



Rockville Fish & Game Newsletter



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October 2020

Call Meeting—7:30 PM October 12, 2020 at the Pavilion

Per the RF&G Bylaws

**Article IV: Meetings Section F: Call meetings shall occur: Paragraphs 5 & 6:
For the consideration of budget modifications as specified in Article V, Section D;
For the consideration of proposed changes to the Corporations Constitution or By-Laws**

Call Meeting Topics

- “1. Review and approve the bylaws Article IV Committees modifications
2. An allocation, not to exceed, \$5,600.00 to the House Committee for the acquisition and installation of acoustic tiles and associated emergency lighting and signage. Subject to the terms and conditions of the secured quote(s) from the vendors.
3. An allocation, not to exceed, \$12,000.00 to the Facilities Committee for the acquisition and associated maintenance of a Zero-Turn Lawn Mower, bagger and blower. Subject to the terms and conditions of the secured quote(s) from the vendors.”

2019 ‘Member of the Year’ Winner

Congratulations to Drew Tomko who was voted as Member of the Year at the September Member meeting.

CCAC

The fund raising dinner presented by our Events Committee and members for The Friends of CT Sportsmen was FANTASTIC! We sold 80 chairs within 3 weeks, increased that to 90 and still had people trying to walk-in! Thank you members and supporters who believe sportsmen need a legislative arm to help fight for our heritage of hunting, fishing and trapping. We transformed the pavilion into an outdoor dining room with lights, paddle fans, table clothes, flags and flowers (with plenty of social distancing), had a silent auction which generated over \$1200, had a donation challenge by Chris that pulled in over \$2500, and enjoyed a great meal by Paul and his crew! This event tallied over \$8000.00 to help build the war chest, mainly to hire a lobbyist when needed, so we will have a bigger voice for sportsmen.

I can't thank Diana, Paul, Drew, Pete, Adam, Joe, Patti, Chris, Uncle Mike, the EMT guy, Gerry, Sally, Shawn, and all you RF&G members that stepped up for this event.

Hopefully, this will be the start of many more. I also want to thank Senator Champagne (a club member), Senator Miner, Keith, Dean, and Chas for their passion of the sporting world. Their dedication and vigilant watch for legislation that works against our freedoms is greatly appreciated. We also met Tammy Nuccio (a club member) running for Representative, Matt Corey running for Senator, and missed Bob Stefanowski, who bought a table anyway, but went to Europe to close the deal on school kid sized masks. As Keith told you at the dinner, this group spearheaded the opening of trout season early. They worked behind the scenes to connect the right legislators with the right decision makers to get us fishing when everyone was sent home. If you attend the September 14th meeting, you will see Joe's pictures of the event and you can meet FoCS chairman Keith Cagle. He will be picking up the donation money. You can still help by either donating money or getting involved.

I also have to give props “the crew” that worked so hard to hold the 5th Annual Archery vs Pistol Event (since it's resurrection) on August 8. The archers in this club are REALLY good, 9 of the 16 shot between 290 and 298 out of 300! That ain't bad, and held onto the flag.

The Chicken Wing Social on Sept 5th was a great event too! This split gathering spilled out into the field under another tent and had everyone lickin' their fingers from the wings! Thanks to all club members and Rick Wilcox and Steve Hall (from the Angry Egg) for putting on Paul's apron.

Great things can happen at this Club when members get involved. **Thanks you all for making this Club GREAT!**

Mike Ose



House

Prime Rib Dinner at the Pavilion— SOLD OUT

Big Win for the Club. Everyone had a great time and plenty to eat! The weather was nice, folks dressed appropriately and are looking forward to the next event!

I want to thank all the volunteers who helped out with the event, before, during and after. I couldn't do it without you. My one complaint was we were really short on cleanup crew. Which might not normally be a problem but with the additional obstacle of having an event off premise there is extra cleanup that needed to be done and the hard working volunteers rose to the occasion and I scrubbed way more pans than I should have had to. So we will always take all the help we can get!

POLISH OKTOBERFEST NIGHT

IS COMING TO RF&G Saturday October 17th

Doors Open at 5, Dinner Service Starts at 6pm Sharp

Our very own member and Chef, Jeff Thompson, chef at the Polish National House in Hartford (check it out for lunch, great bar too) is going to be our distinguished guest chef in October. He is going to make a night to remember!

The Polish Menu will include

- Grilled Kielbasa
- Traditional Bigos, "Polish Hunter's Stew"
- Stuffed Cabbage
- Boiled Potatoes
- Polish Salad
- Black Forest Cake for Dessert

BYOB

\$25 person, kids 13 and under \$12, kids under 5 free

100 seats maximum and as of right now we are over half sold out already!

Tickets are now available online at the link below! Seating is limited! Bring your beers!

<https://rockvillefishandgame.ticketspice.com/polish-oktoberfest>

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP LINK HERE- we need your participation (plus volunteers always eat and drink for free!)

The Pavilion has gotten a ton of use lately and is booked almost every day of the week with meetings, scouts, rentals, Woodcarvers etc and we are proud to have such a nice asset to this club, especially in these exceptional times.

(PS- I'm calling you out and you know who you are, the after-meeting meeting up at the clubhouse is fine to talk and have a snack or a beverage but **DO NOT LEAVE DIRTY DISHES, GLASSES AND TRASH IN THE KITCHEN. SEVERAL TIMES WE'VE DISCOVERED A MESS AFTER A MEETING AND THAT IS NOT COOL.** Please be considerate and leave the kitchen the way you found it. TIDY!)

Paul Finney

Club Members running for office in November

- Dan Champagne from Vernon running for re-election as State Senator
- Tammi Nuccio from Tolland running for State Representative
- Tim Ackert from Coventry running for re-election as State Representative
- Laura Bush from Vernon running for State Representative

We know they would...and have...supported issues that are near and dear to us

Membership

The deadline for submission of applications for the next orientation is Monday, October 12th at the Monthly Membership meeting.

This will be the last orientation of 2020.

The 2021 Membership Renewal statements will go out towards the end of October. Because of the Covid pandemic, all members required to perform work hours will be given a 1 hour credit towards their bills.

Steve Ouellette

Ladies Range Day

LRD meeting for 'newbies' -- you only have to attend one 'newbies' meeting (October 20 or November 17, 7-8pm) to learn what LRD is all about. If you attended the 'newbies' meetings last October and November -- they are the same.

Wilma Sutherland

Archery:

I would like to thank everyone who came out to support the archery range clean up. We removed many trees and cut back the brush to make the range look much better.

Now that hunting season has started, please remember that there will be members hunting on the RF&G property and they have worked many hours for the privilege to hunt the property. We ask that all members avoid going into the woods when hunters are out. We have made it easy to know when hunters are in the woods with the use of a large orange cone that will be placed in front of the archery shack when hunters sign-in to start their hunts.

When using the archery range, please be sure to sign in and obey all the posted rules. If you are using the club bows and arrows, be sure to replace them in back in the boxes and put them away. Please do not allow minors to shoot alone. They should have adult supervision at all times in order to avoid any safety issues.

If you have any question, please contact me.

Mark Boyer—Archery Chairman
mark.boyer.RFG@gmail.com
860-960-1290

Trap & Skeet:

September provided us with some outstanding weather to host the 5 stand event on the 12th and 13th. 130 rounds were fired by our members and guests under clear skies and moderate temperatures. Our thanks to the house committee that assisted with the food service and to those members who provided their culinary skills on the grill. OUR NEXT 5 STAND WILL BE ON OCTOBER 17TH AND 18TH. Never tried it, stop in and see what 5 stand is all about. Kyle or other members of the crew are more than willing to assist to help you in trying out the event.

Need a “tune up” of your shot gunning skills? Stop by and try a round of SKAP. Target are launched from the trap house, shooting is done from the skeet stations offering a wide variety of shots that are at random angles and distance.

October brings the start of Eastern Connecticut Skeet League. The “Skeeters” home and away schedule will start on October 3rd with their first home match. Matches are typically scheduled on Sunday mornings and start at 9:00 AM. Each team of 5 shooters shoots 2 rounds of skeet. Teams are bracketed based on averages so from year to year the playing field tends to be leveled based on a teams ability. Matches are completed in all types of weather. Interested in being part of a competitive recreational team, check with a committee members to get more information

As the cooler weather rolls in please keep in mind that we are still operational with the 6 ft spacing and or wear a mask mandates. The exceptionally dry weather has been supportive of our operational changes but going forward with less accommodating conditions we will be dealing with further modifications in our operation. In an effort to avoid congestion at the facility we have provisions which support off hours use. In other words within the club parameter of range use from 9:00 AM till legal sunset committee members can open up a trap or skeet field to practice or introduce new members to the venue. For more information, stop by and speak with a committee member.

Our work parties are on the 12th and 26th. Depending on the weather we may be able to extend the hours to complete a few projects. Announcements will be via eblast closer to the dates.

Jason C Stansfield

Operation Christmas Child

If anyone is interested in donating to Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse), please let me know. I can collect items at the October and November members' meetings. Any cash donated can be given to me in an envelope with your name and address – for a tax receipt. We collect shoe boxes that are already filled or items that can be added to other boxes. They do not allow

toothpaste or candy – nothing edible or with an expiration date! The Rockville Baptist Church is an official collection site in November so you can also drop off there.

[Link to the site](#)

Wilma Sutherland, SGBSO
Ladies Range Day, Head

Competition

On Sunday the 13th of Sept. the Modified International Rapid Fire Match was held with very poor attendance.

The best scores of each contestant (and their handguns) are listed below:

- ◇ 115-Gordon G.-Glock 9mm
- ◇ 83-Todd G.-Ruger P89-9mm
- ◇ 80-Rick A.-Glock 9mm
- ◇ 57-Ed V.-Chiappa Rhino-38 special

Legislative

The 2020 Legislative period was hampered by concerns of Covid19.

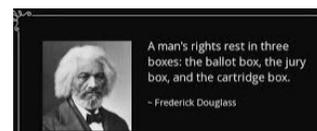
- 2020 Legislation process is now closed.
- Everything stayed in Comm.!
- Nothing was voted on.
- Expect to see all of the 2020 proposals recycle for 2021!

The Ballot box is the current focus.

While, over the last three years, letters to CT legislators would have been my main thrust for RF&G members. Political activism is the real answer! It is increasingly evident to me that letters fall on deaf ears and closed minds in the Democrat held CT government. It is imperative that we support election of Pro Gun rights representatives. In this vain the opportunity is now, to support “Pro 2A” candidates, with your VOTE. Find your legislators at (CGA.CT.GOV)

The Jury box.

Good news, CCDL won the preliminary court ruling! As many of you may be aware the CCDL (Conn. Citizens Defense League) filed suit against CT Governor Lemont, Et Al. Reason = the governor and his cronies in the course of effecting COVID 19 restrictions ordered the state police as well as city Police Chiefs to **STOP** “Finger Printing” persons applying for permits. This put a stop to gun ownership in CT for a period of time. The process is back however by appointment only.



The Cartridge box.

Your ammunition (legislative ammo) is in fact the legislator we support and put in office.

CCDL is fighting for you and they need your support. Most important is membership "Strength in numbers" you can join by going to (CCDL.US) CCDL web page, it **COSTS nothing to join!** The larger the CCDL constituency is, the stronger CCDL's voice will be. \$\$ donations are voluntary.

Don Schubert

Forestry

To all of our firewood cutters please stay out of the woods since it is deer hunting season until December 31.

We've had a number of small work parties trying to get rid of the club of the Autumn Olive and the other invasives in our sandpit. The plant is relentless; worse than dandelions and it just won't die. This past weekend on Sunday we used the brush hog to attack it and it looks like we'll be doing it for the next couple of weekends as well.

The road repair project is done and we're just waiting for final approval and a check from the feds.

I have two volunteer to plant chestnut trees. The question is can we do it this calendar year. The plan is to plant them in the two clear cuts that we have. One is to the east of skeet and trap and the other is south of the upper pond.

Good luck to all the deer hunters !

Frank Sypek

Club Rented for a Prom

As you should all be aware, the club is also available for rental for non-club activities and was rented recently to allow some THS students to have their prom that Covid prevented them from enjoying. The clubhouse was decorated for a roaring twenties theme, Paul provided the main course and the students wore their prom attire and enjoyed a great evening.



.22LR HUNTER SILHOUETTE MATCH

SUNDAY, Oct. 4, 2020 - 9:30am

(late arrivals will be allowed to shoot up to 12:00 noon)
Rockville Fish & Game Club, Fish & Game Rd., Tolland, CT
Contact: Chris V. (860) 906-8894

FIREARMS: .22LR RIMFIRE RIFLES ONLY

CLASSES: HUNTER (rifles <= 8lbs), UNLIMITED (rifles >8lbs)

YOUTH: 11 - 17, ADULT 18 - 64, SENIORS 65+

PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED SHOOTING POSITIONS ALLOWED

COST: YOUTH < 18 FREE!, ADULT: \$10 member, \$15 non-member

Description:

- 4 Standard Positions: Standing, Kneeling, Sitting and Prone
- 4 Supported "**HUNTING**" Positions: Standing (against post), Kneeling (post, rail or bipod), Sitting (bipod or shooting sticks), Prone (bipod, sticks or off pack).
- **Physically challenged rifleman:** Alternative positions allowed - i.e. Instead of Kneeling - shoot sitting in chair with one foot up on rest with elbow on knee; Sitting - shoot sitting in chair with two feet on rest and both elbows on knees; Prone - shoot sitting from bench.
- 5 shots each position (40 total) at partially hidden metal silhouette targets at various distances from approx. 15 yds out to 90 yards.

- **Equipment: .22LR Rimfire Rifles Only.** No .22WMR, .17HMR, .17machII. Any action (bolt, semi-auto, pump, etc.) allowed. **Sporter style rifles encouraged and will compete for match.** Unlimited "heavy" target rifles compete separately. Any magnification and style optical sights allowed. Rifles with only iron sights will be at great disadvantage. Slings allowed in every position. Bipods, shooting sticks and other "hunting" style shooting aides allowed in supported positions. **Sighters** may be allowed time permitting. Bring shooting mat or ground pad for sitting and prone positions. Rifleman are strongly encouraged to use the same ammo they would use for hunting squirrel, woodchuck, fox or crow.

General Rules: All youth 11-15yrs. must be accompanied by an adult or adult club member while participating in the match.

THIS EVENT EMPHASIZES HUNTING POSITIONS AND FIELD SHOOTING SKILLS - YOUNG RIFLEMAN WANTED Contact: Chris V. (860) 906-8894

IF THERE IS INTEREST PLANS WILL BE MADE FOR A MENTORED SQUIRREL HUNT

Bylaws Working Group

The Bylaws working group has met over the last many months and are requesting approval from the membership at the October call meeting the proposed Bylaws changes for Article IV—Committees. The following updates have been approved by the working group, committee chairs and were presented at the September Board and Membership meetings.

Members of the working group are John Collins (co-chair), Pete Kasecek (co-chair), Paul Finney, Jim Hughes, Mike Ose, Patti Parrott, Pete Robbins, Gary Ruchin, Chris Schoeneberger, Mike Spadaro, Jason Stansfield, Drew Tomko

Proposed changes to the bylaws wording are highlighted in green.

ARTICLE IV — COMMITTEES

- A. A committee shall consist of two (2) or more members in good standing to be considered an active committee, and may have one (1) or more Committee Chairs. Each Committee shall appoint its own Chair. Alternatively, if a Committee cannot select its Chair by the time it holds its second (2nd) meeting, the Executive board shall appoint a Committee Member as Chair Pro-Tem who shall serve until such time that the Committee appoints a Chair.
- B. The Committee Chairs are the operating department (venue) heads of the corporation and are responsible for ensuring that their committees adhere to their approved budgets. They shall have the authority to transfer funds within their respective budgets to meet unanticipated or unexpected expenses. Any funds so transferred may not exceed 10% of their total budget in any given quarter.
- C. Committees shall:
1. Submit to their appropriate Director their budget requests for the upcoming year on or before September ~~November~~ 15th.
 2. Provide the Treasurer with receipts/invoices for all expenditures devoted to the operation of their committee. Receipts or unused funds must be returned to the Treasurer within ninety (90) days of receipt of any advance but in no case later than December 31st.
 3. Remit to the Treasurer at least once a month all proceeds collected from committee operations.
 4. Be responsible and act for the benefit of the Corporation.
 5. Liaison with the Executive Board through their respective Directors. No committee shall exist or be active without the approval of the Executive Board.
 6. Operate under the authority of the Corporation to formulate and enforce the rules and regulations governing the use of each of their respective facilities.
 7. Promptly submit updated copies of facility Rules and Regulations to the Executive Board.
 8. Take no action that is contrary to or in violation of this Corporation's Constitution, By-Laws, and objectives, or local, state or federal laws and ordinances.
 9. Present to the Executive Board all proposals for fees, charges, hours of operations, rules and regulations of each committee which affects the operation of a club facility, property or activity for approval.
 10. Be responsible for obtaining written plans and bids for proposed improvements and submitting them to the First Vice-President.

11. Maintain and keep current the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for their facilities and venues.
12. The following is a list of standing committees. Other committees may be formed or disbanded by the Executive Board as desired and supported by the members.

1. THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

- a. May provide refreshments at all regular and special meetings.
- b. Shall be responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds of the house and pavilion
- c. Shall be responsible for the operation of the Main Clubhouse kitchen and maintenance of its equipment.
- d. Shall be responsible for the rental and scheduling of all events involving usage of the Main Clubhouse and Pavilion
- e. Shall coordinate purchasing and assisting with house venue events requiring hospitality
- f. Shall coordinate and/or provide food for other venue events involving the sale of food and hospitality

2. THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE

- a. Shall be responsible for identifying and managing facilities improvements and maintenance.
- b. Shall assemble and maintain a five (5) year plan for improvement.
- c. Shall submit any and all recommendations concerning such items as facility needs, facility placement, and facility maintenance to the Executive Board.
- d. Shall obtain written plans and bids for major club improvements, Review written plans and bids submitted by committees, make recommendations to the Executive Board and obtain all necessary permits to current building code.
- e. Shall be chaired by the First Vice President
- f. Shall have keys and combinations to all locks on the properties

3. THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

- a. Shall be responsible for safety concerns and issues and for maintaining the safety of all Club facilities.
- b. Shall investigate the need for the safe use and development of any and all facilities and shall keep the Executive Board informed.
- c. Shall be granted access to any and all facilities upon request and be accompanied by a committee representative.
- d. Shall maintain and keep current the Club SOP.
- e. Shall be chaired the Second Vice President
- f. Shall evaluate proposed events created by venues for safe operation
- g. Shall have keys and combinations to all locks on the properties

4. THE RIFLE/PISTOL COMMITTEE
 - a. Shall have charge of the rifle and pistol ranges and all activities held thereon.
 - b. Shall be responsible for the maintenance of the building, shooting structures and grounds (from the rifle/pistol gate)
5. THE SKEET AND TRAP COMMITTEE
 - a. Shall have charge of the skeet and trap fields and all activities held thereon.
 - b. Shall be responsible for the maintenance of the buildings and grounds (from the skeet and trap gate)
6. THE ARCHERY COMMITTEE
 - a. Shall have charge of the archery range and all activities held thereon.
 - b. Shall be responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds of the archery range and shack
7. THE CRYSTAL LAKE COMMITTEE
 - a. Shall have charge of the Crystal Lake facility and all activities held thereon
 - b. Shall be responsible for the maintenance of the buildings, grounds, dock and boat launching area at the club facilities on Crystal Lake, Ellington, Connecticut and all activities held thereon.
8. THE POND COMMITTEE
 - a. Shall have charge of the ponds and all activities held thereon.
 - b. Shall be responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds around the two ponds on Fish and Game Rd
 - c. Shall be responsible for the dam & tributaries on Fish and Game Rd
9. THE FORESTRY COMMITTEE
 - a. Shall be responsible for maintaining and managing the Corporation's natural resources [and for investigating and recommending suitable land for purchase, lease or rent by the Corporation for use by club members for activities supported by the club].
10. THE PROGRAM AND FUND RAISING COMMITTEE
 - a. Shall be responsible for recommending educational or entertainment programs at each regular meeting and at other events where requested.
 - b. Shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of all equipment entrusted to them.
 - c. Shall develop methods and activities for raising funds and ensuring that the proper procedures are followed.
 - d. Shall help any other committee as requested with raising and administering their funds.
 - e. Shall be in charge of club publicity.
 - f. Shall be chaired by the Third Vice President
11. THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
 - a. Shall be responsible for presenting to the members recommendations on pending legislation — local, state, or federal — of a nature that is commensurate with the objectives of the Club.
 - b. Shall maintain a seat on the CT Conservation Advisory Council to stay engaged with DEEP hunting and fishing regulations.
12. THE TRAINING COMMITTEE
 - a. Shall define Club training policy and shall propose such policy to the executive board for approval.



Chicken Wing Social

Saturday September 5th we had our annual Chicken Wing Social. I spoke to many attendees and they said they enjoyed the food as always.

My first thanks goes out to the kitchen crew. These folks as always do an awesome job and the many people that brought dessert to share—Thank you.

My second thank you goes out to Pete Robbins for letting us use his 20 x 30 pole tent as well as for mowing the field of grass. He just puts so much of his time and energy into the club's events. So thank you Pete.

Joseph Fydenkevez
860.508.9768

The Friends of CT Sportsmen Fundraiser



October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Woodcarving 7pm @ Clubhouse	2	3 Trap & Skeet Opens 9am - 2pm
4 Trap & Skeet Opens 9am - 2pm	5	6 Board Meeting 6:30 pm—CH	7 Trap & Skeet Opens 9am - 2pm Woodcarving 9am @ Pavilion	8 Woodcarving 7pm @ Clubhouse	9	10 Trap & Skeet Opens 9am - 2pm
11 Trap & Skeet Opens 9am - 2pm	12 Member Meeting & Call Meeting 7:30 pm—Pavilion Trap & Skeet Work Party 9:00-12:00	13	14 Trap & Skeet Opens 9am - 2pm Woodcarving 9am @ Pavilion	15 Woodcarving 7pm @ Clubhouse	16 Newsletter Articles Due	17 Oktoberfest Dinner Trap & Skeet Opens 9am - 2pm 5 Stand @ T&S
18 Trap & Skeet Opens 9am - 2pm 5 Stand @ T&S	19	20 LRD Newbies 7 pm—8 pm	21 Trap & Skeet Opens 9am - 2pm Woodcarving 9am @ Pavilion	22 Woodcarving 7pm @ Clubhouse	23	24 Trap & Skeet Opens 9am - 2pm
25 Trap & Skeet Opens 9am - 2pm	26 Trap & Skeet Committee 7 PM T&S Clubhouse Trap & Skeet Work Party 9:00-12:00	27	28 Trap & Skeet Opens 9am - 2pm Woodcarving 9am @ Pavilion	29 Woodcarving 7pm @ Clubhouse	30	31 Trap & Skeet Opens 9am - 2pm

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For the latest information regarding club activities it is always a good idea to check the club website. If you are running an activity and/or you come across late breaking news of interest to the club and you need to get the word out, email it to the club webmaster at

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To bring about a strict observance of the Fish and Game laws of the State.
To assist with the passage of laws which will allow everyone to have streams, ponds, and lakes to fish in and fields and woodlands to hunt over



To assist with preserving our right to shoot, hunt and fish.
To encourage the stocking of fish and game, and see land-owners rights are strictly observed and their property not damaged

To Conduct Ourselves in a Responsible and Ethical Manner.