

May 2008

VP's Message

It is with deep regret that I must start this message off on a sad note. Long time club member and club constable Foster Clark passed away just a few days prior to the April meeting. I wish to take this opportunity as an officer of WR & G Club to express our deepest condolences to the Clark family.

Just a quick reminder to all, be aware of ticks at this time of year, when you are fishing, turkey hunting, running your dogs, or just outside in general, take the necessary precautions to insure that you are not bitten. Parents make sure that you check your children thoroughly if they are out in the woods or fields. I was at my property in upstate NY on April 6, I was in the woods for a very short time and came out covered with the little critters. I thought that I had picked them off of my clothes, checked myself pretty good and still had got bitten 5 times. With the mild winter, with no long sustained cold spells they fared pretty well this year.

The club pond opened on schedule with no weather issues and was well stocked with plenty of trout. I have been told of several large trout being taken. The pond has again been stocked for a second time and according to Fish Chairman John Stevens 400 trout have been taken so far. He assures that there are still plenty of trout in the pond.

Sporting Clays shoots have already begun. Sunday April 13th was the first shoot with another that was held on April 27th. On May 3rd the DU Sporting Clays shoot was held at our club, the approximate net profit from these 3 shoots totaled over \$ 4,000. These shoots are our main source of income and their success depends on member participation. Mike and Ed are always in need of help at these shoots. Sign up sheets are always in the clubhouse.

On Sunday April 27th we also held our new building dedication. There was a gun raffle that day plus food that was provided by those attending and cooks Junior Dadio and Mark Hacku. Many thanks to Steve Szypulski for not only procuring the gun that was

raffled off but for also providing the cake that was a very good replica of the new building. The building will be 100% complete in the near future, the only thing that needs to be completed is the electrical and that should be done soon. The winner of the gun that day was none other than Rifle Range co-chairman Ray Ericson. At least it went to someone that really is in need of a gun, ha, ha!

The children's fishing derby will be held on Sunday May 25th. You must pre register your children prior to the beginning of this event so make sure you give yourself the time to make this happen. There will be pancakes available for breakfast and lunch after the derby. Prizes will be awarded.

At the June meeting there will be the election of officers for the upcoming year. The slate of officers is printed in this newsletter. Al Douville will be holding the drawing for archery deer permits also at the June meeting, so if you would like to bow hunt the club land make sure you are at the meeting.

The dinner for the June meeting is Baked Ziti with meat balls, salad, and dessert provided by Lorenzo's Restaurant of West Haven.

Bill Blotney
Vice President

CT State House Bill HB-5852

is titled AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONTROL OF LYME DISEASE. This bill is asking for both the DEP and DPH to work together to implement actions to reduce the spread of Lyme disease. One element of this proposal would allow the DEP to increase the deer harvest in zones that have increasing deer populations and the current hunting permits are not effective. This would also help reduce the number of deer hits with autos. Zone 12 was one of the two zones targeted. There was also an article about this in the NY Times Sunday, March 23rd. Hope you will find this of interest and something to support. The animal activists seem to waver a bit when the hunting addressed the public health!

Ron Buchanan, Member

Connecticut Coalition of Sportsmen Updates

The Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen is the only state sportsmen's organization singularly dedicated to the protection, promotion and preservation of hunting, fishing, trapping and the scientific wildlife management programs

We have a subscription ourselves at our home e-mail address, and so if anyone would like to have the e-mails from the Connecticut Coalition of Sportsmen forwarded to them, if they would please send their e-mail address to us at Codderwannabes@aol.com I will add them to a "Rod & Gun Club Group" and forward our e-mails to them as they come in from the Coalition (and ONLY e-mails from the Coalition—no junk mail, no jokes, no spam).

Barbara Lagerstrom

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Contact information for Club Officers and Committee Chairmen is posted in the Club and on the Club website:

www.wallingfordrodandgunclub.org

Sporting Clay Rules And Regulations

1. The Wallingford Rod & Gun Club sporting clays course is administered by the Sporting Clay Committee Chairperson(s) and is available for official club-sponsored meets, and for a "Trap Your Own" program involving trained members and guests. At all times, the use of the course will be carefully supervised by the sporting clays chairperson, co-chairperson, appointed Club Safety Official, or member who has been trained to safely operate the trap machines. An approved trapper list will be maintained by the sporting clays chairman and posted in the clubhouse at all times, and only members and guests whose names appear on the list will be allowed to operate the sporting clay trap machines. At no time will anyone else be allowed to operate these machines. Guests and the general public are not allowed to operate or be in the immediate vicinity of any trap machine while it is being operated, adjusted, or repaired. The sporting clays chairperson or delegated representative shall be the final authority on all matters concerning safety and course operation, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

2. Standard shooting safety procedures will be strictly followed at all times, including the wearing of approved protective shooting glasses by the shooters, and approved hearing protection by all persons in the immediate vicinity. Anyone failing to obey safety rules of the sporting clay course will be asked to leave by one of the Sporting Clay officials.

3. Only the use of shotguns is permitted. All shotguns are to be unloaded at all times, except for the current shooter in the shooting station. No more than two shells may be loaded at any time. At all other times, shotguns will be unloaded, with the action open, and the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.

4. Ammunition will be restricted to 12, 16, 20, 28 gauge or 410 caliber

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Sporting Clays



I would like to thank Ed Copperthite, Ed Copperthite JR., Mike Shewokis, Bill Bolstridge . For helping re design the sporting clay field . Chris Holcomb and Nick Rinaldi for building the lattice side to our shooting platform . Joe Conte for rebuilding all our automatic trap machine. George Bartlett for building a safety bar for our manual trap machine. and all the club members who help trap the sporting clays shoot.

Sunday April 13, Sporting clays shoot
Gross \$2,930.00
Expense \$1,097.00
profit \$ 1,833.00

Sunday April 27, sporting clays shoot
Gross \$ 2,332.00
Expense \$ 976.00
profit \$ 1,356.00

We need members to trap the sporting clays shoot sign up sheet are in the club house on the table. Remember free breakfast work 3 hours get credits for 6 hours. Thank you

Mike Falcigno
Sporting Clays Chairman.

TURKEY PIMENTO SOUP

1 cup wild turkey, cooked and finely chopped
3 cups turkey or chicken broth
6 tbsp. margarine
4 tsp. onion flakes
1/3 cup flour
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup light cream
1 sm. jar pimento, chopped
Salt
Pepper
Melt margarine in sauce pan and add onion. Blend in flour and stir in liquids. Cook over low heat stirring constantly until thickened. Add turkey, pimento and seasonings.

Cooks Corner



Got a favorite recipe you'd like to share? Send it to newsletter@wallingfordrodandgunclub.org

BARBECUED TROUT

Brush trout inside and out with lemon juice before refrigerating. This keeps fish fresh in appearance and aroma. Place fish in shallow pan; pour on marinade and let stand an hour. Use drained marinade for basting during barbecuing. Tuck a sprig or two of fresh herbs in cavity. Place on grill over bed of coals and barbecue until done, 10 to 15 minutes.
MARINADE:
1/2 c. soy sauce
1/2 c. cooking sherry
1 tbsp. lemon juice
1/4 c. vegetable oil
1 clove garlic, crushed
Measure into large jar. Shake well.

Passing

I wish to inform you of the passing of one of our club members to cancer in March. Jim Fleegal, a 3 yr.+ member succumbed to his battle and has hopefully found peace and better hunting. I would ask that the board ask for a moment of silence in Jim's honor at the May meeting. Jim joined with me several years ago and became an active member participating in Sporting Clay shoots as a trapper, actively using the pistol/rifle range, and became an NRA Instructor as a method to pass on his love of the shooting sports. Jim also regained his love for pheasant hunting through the Club and towards the end spoke of his hope that the club would continue to be a haven for those of us who love the outdoors as well as a place to expose newcomers to our sport. He will be missed.....

Classifieds

AMMO -200 rounds (8 boxes) 20ga. Winchester factory loads 2 3/4-2 1/2 dr.eq.- 7/8 oz. - 7 1/2 Shot. \$45.00 Plus 1 box 12 ga. Federal Premium BLACKCLOUD FS SREEL. 3 1/2, 1500 FPS. 1 1/2 ounce shot BBB shot. \$22.00. John 203-484-2999 after 5pm or jhnlo06475@comcast.net

RIFLE, Weatherby Vanguard .300 Weatherby Magnum. "Friends of the NRA" Limited Edition 1/300. Golden Buck and NRA logo on the shell plate. Bolt action. Fired 12 times, 3 for factory proof target and 9 times to sight in the scope. Scope is a Simmonds 8 X 9, 40 MM, Heavy duplex. Scope also has a Golden Buck to match the gun. Leupold QWR bases and rings. All boxes, Owners Manuals, Gun Lock, included. 2 boxes of Weatherby Premium ammo, Norma Brass, 31 unfired and 9 shells for reloading. \$675 Firm
Steve 203-952-7827

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shot shells with a maximum load of one and one-eighth (1 1/8) ounce of shot, and a maximum shot size of seven and one-half (7 1/2) and a maximum of 3 grams of powder.

5. No children under the age of twelve years are allowed on the sporting clays course at any time when the course is in use. Twelve to sixteen year old children of senior club members are allowed on the course when strictly supervised at all times by their parent or other qualified, trapper-authorized adult.

6. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are allowed on the sporting clays course when the course is in use, or when trap machines are being worked on.

7. Shooters and trappers are responsible for the disposal of all shell hulls, shell boxes, and other refuse in the refuse containers provided at each shooting station.

8. Users of the sporting clays course will remain on the designated pathways while walking between stations.

9. All sporting clay trap machines will remain under a locked protective cover at all times when the course or station is not in use. The covers shall be constructed in such a manner as to prevent unauthorized use or accidental discharge.

10. Members who bring non-member guests to use the course will assume full responsibility for the actions of their guests.

11. All guests must sign the sporting clays waiver form, and are expected to observe Wallingford Rod & Gun Club rules, regulations and policies. The member sponsor will be responsible for ensuring that the necessary waivers are on file, and that the guests follow all rules.

12. At no time is a guest or an un-trained member to take one of the trap machine keys from the clubhouse, and at no time is a guest to use the course

without a trained member present and in control.

13. During club run shoots there will be five shooters to a squad.

14. Starting on station 12 and going backwards are not allowed.

Trap Your Own Rules and Policies

Authorized members (members who have completed the sporting clays safety training course, and whose names appear on the official trapper list posted in the clubhouse) and their guests may use the sporting clays facility for “Trap Your Own” shooting based upon all of the Sporting Clay Rules and the following additional rules or policies. Every user of the “Trap Your Own” facility is responsible for reading and understanding these rules.

1. Authorized members and their guests must sign (register) in the sporting clays registration book on the table in the clubhouse before and after each use. After signing in and completing the necessary waivers, the responsible member may take one of the numbered keys (only one per group) for the trap cover locks. The member signing for the key is responsible for its return at the conclusion of shooting. Keys are not to be taken off club property at any time, and they are to be used only by the responsible member—not by guests.

2. The trap machine at each station used is to be covered and locked at the conclusion of shooting at that station, and before moving on to the next station. Also, unused clays shall be returned to the target box, and the box closed and latched. No machine is to be left in the cocked position.

3. Only the targets (clays) stored at a station shall be used at that station. If a station has no clays, that station is **NOT** to be used. Instead, move on to the next station. Stations will have no

targets if the trap machine has been found to be in disrepair, and in need of maintenance. Under no conditions are targets from one station to be brought to another station.

4. Do not adjust, move or attempt to repair trap machines, unless authorized to do so by the sporting clays chairperson. If you notice a problem with a machine or station, or you feel a dangerous condition exists, contact the chairman at your earliest convenience, or leave a note in the payment box with the date and a description of the, problem.

5. Shoot only the quantity of targets you pay for.

6. Return the key to its storage place at the conclusion of shooting, and place payment in the box marked for sporting clays—the black mailbox on the south wall inside the clubhouse (the wall nearest the club pond).

We are operating “Trap-Your-Own” on the honor system. Please follow the rules and enjoy your shooting

Elections

The June meeting will include the Annual Election of our Club Officers. The Nominations Committee and nominations from the floor during the May meeting have put forth the following slate:

President

Paul Uhlan, Sr
Jim Greenwood

Vice President

Bill Blotney
Tom Donlon

Recording Secretary

Rich Bennice

Membership Secretary

Sue Delely

Treasurer

Jack Krasko



New Building Dedication

The New Building was dedicated occurred on April 27th. Approximately 40 members attended. Ray Erickson won the rifle raffle. A great time was had by all.



Left: A nice 8 point Bill Brown took in Ct. opening day of rifle season last November.



Right. Bill Blotney begins Spring Turkey season with a nice double.

Bluebird Project



John and Bob Wolcheski organized the event. John Wolcheski gave a 15 min. talk about bluebirds with a questions and answers period to follow. All the junior members were very interested in the talk telling by all the questions they had. The participants were Mackenzie Wolcheski, Riley Wolcheski, Jacob Wolcheski, Ryan Wolcheski, Jake Landon, Meghan Landon, Taylor Tuscano, Morgan Tuscano, Matthew Tuscano. A special thank you to Junior and Mark Hacku for a superb breakfast that they served. Jake Landon donated his Bluebird house to the club that his father Jeff and he will be putting up shortly.

Transmission of the Lyme Disease Spirochete

By Louis A. Magnarelli
Department of Entomology

Lyme disease is the most prevalent tick-associated disease in the United States. Thousands of human cases are reported annually, mainly in northeastern and upper midwestern regions of the country. The blacklegged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*), formerly known as *Ixodes dammini* and sometimes referred to as the deer tick, is the most important species that transmits the bacterial (spirochete) disease agent.

The rise in deer populations over several decades in and near forests is correlated with substantial increases in blacklegged ticks and corresponding amplification of the disease organism in nature. Although deer are important hosts for adult blacklegged ticks, they do not serve to infect ticks. White-footed mice are considered the chief reservoirs for the Lyme disease agent. Larval and nymphal blacklegged ticks acquire the pathogen when they feed on these rodents and possibly other hosts, such as chipmunks and some birds. The disease organism can then be passed from larvae to nymphs to adults during the developmental process. There is occasional passage of the disease agent from infected females to larvae (via the eggs), but this form of pathogen transmission is not considered to be epidemiologically significant. The length of time that a nymphal or adult female tick is attached to a host is an important factor in pathogen transmission. The nymphal tick, which is about the size of

a poppy seed, is the most important stage for transmitting the disease organism. Most human infections are acquired during the months of May, June, and July when nymphs are most abundant. Not all ticks are infected. Depending on the site and other factors, infection rates are highly variable and usually range between 10% and 35%. After several hours of attachment, the tick begins to ingest blood. It is in this phase that the disease agent is transmitted to the host.



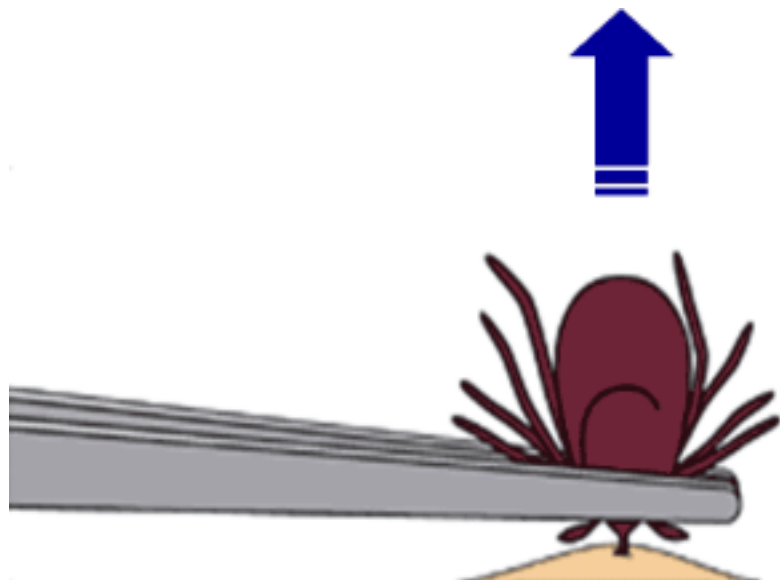
Blacklegged
(Deer) Tick

Several laboratory studies, using mice as experimental hosts, have shown that infected ticks need to be attached for more than 24 hours to effectively transmit the pathogen. The probability of transmission increases with the duration of attachment; maximal transmission usually occurs between 48 and 72 hours post attachment. In summary, an infected, flat (unengorged)

tick does not transmit the disease agent until host blood is ingested.

Early detection and prompt removal of attached ticks is of paramount importance in reducing risk of infection. A pair of tweezers or forceps can be used to grasp the tick's mouthparts at the skin surface. Gentle pulling or twisting of the tick with steady pressure will dislodge it. The area of attachment can be cleaned with an antiseptic or rubbing alcohol.

Tick removal: *Prompt removal of an attached tick will reduce the chance of Lyme disease infection. Use thin-tipped tweezers or forceps to grasp the tick as close to the skin surface as possible. Pull the tick straight upward with steady even pressure which should remove the tick with the mouth parts intact. If the mouth parts break off, it will not affect the chance of getting Lyme disease. Disinfect the area; a topical antibiotic may also be applied. Save the tick in a jar of alcohol or if a tick is to be tested for spirochetes, place it in a small vial or jar with a blade of grass to keep it alive. Note the site and date of the bite. Other methods of tick removal (e.g. petroleum jelly to suffocate the tick) are not effective. Use of heat from matches to make the tick back out or gasoline or other chemicals are unacceptable. Watch for signs and symptoms of Lyme disease.*





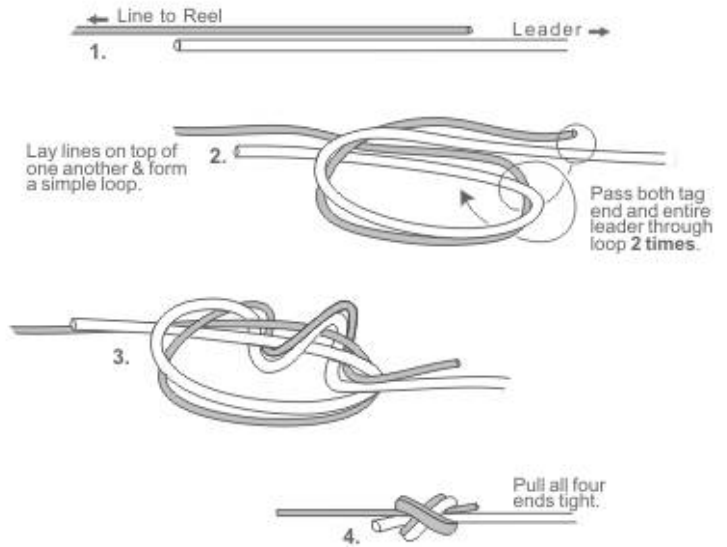
Kids Fishing Derby May 25, 2008

Make sure you sign up at the Club House prior to 9:00 am. A pancake breakfast will be served at 8:00 am. Lunch will be served at noon. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be supplied by the Club, donations of salads and desserts are needed. A bicycle for each winner of each age class for the biggest fish caught in their age category. There will be prizes for each child entered. We will be stocking 250 trout for the Derby.



SURGEON'S KNOT

One of the quickest and strongest knots for joining leader material to line with unequal diameters. Some people get confused when looking at drawings of this simple knot because the drawings do not show the full leader length. Just remember to pass the end of the line and the whole leader through the loop twice.



Word Search

BAIT	BASS	BOBBER	BROWN
CAST	FILET	FISHING	HOOK
LINE	LURE	POND	RAINBOW
REEL	ROD	SCALE	SINKER
TACKLE	TALE	TROUT	

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 12th

Don't forget to check us out on the web at
www.wallingfordrodandgunclub.org

KIDS FISHING DERBY

Registration is from 8:00 - 9:00
Be sure to register at the Club House
Derby Starts at 9:00 am

May 25, 2008

2008 Sporting Clays Schedule



June 8th
June 29th
July 13th
July 27th
August 10th
August 31st
September 7th
September 28th
October 12th
October 26th
November 9th
November 23rd
December 7th

*Trappers are needed
for all shoots!*

