



The Dead Clay Journal

July 2010

Official Newsletter of the North County Sportsman's Club

July Meeting Update

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

The Secretary's report was presented and approved.

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A Registered 5-Stand Shoot will be held on Saturday, Jul 17th.

The Ruffed Grouse Society will hold a Fun Shoot and Fund Raiser at NCSC on August 7th.

A (late) Summer Fun Shoot is tentatively scheduled for September 18th. Details to follow.

The club has been selected to receive a grant to renovate the East Trap Field and to start the process of upgrading the shot fall area to facilitate lead reclamation. We are still awaiting the documentation to accept and move forward with the grant projects. Recent emails with the Federation of Sportsman's Clubs indicates that the grant paperwork should be received soon..

The family of Lee Weaver requested that donations be made to the club in lieu of flowers for his memorial service. This fund which will be applied to a cover for the East Trap Field, a portion of the planned project which will not be funded by the Fish and Wildlife Grant.

NCSC hosted a Women on Target event on June 26th. The event was well-received, but attendance was relatively low with only ten people participating. A second Women on Target day will be scheduled for August 28th.

The club has installed a number signs. See article below.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Lee Weaver Memorial Fund

Lee Weaver, a longtime member of the North County Sportsman's Club and a Board Member for several years passed away on Easter Sunday. Lee was an avid trap shooter and a steadfast supporter of the

club. His family requested that donations in his memory be made to NCSC in lieu of flowers. It is the sincere wish of the family, and of the club, to complete the East Trap Field renovation, complete with cover, in Lee's memory. Over the next few months, we will be conducting fund raising efforts to make this a possibility. If you can help, or wish to participate in this effort, please contact a club officer.

Range Improvement Grant

The Department of Fish and Wildlife is managing a Range Improvement Grant program for 2010. The grant request submitted by NCSC has been approved for a multi-faceted approach to address range improvement, sound abatement, and lead mitigation. If you can provide services of either your time, or your equipment, please let a club officer know. We hope to start moving on these projects within the next 30 days.

NCSC Registered 5-Stand Shoot

Plans are complete to hold a registered 5-Stand shoot at NCSC on July 17th. Tim Davis and Mike Castillo are coordinating the event. This will be a 100 bird event. The entry fee is \$30, plus \$3 to register targets.

Ruffed Grouse Society Fun Shoot

NCSC will host a fund raising Fun Shoot for the Ruffed Grouse Society on August 7th. They will start registration around 9:00am with the first squads on the ranges about 9:30. Please come on out and support this event. Many of our members are also members of RGS and this is always a fun day and great way to support this important cause.

Fun Shoot

NCSC will hold our Summer Fun Shoot again this year on September 18th. (Technically, that is still summer for another 5 days!)

As we did last year, Trap, Trap Doubles, and 5-Stand events will be held, plus the ever-popular Charlie Shapiro Buddy Shoot!

Since the homemade pies seemed to be popular last year, it is our intention to offer the same prizes again. Entry fees and other registration details will be forthcoming in the August newsletter.

Todd Murphy Shoot

On September 11th, the Underhill Rod and Gun Club will host the Second Annual Todd Murphy Shoot.

Last year's event was an outstanding success. Over \$900 was donated to Todd and Jane's favorite charity, "Hope Lodge".

Bob Scudero promises many new targets and optional purses.

Please mark your calendars.

Trap Camp (NRA Day)

Commencing on May 2nd, an introduction to shotgun sports clinic is being held each Sunday from 1-3pm. We have received a grant from the Friends of the NRA to support the event. The first 45 minutes of the course involve exercises in gun safety and handling and an introduction to many of the shotgun sports such as Trap, Skeet, and 5-Stand Sporting Clays. The practical portion of the course involves shooting a number of targets on the Trap Range. Classes are limited to approximately ten people. We need a certified instructor to cover July 18th, so if you can help, please contact Tom Blair (tblairvt@comcast.net)

Women on Target

The Women on Target event was held again this year on June 26th. The people attending this event had a great time, and everyone broke some targets, but unfortunately we only had ten participants. Terry Wilson and Nancy Anisfield did a hunting dog demonstration. Tank, Rimfire, and Scratch were a big hit. In view of the limited participation due to weather and a conflict with Doe camp, we will hold a second WOT event on August 28th. There

will be an 8:30 to noon group, and a 12:30pm to 4:00pm group. Lunch will be served for both groups between sessions. There is a planned "Lunch N Learn" session, exact topics and guests to be determined at this time. Insofar as possible, we like to conduct this event for women, and by women. It is designed to be a fun, non-threatening environment where women can comfortably be introduced to shooting sports. We need women who are interested in coaching, helping as range safety officers, or simply helping with registration.

People interested in assisting or attending should contact Laura Blair at lechat85@comcast.net or 802-872-8329.

New Signage at NCSC

There have been a number of incidents recently when people have been discovered shooting at the club at times other than published hours of operation. Typically, these have been people who are shooting clay targets using hand throwers, although occasionally there have been instances of handgun discharge as well. Everyone is reminded that we have an agreement with the Town of Williston concerning our hours of operation. Club members are welcome to use the property at any time for exercising and training dogs, hiking, snowshoeing, mountain-biking, etc., but please do not shoot outside of published hours of operation.

We have posted signs advising anyone coming up our driveway that our club is private property, and shooting is permitted only by members and guests during published hours of operation. We have also posted a 5MPH speed limit sign in an attempt to keep the speed down through Glenn Brown's yard. New range rules signs are posted at each of the ranges and at the clubhouse. Please read and heed the posted rules.

Jim Chapman

As I expect most people know by now, Jim Chapman passed away on Saturday, June 26th.

Jim was a long time member of the Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. During his years with the VFSC he served in many positions, including President.

Jim will always be remembered for his wonderful smile, sparkling eyes and his willingness to help anyone.

He would spend all the time that is required to assist a new shooter in shooting a shot-gun or learning to shoot sporting clay from either the low house or high house.

Jim was a solid pillar of the VFSC and the community. Jim will be missed very deeply by everyone.

In lieu of flowers, Jim's wishes, if you chose, to make a contribution to any of the following organizations:

Visiting Nursing Association
Vermont Respite House
A Sporting Club of your Choice
or
Any Charity of your choice

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.

The club has two Winchester-Western Model 1524 Traps in good working condition available for sale at \$225 each. These were the workhorse traps for many clubs for a lot years and have a many good targets left in them. Call Tom at 343-1702.

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

Mike Pelletier has a large 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 information 338-0705.

Browning Citori, 1982 12 Ga. O/U Trap model 143. 30" Special Steel barrel, 2 3/4" with * and *- fixed chokes. Made in Japan. \$750 or best reasonable offer. Contact Alan akamman@gmavt.net or 453-3974.

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