

September 2008

VP's Message

Bill Blotney - Vice President

Welcome back to another year at WR&G Club. This becomes our busiest time of the year as far as everything that will be taking place at this time. By the time that you get this newsletter the annual fall outing will have taken place. Thanks to all the members that attended for your continued support. Many thanks go out to Mike Falcigno and John Wolcheski for putting this event together. Thanks also to all those who helped setting up on Saturday, and all those who helped on Sunday with the cooking and running back and forth to the kitchen. Also thanks to Bill Zemina, Brian Coane, Ray and Paul Garceau for the fine job they did with the selling of raffle tickets on that day.

On Saturday September 20th, John Wolcheski will be holding a hunter's safety course for those who will be in need of their hunting license for the first time. This course is filled but John has stated that if there is enough people who are interested he will hold another course in October. If you need to take this course you can call John at 203 265-2227 for any info you may need..

Back tags are on sale for those of you who will be hunting pheasants this year. Your dues must be paid before you may purchase a back tag. Shooting Preserve Chairman Al Douville will be at the club on Saturdays and Sundays for the selling of these back tags. He will also be at the clubhouse early on meeting night Thursday October 9, for the same purpose.

On the subject of birds, Bird Chairman Rich Meydag has announced that the club will be purchasing 1,900 pheasants this year. We will also be receiving an allocation of birds from the state for the permit required area. Rich will be taking delivery of 400 birds for the first couple of weeks of the season soon.

Fish Chairman John Stevens has plans to stock 400 trout October. The date of that stocking is printed in this newsletter.

Do not forget to keep Saturday night January 10th open. This is the night of our annual game dinner. For those new members who have not attended one of these dinners get your tickets early, they usually sell out fast. Chairman Ernie

Trowbridge will have tickets at the October meeting, and he has asked for game donations for this dinner.

On a closing note, any member who has photos or stories they would like to see included in this newsletter, you can either give them to myself or Tom Donlon at the meetings, or email them to the newsletter at the clubs' website.

Membership

Sue DeLelys - Membership Secretary

As you already know, the bills have gone out for the next year, finally. I apologize for the lateness in sending them out and offer the following explanation. And with your help, it will get straightened out once again.

I am a former Membership Secretary, however this was the most painful billing I have ever done. I'm sorry to say that there are numerous errors in the billing still...missing or extra juniors and spouses and probably some missing members too, both senior and life.

Some of you have received bills for junior members for work hours. That's because I do not have their birth dates. Once I have the birth date of the junior members on your bill, the work assessments will be deducted from your bills.

Some important reminders....

The work hours run from August 1 through July 31.

It is up to each member to fill out and have signed a slip for your work hours, even committee chairmen. It is not my job to remember who is a committee chairman and it is not up to me to go ask John if is someone did work for him. If you do not submit work hour slips, you will be charged until the slip is submitted...period.

Any member that is currently a full time student must fill out a student waiver form and have it documented by the school that they attend. A copy of a student ID or tuition bill is not acceptable proof.

Any member that is currently serving in the armed forces, let me first thank you for your service. You are eligible for a military waiver and I will need a copy of you orders.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Supreme Defiance: D.C. City Council Still Trying to Shred Second Amendment

Gregory D. Lee

After the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the District of Columbia's ban on firearms was unconstitutional, the City Council approved new firearms legislation that allows residents to apply for handgun permits. This is the normal course of business a governmental body takes when the Supreme Court determines whatever it was doing was unconstitutional. That is unless it's the D.C. City Council that's acting unconstitutional.

The Associated Press headline was "D.C. will accept gun-permit applications." But the real headline should have been, "D.C. defies Supreme Court ruling on handguns." That's because the City Council refuses to follow the ruling of the court concerning the lawful possession and use of handguns within its city limits.

The Court made it clear that the possession of a handgun for lawful purposes is constitutional - and a citizen's right is violated if the government requires him to dismantle the weapon. The new gun possession legislation the childish D.C. City Council unanimously passed does allow the possession of a handgun or other lawful weapon like a rifle or shotgun. But a condition of the permit to possess a weapon is that the firearm be kept unloaded, disassembled or equipped with a trigger lock unless there is a "reasonably perceived threat of immediate harm" in the home. One man's "reasonably perceived threat of immediate harm" is another man's capitulation. By virtue of FBI murder statistics showing D.C. is a literal shooting gallery, a reasonable man would perceive he is in constant threat of immediate harm while living there.

But I digress. The City Council is hell bent on defying the Supreme Court and doing whatever it can to deny its residents the constitutional right to own and possess a firearm in their abodes for self-protection. D.C. City Council member Phil Mendleson, who helped write the bill said, "This is not perfect legislation. The first step is what we have before us today so that we maintain important provisions in our gun registration law while we continue (to) look at how we can further refine our gun registration law."

Translation: We're going to stall, postpone and tweak this bill for as long as possible, and hopefully nobody will notice that we are defying the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the majority opinion of the Court, Justice Antonin Scalia wrote: "The handgun ban and the trigger-lock requirement (as applied to self-defense) violate the Second Amendment . . . Similarly, the requirement that any lawful firearm in the home be disassembled or bound by a trigger lock makes it impossible for citizens to use arms for the core lawful purpose of self-defense and is hence unconstitutional." What part of "unconstitutional" doesn't the D.C. City Council understand? Did anyone read the Court's opinion, or are they being openly defiant? Either way, it's about time the Congress spanked the City Council and took away its self-governance because it has once again proven itself incapable of self-rule.

While they were at it, the City Council prohibited the possession of a "machine gun." That sounds reasonable, but in typical D.C. fashion, the Council incorrectly defined what a machine gun is. The council defined a machine gun as a weapon that shoots at least 12 rounds without reloading. That's not a machine gun, that's a semi-automatic weapon with a high-capacity magazine. All they had to do was call the national headquarters of the NRA,

which is in their city, and someone there would have been glad to tell them exactly what a machine gun is. They might even show them one. But, like most liberals, they just make this stuff up as they go along. If I lived in the District of Columbia and was inclined to possess a firearm for home protection, I wouldn't be too concerned about abiding by the provisions of the city's permit mandating that I unload and dismantle my firearm. The U.S. Supreme Court has already decided those provisions of the permit are unconstitutional. So, it's a no brainer my conviction would be reversed on appeal. The City Council has actually written an ordinance that it knew beforehand was clearly unconstitutional. Only corrupt or dishonest politicians knowingly violate the U.S. Constitution, and then pat themselves on the back for making more trouble for the citizens whose rights they have violated.

I'd love to see U.S. marshals arrest the

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D.C. City Council members and bring them to the Supreme Court before Justice Scalia, who would remand them into custody and hold them in contempt until they authored a city ordinance that complied with the Constitution.

Well, I can dream, can't I?

Fishing



The fishing Derby was a big success! Kids and grown-ups all enjoyed the day. Food was served by our faithful kitchen crew led by Junior. Thanks to all that donated food and prizes for this special event. The winners of the bikes by age category:

1-5 Andrew Falcigno
with a 17 inch trout

6-9 Riley Wolcheski
with a 15 1/2" trout

10-14 Brandon Appi
with a 15 1/2" trout

One hundred and fifty fish were caught and the biggest was 17" See you and your kids next for a really funtime.

Membership at capacity

All Wallingford Rod & Gun Club members are reminded to have their dues in on time.

We currently have a waiting list of potential new members wishing to join our Club. These members can be voted in at the November meeting to fill any vacancies. So protect your membership and pay your dues TODAY!

The following notice is on all members bills:
"According to the Bylaws, all Dues and Assessments are due at the September meeting (9/11/08) and must be paid in full by the October meeting (10/9/08). Failure to make payment constitutes default and will result in forfeiture of your membership. Please pay your annual dues with either a check or a money order."

The Board of Directors wishes to see all members return for another year of the Great Outdoors at the Wallingford Rod & Gun Club.

Forums

Information sharing is one of the most important and enjoyable aspects of our sport. To this end we would like to begin a series of informal forums. These forums would be held at the club and would provide a means to share hunting and fishing techniques and tactics. We would like to begin with Deer Rifle/Shotgun, and based on interest would select a date prior to opening day. If you are interested in participating in this forum please contact Bill Blotney or Tom Donlon. Also, we are looking for suggestions on what other topics you would like to have included. Please contact us by the October meeting so we can plan and publish a date and time.

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Sporting Clays

Mike Falcigno, Ed Copperthite, and Joe Conte. Would like to thank all the club members who work the sporting clays shoots. *Reminder* : trappers are needed for all shoots, sign up early and often.

Sporting clay report June 8, 2008 thru September 7, 2008

June 8.	GROSS	\$1,960.00	NET PROFIT	\$1,195.00
June 29,	GROSS	\$2,367.00	NET PROFIT	\$1,590.33
July 13,	GROSS	\$2,318.00	NET PROFIT	\$1,434.00
July 27,	GROSS	\$1,855.00	NET PROFIT	\$1,075.56
Aug. 16	GROSS	\$2,841.00	NET PROFIT	\$1,819.22
Aug 31.	GROSS	\$2,639.00	NET PROFIT	\$1,607.00
Sept. 7.	GROSS	\$2,161.00	NET PROFIT	\$1,320.00
TOTAL GROSS		\$16,141.00	NET PROFIT	\$10,041.11

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JUST ONE CALL NO JOB TOO SMALL

'Take Care of Your Hunting Buddy'

As the 2008 Bird Hunting season quickly approaches, you maybe checking your firearms, training your dog or getting those last minute supplies together. We often over look the things we need most in an emergency.

Over the last 15 years or so I have assisted club members on 3 separate occasions with injuries to their hunting dogs. I was surprised each time that the hunter did not have even the most basic First Aid Supplies.

Having been an Emergency Medical Technician for 10 years before moving to Connecticut from Upstate New York, I saw many things that are hard to forget. Having the basic supplies on hand will help relieve pain, prevent permanent injury, and save damage to your clothes and vehicle.

Dogs love to hunt! In this excitement they will go into briars, jump rusty barb wire fences, run across fields with broken targets, etc..... They will take 4-5 times more steps than that of the hunter they accompany.

I carry a First Aid Kit in my Game Bag every year. Many times I was asked where I shot the square bird that's in my Game Bag. Three years ago I started using a large Freezer Bag to hold my kit. It fits better in your game bag because it will lay flat and take up no more than 2 inches in thickness.

Here is a list of the things in my First Aid kit.

- Styptic Powder (This needs to be purchased from a pet store)
- (4) 5X9 Compresses
- (6) 4X4 dressings
- 2 Rolls of "Kling" 3 or 4 inch is OK
- 1 roll of ¾ to 1 inch bandage tape
- 2 pairs of rubber gloves
- Tweezers (I purchased a compact pair from Outdoor World on RT322 in Southington, they are Stainless Steel and fold to fit on your key chain)
- Cheap First aid scissors
- My Veterinarian's Business Card with Emergency number.

All of the items above can be purchase at any Pharmacy, CVS, Walgreen's, etc.....

Here is a typical First Aid that you could end up giving to your dog:

If your dog has an injured Ear, it will bleed profusely. The dog will think it is water and shake his head to dry. This will get messy fast. Here is what I would do to treat the dog.

- * Unload any Firearms
 - * Calm the dog , put on a leash
 - * Have any dogs nearby kennel up or leave the area
 - * Ask for help if available, accept it if offered.
 - * Have the owner face the dog and try to calm. Hold the leash.
 - * Wear gloves as you will get bloody. (If the dog is aggressive, use the first aid tape or leash as a muzzle)
 - * Have your assistant rub the dog's ear with Styptic Powder, GENTLY!
 - * Hold the Ear to the dogs head and apply a 5X9 to stop bleeding. Wrap head with "Cling". Be careful not to cover the other ear or eyes as this could make the dog anxious or aggressive.
- GET THE DOG TO YOUR VET! CALL AHEAD!
- If possible, have someone drive you while you keep the dog calm. Keep slight pressure on the wound to slow/ prevent bleeding. If you have to kennel the dog be prepared to stop and check that he has not try to remove (scratch off) the bandage.

Another idea.

Carry water and do your best to keep them from drinking from puddles and streams. I use the milk containers from McDonalds. They are light weight plastic with a screw top and best of all free. Carry several depending on the size of your dog. On warm days freeze a couple and let them melt for cool, fresh water later in your hunt. 2 years ago my dog got into some bad water and his eyes and faced swelled up by the time we got home. After calling the Vet, they suggested a dose of Children's Benadryl. It worked and Remy was OK by the next morning

Best Wishes for an enjoyable and safe 2008 hunting season.

Steve Szypulski

Maintenance Building Committee

We're looking for your scrap 2 by material for the shelves in the new building.

Needed:

2X3 2X4 2X6
2X8 2X10 2X12's

for the shelving in the maintenance building,

LENGTH IS (35 1/2) inches

Please cut to length.

Pressure treated is preferred, but we will accept and non warped or rotted wood.

Please leave at the club on the pallet near our building.

Demo' ing a deck? We'll take all the 2 by material cut to length, save on a dumpster charge!!!!

Questions? Steve 203-952-7827

Doug 860-349-0711

Land & Wildlife Management

The Orchard, Club, and Malchovi's have been sprayed and trail cut around the Orchard. Additional Paths may be cut later.

We are in the process of posting all the properties. If you see any missing or damaged signs, please see Jim Shadish.

Classifieds

Dog Kennel - Wire - Large -21" Wide 27 1/2 High; 36 Long.Folds up and has a bottom tray. \$30 Firm
Steve 440-0288 (C) 203-952-7827

Deer Hunters! Freezer Wrap Station,
Freezer Paper Dispenser (\$29.99 Cabela's)
3/4 Roll of Freezer Paper (\$39.99 Cabela's) and Masking Tape Dispenser (\$15.00 Staples). Like new in boxes, All for \$55.00 (I paid the shipping!). Steve 203-952-7827

Shot -Two 25 Pound bags of number 9 lead shot. \$40.00 each or two for \$65.00 Firm . 25# Bags of number 6, copper coated shot. \$25.00 Steve 203-952-7827.



Fall Outing

2008



2008 Junior Hunter Training Days

Regulations adopted in December 2002 established designated days for youth hunting in Connecticut. On these days, licensed junior hunters may hunt when accompanied by a licensed adult hunter 18 years of age or older. The adult mentor may not carry a firearm. These training days will provide junior hunters with an opportunity to learn safe and effective hunting practices from experienced hunters.

PHEASANT - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008

Private Lands Only: Licensed junior hunters must have valid pheasant harvest tags. Harvest tags must be used except when hunting on lands of a registered private hunting club with a pheasant tagging exemption.

WATERFOWL - See *Migratory Bird Hunting Guide*

Participants must be 15 years of age or younger, possess a valid small game junior hunting license and a HIP permit and be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age. Adults must possess a valid hunting license; however, they are not allowed to carry a firearm. Ducks, geese, mergansers and coots may be hunted. Bag limits and shooting hours are the same as for the regular duck and goose hunting seasons.

DEER - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008

Private Land: Licensed junior hunter must have a valid private land shotgun/rifle deer permit and written consent from landowner. Adult mentor must have a valid private land deer permit and written consent from the landowner. Harvested deer must be brought to a deer check station.

State Land: Licensed junior hunter must have a state land shotgun deer permit for the specific area being hunted (Lottery or No-Lottery). Adult mentor must have a valid deer permit of any type. Harvested deer must be brought to a .

HIP- It's not just a Stamp

What is HIP?

The Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) is a method by which your state wildlife agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) are developing more reliable estimates of the number of all migratory birds harvested throughout the country. These estimates give biologists the information they need to make sound decisions concerning hunting seasons, bag limits, and population management.

*If you hunt ducks, coots, geese, brant, swans, doves, woodcock, rails, snipe, sandhill cranes, band-tailed pigeons, or gallinules, you are **REQUIRED** to participate in the HIP Program.*

How does HIP work?

HIP is based on a voluntary survey of selected migratory bird hunters in the United States. In simplest terms, the state wildlife agencies collect the name, address, and some additional information from each

migratory bird hunter in their state, and send that information to the Service. The Service then randomly selects a sample of those hunters and asks them to provide information on the kind and number of migratory birds they harvest during the hunting season. Those hunters' reports are then used to develop reliable estimates of the total harvest of all migratory birds throughout the country.

What does HIP require of hunters?

To comply with HIP, first you must identify yourself as a migratory bird hunter and provide your name, address, and date of birth at the time you purchase your license—something most hunters do already. You must do this in every state in which you hunt migratory game birds.

Second, you must have proof of your participation in HIP with you whenever you hunt migratory birds in that state. The state wildlife agency will provide you with a card, stamp, or other proof of participation when you sign up.

In addition, when you sign up for HIP, you will be asked to voluntarily answer several questions about your hunting experience during *last year's* season. Your answers to these questions are **not** used to compile harvest estimates, but are simply used *to identify what types of birds you usually hunt*. This allows the Service to mail its surveys to the appropriate hunters. For example, most surveys about dove harvest are sent to hunters who usually hunt doves, while most waterfowl harvest surveys are sent to hunters who usually hunt ducks and/or geese.

If your name is one of the few selected for the national harvest survey, you'll be asked to voluntarily complete a detailed survey about your harvest during *this year's* hunting season. You will receive a hunting record form and will be asked to keep a record of the number of migratory birds you harvest during the season. You will also be given an addressed, postage-paid envelope to return your hunting form at the end of the season. Responses from hunters who choose to participate will be kept strictly confidential and will not be used for any other purpose. As soon as the survey is completed, the Service will destroy all hunter names and address records. This survey provides the information used to develop nationwide harvest estimates. Basically, that's all that HIP requires.



*Members with Birthdays
in the month of
September*

FRANK ANTONUCCI
RICHARD BANTI
LARRY BREWER
STEPHEN BUTCHER
JOHN CHILLY
JOHN CLOW IV
NICHOLAS CONSIGLIO
MATTHEW DeBARBER
ANTHONY DELUCIA
BRIAN GARFIELD
JAMES GARFIELD
GIL KELLY
ADAM LAZOR
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PAUL RUFFONI
FRANCIS RUSSO
BILL SAHLMANN
JAMES SLIE
DAVID TIMOUR
MARK TORELLO
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Duncan Loop or Uni-Knot

Use to Tie fly to tippet. Creates a sliding loop that can be left open or tightened against hook eye. The open loop on this knot lets nymphs and other subsurface flies "swim" in the water and bass bugs pop better.



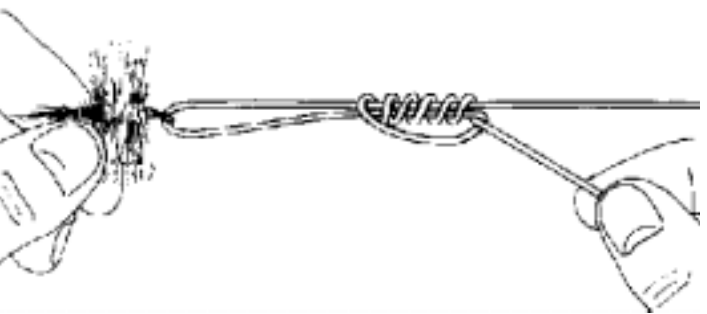
step 1:

Pass 6" to 8" of tag end of tippet through the eye of hook. Form a 1.5" diameter loop with tag end.



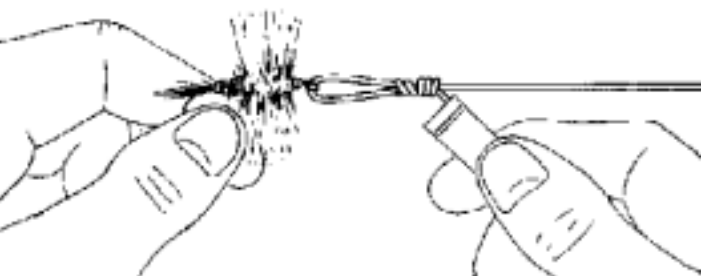
step 2:

Pass tag through and around loop and tippet five times, moving away from fly.



step 3:

Lubricate and tighten knot by pulling very tightly on tag end. The degree of tightening determines how knot slides on tippet for keeping loop open or sliding it closed. With heavy tippet materials (over.011"), grasp the tag end with pliers or hemostats and tighten the knot.



step 4:

Adjust loop between fly and knot as desired. Trim tag end.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 9th
Dinner - Cordon Blue

November 13th

December 11

Annual GAME DINNER

Tickets will be on sale soon.
Game and raffle prizes are needed.

January 10, 2009

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

2008

Sporting Clays Schedule

September 28th

October 12th & 26th

November 9th & 23rd

December 7th

Trappers are needed for all shoots!

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All the information
you need
when you want it

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