



# JULY 2025 GROTON SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Voluntown/North Stonington Clubhouse

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## Newsletter Headlines

- ***Game Dinner Raises Over \$8K!***
- ***Habitat & Wildlife Help Needed***
- ***Notice Special Meetings***

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

## Update from the President:

As summer moves along, we've got a few important updates and accomplishments to share with all our members. From financial planning to upcoming elections, here's what's happening around the club:

- **BUDGETS**—The 2025 -2026 Budget was approved during the June Membership Meeting. I want to thank the board for working together to prepare a viable budget. It took significant time & effort by all members of the BOD. Several specific improvements were funded by this budget, including a new furnace/boiler for the clubhouse, replacement of the clubhouse ramp, removal, trimming and cabling of several key trees on 420 and 421 Al Harvey Road.
- **2025 Election Nominations**— Nominations are complete for this year's election. There are 2 positions up for voting. The Director at Large position is currently held by Frank Fox at the end of his three-year term. Frank is seeking re-election, and Scott Davidson is running opposed to Frank. The President position is currently held by Michael Peterson at the end of his one-year term. Michael is seeking re-election and Scot Cupp is running opposed to Michael. Scot was nominated by George Taylor in the June meeting in accordance with the by-law requirements.

**Elections**—Ballots and instructions will be sent to members via mail/email per address in the current membership database. If your email address or postal address has changed, please contact the Membership Committee at [membership@grotonsportsmen.com](mailto:membership@grotonsportsmen.com) with any updates ASAP. Ballots will also be available in the skeet/trap warming house on the night of the elections.

Best Regards, Michael Peterson, GSC President

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## Notice of Special Meetings

*There will be two special meetings called during the July membership meeting.*

The first is to propose nominating Ryan Whaley as an honorary member.  
"Motion to nominate Ryan Whaley for honorary membership for 3 years."

The second is to propose nominating Tracy Swain as an honorary member.  
"Motion to nominate Tracy Swain for honorary membership for 5 years."

Thank you.  
Michael Peterson  
GSC President



## **Game Dinner a Rousing Success!**

This year's game dinner was a rousing success! We would like to thank all of the members who donated seafood and game meat for this spectacular event, including all the pheasant hunters who donated and prepped the pheasant. A special thanks also to the people who had put in 100's of hours of planning, prepping, shopping, cooking, day of prep and so much more. We also extend a hearty "Thank You" to our special members Peter Merritt, Roger Panciera, Bill Robinson and Jennifer Thornell; non-members Tracy, Donald, and Paula Swain; Jen's mom Diana Thorp; the Civil Air Patrol cadets for assisting in parking cars and serving our guests; and event day volunteer.

This year's Basket Raffle was larger than any club could imagine, with 95 baskets plus 3 guns and a 22LR upper, totaling 99 items! That is not even including the many gift cards that were awarded as door prizes. This large raffle would not have been possible without the efforts of non-member Tracy Swain for her tireless drive in getting many companies to donate products and gift cards or give us products at their cost. Over the past 3 years, Tracy has brought in items totaling over \$39,000 with almost no cost to the club! This year's profit was \$8,021, the largest ever!

The money raised gives us the ability to do great things for the club and our community. We help support our pheasant hunting program, take care of our Stonington grounds, provide free breakfasts for Veterans on Veteran's Sunday, a free Veteran's dinner, and so much more.

Thank you to those that supported the Game Dinner Committee.

To view the pictures of the event, visit <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCi2yi>



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The Groton Sportsmen Club is sad to announce that two of our life members have passed away.

Please extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Ed Russell (L375) and also to the family of Richard Scharinghausen (443)

Condolences to both families. 🙏🙏🙏

Richard Giudice  
Sunshine Committee Chairman



# GSC STONINGTON HABITAT AND WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

## AVAILABLE WORKHOURS

### HUNTING RELATED

Mickey Dolan Bunn; Clean it out. Level it with blocks  
Emplace hunting platform on south ridge  
Place deer feeders  
Replace stand straps  
Cut shooting lanes for multiple stands

### CAMP GODFREY

Assemble Adirondack shelter (priority)  
Create cooking area  
Outhouse, seats and holes, roof repair  
Tree culling  
Firewood cutting and splitting  
Emplace amphitheater

### TRAILS RELATED

ALWAYS, Clear trails; minor trimming and blowing off  
Improve pond trail that links Godfrey Pond to powerlines  
Cut new trail from Al Harvey parking to RT 184 field  
Place trail markers; Cut, paint, and place  
Deck the bridge that crosses Copp's Brook East Branch  
Cement ends of bridge at Godfrey Pond

### ARCHERY RANGE

Build new table  
Emplace overhead cover  
Emplace 3D range

**MUCH MORE !!**



**INDEPENDENT WORK APPROVED! Larger work parties later, date TBD**  
**Projects listed in the SHWC Book in clubhouse and at [www.odintacticalsolutions.com](http://www.odintacticalsolutions.com)**  
**Contact Ed Cullen 860-867-7954 or Pete Merritt 860-367-6465 for direction.**

## Game Committee News

### *Dog Training Permit Expired June 30<sup>th</sup>*

Our Dog Training Area permit expired at the end of June. I'll send in the renewal paperwork for both the Preserve permit and the Dog Training permit in the beginning of July and they should be approved within a few weeks.

Until the Dog Training permit is renewed, you won't be able to release birds while training dogs but all other kinds of training are still allowed.

Be VERY careful when working your dog in the summer. Temperatures over 65°F can be dangerous to your dogs, and even if they're in and out of the water, they can get overheated.

## List Your Business on the GSC Website!

Are you looking for someone to repair your furnace, fix a leaking faucet, groom your pet or provide you with another needed service?

Look no further than to a trusted member of the Groton Sportsmen's Club.

We are building a list and it will appear on the GSC website once sufficiently populated with member business information.

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><b>GSC Member Professional Services</b></div> </div>					
BUSINESS	COMPANY NAME	MEMBER NAME	PHONE	EMAIL	WEBSITE
Plumbing / HVAC	Xxxxxx HVAC	Mark Xxxxxx	123-456-7890		
Plumbing / HVAC	Xxxxxxx Plumbing & Heating	Ernie Xxxxxxx	123-456-7891		
Auto Repair	Xxxxxxxx Foreign Motors	FrankXxx	123-456-7892		
Firearms Sales	Xxx Sports	Warren Xxxx	123-456-7893		
Pet Grooming	Xxxxxx Clippers	Jay Xxxxxxx	123-456-7894		
Submarines "R US"	Electric Boat	Wayne Xxxxxxx	123-456-7895		

To have your business listed, send your contact information to  
Bill Isabella, [b.isabellagsc@cox.net](mailto:b.isabellagsc@cox.net)

Include the following:  
Business (type), Company Name, Member Name,  
Phone Number, Email address, and Website.

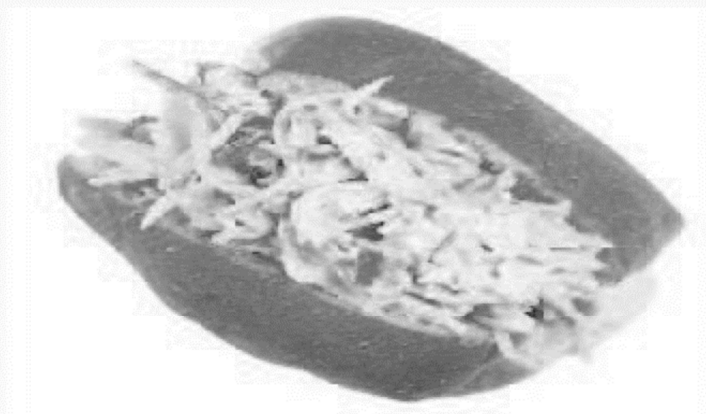
Once the data is collected, it will be collated alphabetically and updated as new submissions are received. Don't delay, have your business displayed as soon as possible.





# July 16th Meeting Dinner

Seafood Sandwich  
Chips & Drink  
\$6.00



Served from  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS (VERIFY DATES AND TIMES BEFORE YOU GO)

EVENT	EVENT DATE	CONTACT / INFORMATION
<b>GSC General Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Third Wednesday - 7:30 pm</b>	<b>Club Officers</b>
<b>GSC Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>Second Wednesday - 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Club Officers and Board Members</b>
<b>Indoor range work party</b>	<b>6pm Second Tuesday of Every month</b>	<b>Ray Hooper, 860.705.3270 hoopie1@aol.com</b>
<b>Sunday Breakfast</b>	<b>Every Sunday 7:00 - 8:30 am</b>	<b>Jared Swain (860) 639-5623 jswain@comcast.net</b>

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