



Hamilton/Wenham Rod & Gun Club



Newsletter – July 2014

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The Hamilton Wenham Rod and Gun Club meets the third Tuesday of each month.
The next meeting will be July 15, 7:30 PM @ the Hamilton Legion, 37 School St., Hamilton, MA
 Visit our website for club news and to see updates to the club calendar.

Club Website - www.hwrclub.org

2014 Club Calendar - <http://www.hwrclub.org/calendar/HWRG2014Calendar.pdf>

Inside This Issue

President's Message

Longtime member, hard worker and all around good guy Bob Violette will be undergoing knee surgery soon. He should be home by the time this newsletter gets out. Let's wish Bob a speedy recovery and remember him in our prayers.

John Durgin, another long time member recently passed away. I was notified by his grandson Jason Hodder of the sad news. Jason told me that he has fond memories of his Grandfather bringing him to our Club to learn to shoot and attending our Christmas parties. Sometimes we don't even know when we help to create good memories. Jason wrote a nice memorial to his Grampy which is included in this newsletter.

There will soon be a lot of activity at our Club. We hope that the Town of Hamilton will be soon delivering clean fill that will be used to improve the berms at the pistol and rifle ranges. The fill will be stored on the rifle range and in the parking lot. We will do everything we can to minimize further disruption to Club activities. This is work that is required to be done per our lease and the Town of Hamilton has promised to provide some of the fill to help us out.

Docks are in at the marina. Take advantage of the hard work of a few of our members who built and installed them. Fishing is great! Take a kid down and teach him or her to fish!

The Club picnic will be held on August 16th starting at noon. If you did not get an invitation please visit

our Club website and download one. Get it in to Bob Young before August 4th so we can plan for food! Sell your raffle tickets and get those back to Bob as soon as possible or by August 2nd; that is what helps to pay for the picnic!

Reminder to those who use the Shotgun Range: There are 2 large blue buckets chained to the side of the warming shed. These are for SHOTGUN HULLS ONLY!! We have arranged for the spent hulls to be recycled. This accomplishes a few things: one: the plastic and brass are reused and do not end up in a landfill, and two: You don't have to lug them out! So once again: Please put only spent shotgun hulls in the large blue buckets chained to the warming shed; DO NOT PUT TRASH in those buckets. Trash can be burned or taken out! Thank you for your attention to this reminder!!

I hope you all are enjoying the summer!

See you around the Club!

~ Bill Terry

Quote for the Month:

“The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.” ~ Plato

Video for the Month

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=WEPBQG u74oo&feature=player_embedded

General Membership Meeting Minutes June 17, 2014:

- Meeting came to order approximately 7:30 PM. In accordance with custom, the meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence to honor all our deceased members and for all our men and women serving in the armed services that have lost their lives or are still fighting for our freedom.
- Board members present were Paul Rullo, Bill Terry, and Bob Young. Attendance was logged in as 29. Please remember to sign in prior to the meeting.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Secretary Report:

- The Club has approximately 310 members.
- Motion made and accepted to approve meeting minutes from previous meeting as presented in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

- No Report

Range Officer Report:

- No Meeting Report

New Formats for Scheduling a Shoot and Class Room Instruction:

- With the rise in new gun owners and increasing club membership, the numbers of shoots and the demand for qualified instruction has increased. The demands on Club Classrooms and Ranges has created the need for a small amount of structure to ensure that members can plan to attend shoots and there is ample time for members to attend class.
- Listed below are the two request templates that we are asking our members to use.

Completed templates need to be returned to two places: 1). Kevin Street:

hwrgclub@gmail.com

2). Joseph Santarelli: Range-Off@hwrgclub.org

- 10 Days minimum advance notice is needed to approve post and publish the event to the club calendar and an email sent to the membership.
- Below are the two templates we are using to communicate the specifics to the Range Officer for approval.
- The following level of detail is needed for classroom instruction:

When: July 18th 2014; 11:00 AM to 2:00PM

What: NRA Basic Pistol Course

Where: Classroom Trailer or Martin Pond Yacht Club

Cost: Cost understanding that a percentage of the student enrollment fee goes back to the club.

- The following level of detail is needed for Scheduling a Shoot at the club:

When: July 18th 2014; 11:00 AM to 2:00PM

What: Ping Pong rifle shoot.....(designate rifle, pistol calibers)

Where: Brass Factory

Equipment: Weapon Type, Ammo Calibers

Special Instructions: Eye & Ear Protection, Ammo Certification

Cost: \$5.00

- All who pay get their names put into the "Brass Factory End of Year Raffle" held during the Club Christmas Party.

Range Construction Officer

- Upcoming (June) Work Party will include removal of tires at the pistol range, possibly start building another float for the pond, and lead collection.
- Plenty to do at the club, we look forward to seeing members at the July work party on July 19th.

Thanks,
Jim M.

Chief Instructor

- No meeting report

Call for New Members

- Two applications for membership were received, reviewed, and unanimously approved by general vote. The new members are:
 - Marianne Hoystradt of Manchester
 - Jim DePillo of Peabody

New / Old Business

- A state fishing license is not required to fish the club pond for members. Guests, however, are required to have a license.
- The Club has begun the annual raffle drive to be drawn at the summer cookout. In an effort to increase the number of raffles sold, the Club will give a free membership for next year to the person who sells the most raffle tickets. A minimum of \$500 must be sold by the top seller. Bob Young "is not eligible" for this promotion. Please get your sold stubs in by August 2nd!

Good of the Order

- The Club wants to do a fundraiser for the purchase of an ATV wheelchair to help a disabled veteran, hopefully in Massachusetts. The cost is \$15,000 per chair.
- Members are urged to contact their state legislators regarding the pending firearms regulations.
- One member urged the Club to consider the use of solar panels for power generation.
- Thank you to Keith Martin and John Mscisz for their work to prep the access road.
- There was a GOAL rally on June 18.
- Club shoots have been occurring at a good rate. Any volunteer who wants to run a shoot should contact Joe Santarelli.
- The **Annual Club Cookout** is scheduled for August 16th.
- **Raffle Tickets** for this Event have been distributed to the membership. At a minimum, please make every effort to sell the books that you have. The member selling the most raffle tickets will be eligible for a free Club Membership for calendar year 2015. A minimum of 50 books must be sold to qualify.

Environmental Stewardship:

- Liming of the ranges was completed.

Essex County League:

- No meeting report.

GOAL:

- A Statement By Jim Wallace on H. 4278

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gaObvi6NR0>

Newsletter

- **Newsletter Deadline:** The Tuesday 7 days before the monthly membership meeting.

News from the Hollow / 5 – Stand / Shotgun

- Sunday Morning Shoots at 10 AM are ongoing. The cost is \$4.00 for a round of 25 clays thrown from the 6 station course. Come on down and break some clays!
- Wednesday Afternoon Clay Shoots are being held. Each week I send an e-mail notice to the Dogs who have signed up for this informal notification. I do encourage an RSVP via “reply to all” regarding an individual’s intent to attend. This helps to avoid making a trip to the range only to find out that no one will be there. I’m willing to add anyone to this list so long as they are comfortable with receiving e-mail with their e-mail address visible. This allows the “reply to all” method to work. If you are interested contact me or hit reply to Kevin our newsletter editor and email distribution guy and you will be added to the list.

Stay Well!! ~ ED P

- Reminder: The blue barrels at the shotgun range are for expended shotgun shells only / not trash!
- Up Coming Shoots

RIVERS EDGE SPORTING CLAYS
CHAMPIONSHIP – NSCA SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14
Addieville East Farm
200 Pheasant Drive
Mapleville, RI 02839
Call for details: (401) 568-3185

News from the ~ The Pistol House / “the Brass Factory” & Rifle House

- The regular crew turned out to clang some steel on Sunday 6/29. We used the dueling tree to shoot a pistol version of the gauntlet. Eight, six shot strings of fire.... some timed, some not.....all with a prescribed procedure.

We also broke out the new twelve inch gong and placed it at 100 yards.....that new toy is plenty of fun. Mark S. took top dog honors with a total run time of 78.38 seconds, with Brian L. nipping at his heels with a time of 81.76 for the second spot.

- More shoots to come, look for occasional Friday night steel to be announced via e-mail. If there is enough interest we will run a lever action center fire rifle shoot with the new rifle steel.

We would like to increase the turn out. The Brass Factory is a welcoming environment. Shooters of all levels are encouraged to come on down and join in. If you are interested but don't own a pistol and don't know where to start, consider the Pistol Fundamentals class. Pistols and ammunition are provided for the class. Come on down to the Brass Factory and enjoy all of the clubs new toys!

- We had a good turnout for the 7/11 Friday night Ping Pong shoot. This was a low key event that was good for a pile of laughs and some great camaraderie. These targets are more fun each time we use them, and we are constantly coming up with new games to play with them.

Reactive steel targets are addictive, come down and check them out. If you have questions about them just ask Brian L. email: loebie@verizon.net

We would really like to see more members come out and shoot!

In Memory to John Durgin

To my Grampy,

John Lawrence Durgin, longtime resident of Danvers,

You broke the mold on October 28th, 1934, in Beverly, Mass. I hear you were a good, mischievous lad. Or good at being mischievous, I can't recall, but you did graduate from St. John's Parochial, so one can only assume, Sir.

I remember when you worked for Hunt Hospital in the boiler room. 3rd shift, too, cause you'd be sleeping 'til 11am, while I patiently watched your horror movie collection. Then we'd go for a ride around Danvers and Middleton where you'd point out where you had, many times, turned the fields, back when hot rods, sock hops, and soda jerks were the bee's knees, and you were married to your love, Jean Godzik (RIP Mammie! Huh?!). You'd tell me about the local leather shops and tanneries you worked at, and the river smell of the chemicals.

We would go to Mario's, Rocco's, or Sam and Joe's for grub & coffee. Then we'd go see a good bad movie, like Aliens or Haunted Honeymoon, and if I was really good, you'd take me to the Hamilton-Wenham Club range for silhouette shooting. I am sorry I put a hole in your jacket...but you did hand me a .38 snub nose revolver, and although you were a certified NRA instructor, an eagle-eyed pistolier, and taught me very well... man, that mule had a kick!

You taught me respect for nature and law enforcement...which is funny, considering what you said as we drove by the trooper on our camping trip up to Vermont. Oh, remember the waterfall and the bear in the cabin? Great times!

Then, we moved away, but I came back! Kinda. Not as much as you would've liked, I know. We'd have sometimes together here and there, and always you'd make sure I had walking money. We reconnected over Johnny Cash, crossword puzzles, sharp cars, and our intolerance for ignorance in the news. You told people I was Batman. I told them you were Alfred.

As my time gave way to work and life, (a horrible reason, Sir, I know) we met up sporadically enough for me to know how much of a good friend, caregiver, and probably a biblical saint, Julie McMahon was to you. I am thankful she was there for you, the many times I was not. I am sorry for her loss of a friend, truly.

These last years, we have stories of karaoke jams, junk cars, good times, hard times, bar friends (which is amazing, because you quit drinking decades ago), chats at Chuck's, late night Denny's after a Spike Emerson rock show, how bad cigarettes are, and how if you hadn't quit, you'd already be gone, black licorice, pistachios, root beer, fried clams, antique car shows that made us wish and drool, and your love and pride in supporting a brotherhood of A's & 8's Moto Riding Club.

Grampy, a bad boy in his late 70's, getting tattoos of dragons and howling wolves. Was way too cool to see you on your trike, except when you flipped it. Why would you scare all those people who love you? Senior Knieval.

Left behind to now laugh at memories, a daughter, Deborah Dodds, her husband Craig, Sr., grandchildren Craig, Jr., Beth, Jeannie, and Amanda, and 15 great-grandchildren, living in Texas. You rejoin your daughter Sharon Knuth, as she welcomed you into the arms of the hereafter, no doubt! RIP Mom! I miss you, I do. Her husband Dennis, grandchildren Joshua, and Angela, and 6 great-grandchildren, live in Virginia. A sister, Mary Learned, of Danvers, and predeceased by sisters Pat McNulty, and Barbara Chase. Many a local musician, coffee pourer, Officer of the Law, general rebel

without a cause, and all the extended family and kids that shared a moment with you.

I do wish for time. You were right. That's the cost of growing up.

Wish we could have one more Wednesday at the Car Show, one more day at the movies, one more ride around town listening to Cash, Hank, or CCR and you singing the hell out of any tune. I wish for one last cup of coffee.

I am glad you are at peace and finally pain-free.

Take a deep breath. Now go. You left us on Friday, the 13th of June, 2014. You comedian, you. You know I can appreciate it.

Thank you for being a teacher and a good buddy to many. Sorry us mortals don't know how to use our time showing love more often than not, these days.

I'll be seein' ya, you bet. God bless you and yours, and may all your Earthly heartache be replaced with Heavenly light. Now you're a star.

Love ya, Your grandson,

Jason

(The other Man In Black)

Classifieds – For Sale & Wanted

By publishing items For Sale or Wanted in this newsletter, the Club does not warranty, guarantee or endorse any sale that may result. Buyers must do their own due diligence.

- No Classifieds this month.