



# The Dead Clay Journal

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Official Newsletter of the North County Sportsman's Club

## **December Meeting Update**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm.

The Secretary's report was reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer's report was deferred as the Treasurer was not present.

The club is in receipt of an invitation to submit a grant for range improvements. The grant is being administered through Vermont Fish & Wildlife. The sense of the board is that NCSC would like to compete. See article below.

A sign-in sheet procedure has been instituted and seems to be working as anticipated.

A Winter Fun Shoot will be held on February 27. See article below.

An NRA Basic Shotgun Course is scheduled to be held at the club on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Tom and Laura Blair will be conducting the course. See article below for more details.

We plan to host the Trap Camp introductory courses on Sunday afternoons from May through September again this year, and at this time NCSC plans to host a Women on Target event. People interested in assisting or attending should contact Laura Blair.

The club was represented at the Yankee Sportsman's Classic this year with a table co-located with Eiler's RV sales. A muzzle-loading rifle was raffled off to raise funds for NCSC. See article below.

A proposal to purchase a wireless voice release system was tabled until March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

## **Club Dues**

Club dues in the amount of \$50 were due on January 1, 2010.

Your annual dues not only give you a small break on your shooting fees and get you on the distribution for this newsletter, it also provides critical funding to get us through the traditionally lean winter months,

and particularly this year, it helps us with our legal defense and insurance fees. We really need and appreciate your annual dues payment. Thank you in advance.

## **Yankee Sportsman's Classic**

Peter and Veronica Beauregard, owners of Ehler's RV's generously offered NCSC the opportunity to set up a table in their area at the show. We did, and had it manned throughout the show with several volunteers. Another member of the Beauregard family, Eric, donated an MDM Contender muzzle loading rifle to be raffled by the club during the show. We sold over a hundred tickets on the muzzle loader. The winner was Bart Townsend of Brandon, VT and Chesterfield, NJ. A huge THANK YOU to all of the Beauregard family.

## **Range Improvement Grant**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has announced a Range Improvement Grant program for 2010. NCSC has opted to submit a proposal for a multi-faceted approach to address range improvement, sound abatement, and lead mitigation. This is a multi-year grant program. For 2010 NCSC hopes to slightly re-orient, renovate, and cover Trap Field #3 and complete soil testing, planning, and design of improvements to the shot-fall zone to improve lead reclamation and mitigation opportunities. As this grant proposal is due on March 15<sup>th</sup>, we are somewhat limited as to the extent of the project. This is however a multi-year grant, and it is the intent of NCSC to utilize at least some of the 2010 funding to plan and prepare for future phases. Any club members who are contractors, or who know contractors who may be interested, are encouraged to contact Tom Blair or Mike Pelletier to submit cost estimates for the Trap Field renovation. NCSC will work with ATC Environmental to develop cost estimates for the soil testing, permitting, and design phase of this project.

### **Winter Fun Shoot**

There will be a "Frozen Fun Shoot" on February 27<sup>th</sup>. This will have a Sporting Clays flavor, with a number of targets from non-standard shooting positions, to create sort of a 'mini walk-through' event. There will also be a 50 bird 5-Stand event, and perhaps a little trap action (25 x16 yard targets and 15 x 20 yard targets). If you are available to help in any capacity, please let a club officer know. And please come on out and shoot on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

The cost is \$16 per event, and the prizes will be Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream!

### **Basic Shotgun Course**

We will offer an NRA Basic Shotgun Course at NCSC on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a 10 hour course that will cover the better part of two days. Much of the course will be in the classroom, with exercises in gun safety and handling, cleaning, and an introduction to many of the shotgun sports such as Trap, Skeet, and 5-Stand Sporting Clays. There will also be a practical portion of the course involving shooting a number of targets on the Trap Range. The cost \$30.00. If you know someone who may be interested in this course, please contact Tom Blair, [tblairvt@comcast.net](mailto:tblairvt@comcast.net).

### **Lost and Found**

People seem to leave things at the club on a pretty regular basis! At this point we are holding the following:

Prescription grey tri-focal shooting glasses. These look pretty expensive. I am sure that somebody is kicking themselves about where they could have left them.

Two lenses from an ESS interchangeable lens shooting glasses system were left at the club almost five months ago, and nobody has claimed them yet. These are a smoke and a clear lens, and are sitting in the pullers shack. See the range officer if you are missing these lenses.

Knight Muzzle Loader Gun case. Black with red lettering. Been there for several weeks.

Pair of small gray winter gloves. Looks like a pair of youth or women's gloves. Very nice.

### **NCSC Classified**

This is offered as a service to members who have something they wish to buy or sell. It doesn't even have to be a shooting related item. If you would like to have something listed, please email Tom Blair at [tblairvt@comcast.net](mailto:tblairvt@comcast.net).

Leon Dunbar has a MEC 650 Progressive Loader that he would like to sell. Give him a call at 233-4580.

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Winchester Model 101 Light Weight O/U 12 ga. shotgun with 27" Winchoke barrels, nice engraving on the receiver and a leather case, excellent condition. Only shot maybe 2 dozen rounds of skeet with it and used it grouse hunting a few times each year. Selling it for \$1200. Call Irv Boucher 879-7991. Email [iboucher@myfairpoint.net](mailto:iboucher@myfairpoint.net)

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Claude Perry is cleaning out his gun safe, and has a couple of very interesting offerings.

Beeman P1 magnum pistol cal .177, in box with all paperwork \$325

303 Enfield sporterized, new stock, 18 inch barrel carbine, new sights \$150

If interested, call Claude at 878-3260, or send him an email at [mso440navy@juno.com](mailto:mso440navy@juno.com).

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Mike Pelletier has an extensive inventory of metallic cartridge reloading equipment for sale: scales, case trimmers, dies from 220 Swift to 8 MM magnum, it is too extensive to list. The condition varies from new in the box to used, call for more information 338-0705.