



Horseshoe Fish & Game Club



Newsletter for June 2010

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25 Yard Range - Ira Kleiner

Excavation of the 25 yard Range is complete, and the area has been hydro seeded. Please note the range is closed until construction of the shooting hut is complete.

In the next few weeks, we will be getting ready to construct the new shooting hut. We are compiling our materials list and getting ready to put it out for bid.

While many of us on the Range Committee are able to run a table saw and swing a hammer for home projects, none of us have extensive experience with construction from the ground up.

We are looking for members with experience in building construction and who would be willing to come down and down and attend a planning meeting, and then volunteer to take on foreman role for one or more parts of the construction.

This will happen over various week-ends during the months of July, and August. No dates have been set yet; we will start planning that soon. Please contact Ira Kleiner at irakleiner@hotmail.com or call 978-590-0567.

Shooting Range

Remember, all members must use the sign in sheet and should be sure to have their current membership card with them when using the range.

Now that we have changed back to mounting targets to wood strapping instead of to ropes, there are a few things to remember. Targets must be placed properly so that when you shoot, your rounds impact the berm and not the ground. Also, do not shoot the strapping. If needed, move closer to the target until your skills improve enough to keep your rounds on the paper.

Other situations might be that you are shooting with guests who do not have your skill, or you are sighting in a new gun. Start close to the targets and move back as accuracy improves.

Have fun but follow the rules and be safe.

Next General Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be on July 13th at 8:00 PM. Rumor has it that the dinner will be sauses with potato and green salad.

We have lost our head chef for at least the summer. Darryl as you may or may not know has a catering business. He has recently received a great contract that unfortunately for us means he will not be available for at least the rest of the summer. Congratulations Darryl!

This also means we will be looking for volunteers to head up and be helpers in the kitchen and the grill. If you have the talent or just are willing to help out for one of the meetings, step up and earn some work hours.

Membership

No new members this month, so the stats are the same: we have 159 Senior Members, 28 of whom are Life Members.

Moose Lottery

The NH Moose Lottery has been held and rumor has it that at least one member was chosen. Congratulations Thomas J. Silva III of Merrimack, NH.

Here's an interesting observation. Looking at the list, I happened to notice something. How many people do you know who are a III? I Think Tom may be the only one I know. Did you know that more than 2% of the Moose Lottery winners, 8 out of 395, are a III. Check it out at:

http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/Moose_hunt/2010_Moose_Winners.html

Rim Fire Pistol League

Bob Panneton stepped up and took over the rimfire pistol league. This is the last week of the league, although shooters can shoot make up targets next week. Next week the league will also be having their banquet on June 30th. Congratulations to Jim Hewett who was the top shooter for the league.

Centerfire Pistol League

Bob Panneton will be running a centerfire pistol league. The league will be shooting their first round of targets the first week of July. Come by and bring your pistol. This should be a lot of fun.

Beginner Skeet Class - Bear

Skeet classes have been going pretty well. The 4 students are excited and progressing quite well.

They are hitting just about 1/2 the targets and to tell the truth that was better than I did when I first started.

If you want to try skeet make an appointment with me and we'll get you going

(Editor) Skeet lessons are still being held on Saturdays at about 5:30 PM. However these lessons are by appointment only. You need to contact Bear first. He is not available every Saturday. You can do this by sending him an email NHSkeeter@aol.com or phone 603 889 8685 or cell 603 571 0166.

Registered Skeet Shoot

We had our June Shoot on June 12, 2010. Most shooters shot well with notable scores from Steve Livingston with 98 in the 28 ga.. Ken Pitman also shot well with a 95 in 28 ga and a 93 in the 410. Paul Armstrong came out and shot after not shooting any registered targets in many years.

Our Next registered shoot isn't until September. It's going to be big event held on Saturday and Sunday.

We are going to try and Have 15 shooters shoot all 4 events and that

should be about 6,000 targets.. This shoot is RSVP and should fill up fast.

Skeet League – Tom Bemis

The skeet league is going strong. It is too early to tell which team looks like it will win. The pump shotgun has and will make a difference. If you have signed up for the league, please come and shoot your remaining rounds and finish up. For more information contact Tom Bemis.

Important Kitchen News

Remember, we will be asking for 2-3 volunteers to help the kitchen crew clean up. If we have no volunteers, we will be drafting helpers.

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Tim Hogan was not present to get \$112

Trout Unlimited Presentation

At the last General Membership Meeting Jeff Lindberg, one of our members who is also the President of the Merrimack River Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited made a Trout Unlimited presentation.

Jeff presented a lot of interesting information, including the fact that 58°F is optimal for trout and that they will die if the temperature gets up to about 70°F or so. This is one of the main reasons that TU is involved in dam removal. If there are no dams to block them, trout will move in rivers when the water warms up.

There are 2 dams in Milford on the dam removal schedule which will benefit from a \$700,000 grant. There will be a \$130,000, 2 to 3 year study. This will open up 5 to 6 miles of the Souhegan river.

Next year in September, NH will host the TU National meeting in Waterville Valley.

TU also runs a 5 day Kid's Camp every July up in Pittsburg, NH and provides up to 2 scholarships a year.

Calendar:

6/27	Club Rental
6/28	Rimfire .22 Rifle League
6/29	Skeet League
6/30	Rimfire Pistol Banquet
7/4	Club Rental
7/5	Rimfire .22 Rifle League Watanic Bowmen Meeting
7/6	Skeet League
7/7	Centerfire Pistol League
7/12	Rimfire .22 Rifle League
7/13	Membership Meeting Skeet League
7/14	Centerfire Pistol League
7/19	Rimfire .22 Rifle League
7/20	Skeet League
7/21	Centerfire Pistol League
7/26	Rimfire .22 Rifle League
7/27	BOD Meeting Skeet League
7/28	Centerfire Pistol League

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