joshua R Pray
Patrick C Austin
Mickey A Martin
Howard C Smith
Gary G Cassanelli

Alfred R Bernard
Michael P Ganacoplos
Freddie A Resto
August R Murko
Robert J Maietta
Kerry Browning
Bradley Honan
Roland Straten
Linda R Wickman
Nicholos L Casiano
Judith A Czuba
Nicholos C Brisson
Edward H Wenke III
Dean G Morrone

Web Links For Pro-Sportsmen Organizations

The following web links are being provided to make it easier for our members to support these organizations by joining or making donations so that they can continue the battle to maintain sportsmen's rights.

Jim MacKenzie has signed up to be an NRA recruiter for the convenience of the membership. Members joining the NRA for the first time through Jim will receive a discount relative to the normal NRA membership cost. Jim will be available by email: kelticmac69@yahoo.com or most Sundays from about 10:30 till about 12:00 at the skeet warm up house.

National Rifle Association Membership <http://membership.nrahq.org/default.asp>

Connecticut Citizens Defense League www.ccdl.us

National Shooting Sports Foundation www.nssf.org

TO PROTECT THE FUTURE OF OUR CLUB, PLEASE KEEP FIREARMS SAFETY IN MIND AT ALL TIMES!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (VERIFY DATES AND TIMES BEFORE YOU GO)		
EVENT	EVENT DATE	CONTACT / INFORMATION
GSC General Membership Meeting	Third Wednesday - 7:30 pm	Club Officers
GSC Board of Directors Meeting	Second Wednesday - 7:00 pm	Club Officers and Board Members
Indoor range work party	6pm Second Tuesday of Every month	Mike Kopycienski (860) 536-2541
Sunday Breakfasts	Every Sunday 7:00 - 8:30 am	Susan Pollock (860) 329-6046 Susan.dolce@snet.net
Tuesday Night Trap	Tuesdays – 5:00 pm	Bill Vorra (860) 535-1037 billvorra@yahoo.com
The Chuck Chenette Scholarship Steak or Lobster Fundraising Dinner	October 21, 2017	For tickets or to help or donate please contact Jeff Pollard at (860)235-5714
Youth Deer Hunt	November 4, 2017	Held at the North Stonington/ Voluntown Property Ray Thiel, 860-564-2443 or prma1@comcast.net
Youth Pheasant Hunt	December 3, 2017	Tim Milette, (860)376-4274 tdmilette@comcast.net

Contact Information For Club Officers And Committee Chairpersons

Officers:

President	John Stevens (860) 908-2626 capitol1918@gmail.com		
Vice President	Paul O'Neill (860) 599-3607 pfo06379@gmail.com	Membership Directors	Michelle Marceau mmarceaugsc@gmail.com
Secretary	Bob Butler (860) 625-1627 butler.nvb@gmail.com		Tom Barnhart (860) 961-7296 nlsxu55@gmail.com
Treasurer	Stewart Pucci (401) 596-1926 stp@pgfcpa.com	Directors-at-Large	Ray Thiel (860) 564-2443 prmal@comcast.net
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Committee Chairmen:

Fish	Henry Thacher (401) 378-4312 stripernic@hotmail.com	N. Stonington House/Grounds	Bill Salisbury (401) 364-8949 billofarm@cox.net
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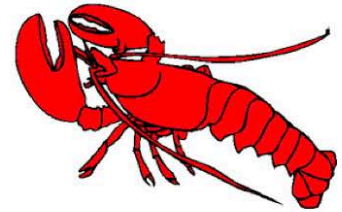
Club Apparel and Novelties (pins/license plates, etc) Don Buchanan (401) 213-6183
or see Don at the club on Sunday mornings during breakfast or in the skeet house

CHUCK CHENETTE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Steak or Lobster Dinner



October 21st 2017
Appetizers starting at 5
Dinner starting at 6:30



Steak \$30
Lobster \$30
Steak *and* Lobster \$40

Soda and water provided- BYOB

Contact Jeff Pollard 860-235-5714 for tickets





JUNIOR PHEASANT HUNTING DAY

Sponsored By The Groton Sportsmen's Club Inc.

Hunt with volunteer Sportsmen over a trained bird dog with handler.

Sunday, December 3, 2017

**At Groton Sportsmen's Club Voluntown/North Stonington Property
(237 Tom Wheeler Road, North Stonington, CT)**

Open to Graduates of the Connecticut Conservation Education/Firearms Safety Program or equivalent.
Kids at least 12 years old and no older than having turned 16 in 2017, and possessing a valid junior hunting license are eligible.

CT Resident Game Bird Conservation Stamp NOT Needed

Applicants must sign up by contacting:

Tim Milette

(860)376-4274

tdmilette@comcast.net

You must provide the following information: Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code, Telephone Number, **AND your E-mail address (if you have one)**, Connecticut Conservation I.D. Number, Date of Birth, and your Preferred Hunting Session and Alternates (8 a.m. - 10 a.m.; 10 a.m. - 12 noon; 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.). **The first twenty-four applicants will be accepted.**

<mailto:PaulCurry@IName.COM>

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Central Connecticut Arms
130 Marlborough Street
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\$20/ Rider and \$15/ Passenger

Prizes for the
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Attend the festivities for \$15
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between 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

The band, **Wastin' Bullets**
will be at the end site location
rockin' out!



END LOCATION:

Doody's Totoket Inn
465 Foxon Road
North Branford, CT

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website at www.ccdl.us

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Contact Michele at:
203-645-2116

