

September 2009

VP's Message

Michael Shewokis - Vice President

Hello all and welcome back to another year at the Wallingford Rod and Gun Club. This is my first newsletter as your Vice President, so with that let me take a moment to thank the outgoing officers – Paul Uhlan, Bill Blotney, Jack Krasco, Sue DeLelys, and Rich Bennice for their service to the Club. I would also like to thank Tom Donlon for his help with the newsletter past and present, Tom puts the whole thing together and makes us all look good. Since I am on the subject of good works, I would like to recognize Frank Downing, Ed Lagerstrom and Jim Libby for cutting and trimming the grass around the Club all summer, and Ed Copperthite who since retiring from ConnDot on July 1, has spent nearly every day at the Club working on one thing or another, Well Done.

With that said, lets get down to business. As I write this message, summer is fading fast, and hunting season is just around the corner. Back tags will be on sale for \$88 (adult) \$44 (junior) for those who wish to hunt on the Clubs property(s). Al Douville is usually around on Sat. and Sun. mornings as well as meeting night to sell back tags. Just a reminder, your dues must be paid in full in order to purchase a back tag. Season permits for Tyler Mill will be available to members, see Mike Falcigno.

There are many events happening at the Club in the next few months. For instance, there are several sporting clays shoots coming up which benefit the Bird and Fish funds, Ed Copperthite is always looking for trappers and safety officers, it's a great way to get you work hours done early. We have a sporting clay event to benefit the Blue Trail Range on Oct. 4, and help is needed with that. There is a UKC Hunt Test in the Orchard on Oct. 4 as well. On Oct. 11, Doug Dow and I are putting on a Chukar Challenge in the Orchard, details are on the website, it will be a good tune up for bird season. If you are looking to fulfill your work hour requirements, there are plenty of opportunities. One more item, There will be a new member orientation on Sunday Oct. 18, at 2pm at the clubhouse, new members must attend.

Attention Deer and Turkey Hunters New Regulations for the Tagging and Reporting of Harvest

The regulations concerning the tagging and reporting of deer and turkeys harvested by hunters have undergone significant changes. The new regulations are designed to make the purchase of deer and turkey permits more convenient for sportsmen, as well as save money on the printing and distribution of permits and tags and improve harvest monitoring methods. One of the most significant changes is that the DEP has done away with the Tyvek® tags that used to come with deer and turkey hunting permits. Instead, hunters are now required to use newly-designed Kill Tags to record information about deer or turkeys they harvest. Copies of the new Kill Tags are on page 37 of the 2009 Connecticut Hunting and Trapping Guide and are also available on the DEP website at www.ct.gov/dep/hunting.

When hunters harvest a deer or turkey, they must fill out a Kill Tag, sign it, and keep the Kill Tag with the animal until it is brought to a check station or is processed for consumption. When transporting a harvested deer or turkey, the tag does not have to be attached to the animal. Hunters can carry the completed, signed Kill Tag in their pocket so there is no chance of losing it. However, if the animal is left in the woods or at a vehicle, the Kill Tag must remain with the animal. In this instance, it is recommended that the Kill Tag be placed in a plastic bag and secured to the animal.

In 2009, the number of days that deer must be brought to a check station has changed. Only deer taken during the first four days of the shotgun/rifle season (November 18-21) must be brought to a check station. A listing of deer check stations is available on the DEP's website, at DEP offices, and at most licensing agents. At all other times, hunters are required to report their deer and turkey kills within 24 hours using one of two methods.

Kills can be reported on the DEP website

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Fish Report

It's September and the trout fishing should pick up. We lost a few due to hot weather, but the bass are biting really good. The next trout stocking will be on Thursday, November 12th. The pond will open Saturday November 14th at 7:00 a.m. We still have a tagged fish pool, your old cards are still good. Please see me if you want to join the fish pool. We will be tagging six fish, the first tagged fish brought to me will win the pool. There has been reports of a few 5 pounders being taken. Good Luck Fishing!

John Stevens Fish Chairman

Member Reps

Member representatives will be elected by the membership at the October meeting. We hope to see you there.

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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

Game Dinner Report

The tentative date for this years game dinner is going to be Sat. January 9, 2010. Tickets will more than likely be the same price as last year \$30/ea. We are looking for donations of Venison pheasants and fish, or any other game meat. The Game Dinner is a lot of work, and we are always looking for help, it is a great way to support the club and fulfill your work hour requirements. See Ernie Trowbridge for details.

Wallingford Rod & Gun Club Jackets

Black, 3 Season, Fleece lined jackets are available for order.

The prices are as follows:

Jacket with Pheasant logo on back, Same (smaller) logo on chest, sizes small to XL \$89.95

For 2XL and 3XL add \$ 3.00

4XL add \$ 4.00

Embroidered name on front \$ 3.85

As always 6% CT Sales Tax on total
Contact Jim Greenwood

203-269-0740 or 203-213-4735

jegreenwood@comcast.net

Orchard Committee Report

The Stocking/walking paths were mowed recently.

The dog training area were field trials are held will be groomed. Our orchard maintenance program has produced some great bird cover for this years hunting season. Thanks to all who helped maintain the orchard this past summer.

Jim Shadish

Wildlife and Habitat Report

All of the club fields are in good to excellent condition for the upcoming bird season. Pheasants should hold well. The club was able to obtain some fill to cover the dead zone in the west sporting clays field. Grading and seeding will be done when practical, probably in the spring. Some limited crossbow spraying has been done to control the Tic Treefoil vegetation, what's that you say? When you come out of the fields covered with those difficult to remove little green triangle shaped seeds, well that's the plant they came from. The cover in field 4 is acceptable and can now be used. The plan is to make that part of the Malchodie area. A new access foot trail has been cleared from the parking area down to the rock wall boundary line and south to the entrance to the Malchodie land. Birds can be liberated in both areas so hunters can spread out nicely. HUNT SAFELY AND PLEASE PICK UP YOUR EMPTY SHOTSHELLS AND THROW THEM IN THE TRASH. Your wildlife chairman, Walt Fell

Bird Committee Report:

We plan to stock 1800+/- pheasants this year on the properties that we hunt. We expect delivery of feed and miscellaneous items in October and the first bird delivery about 1 week before hunting season. We can always use help crating birds on Fridays during hunting season.

Rich Meydag Bird Chairman

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(www.ct.gov/dep/hunting) or by calling a toll free number (1-877-337-4868). Hunters are no longer required to mail in a kill report card. After reporting their kill via the internet or by telephone, hunters will be given a confirmation number to write on their Kill Tag. This confirmation number serves as proof that the kill was legally reported. Deer hunters in deer management zones 11 and 12 who take advantage of the Replacement Antlerless and Earn-a-Buck tag programs must complete this same tagging and reporting procedure prior to going to a check station that issues replacement tags. Hunters using Landowner Permits must also use the same tagging and reporting procedure. However, as in the past, they are not required to bring their deer to a check station.

Hunters with internet access may find that submitting their kill reports on the DEP website is easier than using the telephone reporting system. The telephone reporting system uses an automated attendant that prompts the user to answer a series of questions by pressing the appropriate numbered responses. On the website, hunters can answer questions by using convenient drop-down menus. Other advantages of using the internet to report is that hunters can review reports they have previously submitted and print out copies of these reports for their records.

Kill Tags and instructions on using the new reporting systems are on the DEP website (www.ct.gov/dep/hunting). The DEP recognizes that it may take time for some hunters to adapt to the new system, but hopefully they will soon benefit from its

convenience.

The DEP-Wildlife Division Connecticut DEP Hunting and Trapping Website: www.ct.gov/dep/hunting
Report Deer and Turkey Kills online: www.ct.gov/dep/hunting
Report Deer and Turkey Kills by telephone: 1-877-DEP-HUNT or 1-877-337-4868

Trap Report:

We have a new parking lot!!! Thanks to the hard work of Junior D'addio, Ed Copperthite and Doug Stender, there is ample parking at the Trap Range. We are open on Wed. evenings from 6pm-9pm and Sunday mornings from 9am-12pm. Members pay \$2.50/round and non-members pay \$3.50/round. Our new Trap machine is set up for standard trap, handicap trap, wobble trap and doubles trap. Members are allowed to use the trap field with hand traps during the week, just remember to sign out in the activity book in the clubhouse. Come on out and get tuned up for bird season.

Range Hours

Non-hunting hours.

9:00 AM to 1/2 hour before sunset.

During Hunting Season

Wed and Fri. Noon - 1/2 hr before sunset

Sun. 9:00am-1/2 hr before sunset

On Sporting Clay Shoots, range closed until the shoot is over usually 12noon or 1pm.

Please be sure to sign in before and out after using the range.

***Remember Safety First
Steel target are prohibited***

Humor

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head sadly and said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. The duck is dead," replied the vet.

"How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room.

He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room.

A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."



*Bob Boutieller
Steelhead Trout
Salmon River, Pulaski, NY*

*Nate Minegar
A Long Island Sound fishing charter onboard the
Widgeon out of Ragged Rock marina in Old
Saybrook*

Veterans Fishing Event at the Club



The Fall Outing 2009



Fishing with Bill

The Donlon brothers (Matt; Andrew; and Jake) were treated to a fishing trip on the sound with Bill Blotney. The trip was a huge success and fun for everyone on board.



DUCKS UNLIMITED SPORTING CLAYS FALL TUNE- UP

Sunday, October 11, 2009
Wallingford Rod and Gun Club
411 North Branford Road,
Wallingford, CT

Take this opportunity to improve your shooting prowess and help conserve wildlife habitat in the process. Includes 100 rounds of NSCA registered sporting clays, lunch, raffles and silent auction. Pre-registration required if you want to be assured of getting something to eat!

When: Sunday, October 11, 2009

8:00-9:00AM- Registration

9:30 AM- Shooting begins (squadded/shotgun start)

Lunch to Follow

Where: Wallingford Rod and Gun Club, 411 N. Branford Road, Wallingford, CT

Go to <http://www.wallingfordrodandgunclub.org/> for directions

Entry Fee: \$65.00 per person pre-registration, includes 100 rounds of NSCA registered sporting clays, lunch, and contribution to Ducks Unlimited

Prizes: High Overall, Runner-up, High Lady, High Greenwing, and 1st through 3rd in Classes based on number of entries. Lewis Class scoring.

Reservation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) ____ - _____ email: _____@_____

Please squad me with: 1 _____ 2 _____

3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Please register me for (____) Entries at \$65.00 each = _____ Total

Credit Card Number _____ Exp Date: _____

Mail entries with check or credit card to: Phil Barackman 42 Grand Place Newtown, CT 06470

For information call Craig Ferris at 203-426-2466 or e-mail cferris@ducks.org

KIDS CORNER

Tree of the Month

Sugar Maple

Acer saccharum



- Also known as Hard Maple or Rock Maple
- Historically used to make sleighs and sleds. The lumber was used to make furniture and bowling alleys.
- Lumber still used for furniture, but primarily used for firewood and maple syrup production
- Sugar Maple is found throughout Southeastern Canada, the Eastern US as far south as Tenn. And as far west as Iowa
- Easy to identify in the fall as its leaves become bright orange and yellow
- Did you know it takes 40 gallons of sap to produce 1 gallon of syrup.

What do you know about Rifles ?

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BOLT	CHAMBER	LEVERRECIEVER	TRIGGER
BORE	COMB	MAGAZINE	
BREECH	FIRING	MUZZLESCOPE	
BUTT	FOREARM	PIN SIGHTS	
CALIBER	GRIP	PUMP STOCK	

Junior Hunting Days for 2009

DEER - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 and SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009

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 tagged and reported.

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 tagged and reported.

CLUB INFO LINE

All the information you need when you want it

203 265-1012

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REMINDERS

- Private Land Permits for the Club Grounds and Orchard will be offered through a lottery at the November Membership Meeting, those wishing to obtain a permit should attend
- Wallingford Rod and Gun Club now has a Wi-Fi hotspot.
- Annual Dues must be paid in full by the October Membership meeting to be considered a member in good standing.
- The new year for work hours began on August 1, 2009, members must complete their work hours by July 31, 2010 in order to avoid being assessed for work hours.
- There will be a new member orientation on Sunday October 18, 2009 at 2pm. Meet at the clubhouse.
- Next Monthly Meeting is October 8th Dinner at 6pm- Meeting at 7:30pm

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Sporting Clays Schedule

October 4th
Blue Trails Benefit
October 11th
Ducks Unlimited Shoot
October 18th
October 25th
November 8th
November 22nd
December 6th

*Reminder: work hours are due by the
end of August and trappers are
needed for all shoots.*