

Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation

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MARCH 8, 2010

President Don LaValley called a room full of guests, members and friends to order at 7:00pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

<i>Clubs</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Total</i>
Ancram Landowners	1	3
Austerlitz Club	0	1
Bucks Corners Hunt Club	1	3
Canaan Conservation Club	1	3
Canaan Rifle Club	1	3
Churchtown Rod & Gun Club	1	3
Columbia County Strutters	0	1
Columbia County Trappers	0	2
Columbia Green Friends of the NRA	1	3
Columbia Green Sportsmen	1	3
Columbia Green Trout Unlimited	1	3
Columbia Land Conservancy	0	1
Craryville Rod & Gun Club	0	1
Deer Run Lodge	0	2
Federation of Polish Sportsmen	1	3
Gallatin Rod & Gun Club	1	3
Germantown Sportsmen's Assoc.	1	3

Ghent Rod & Gun Club	1	3
Glencadia Rod & Gun Club	1	3
Hudson Basin River Watch	1	3
Hudson Fish & Game Club	1	3
Kalicoontie Rod & Gun Club	1	3
Kinderhook Sportsmen's Club	1	3
Lido's Game Farm	0	0
Martindale Buck Club	1	2
Old Chatham Hunt Club	1	2
Old Duck Hunters	1	3
Oxbow Rod & Gun Club	1	3
Philmont Rod & Gun Club	1	3
Roe Jan Creek Boat Club	1	3
Simply Dreddful Outfitting & Guide Service	1	3
Tri Village Rod & Gun Club	1	3
Total Clubs 32		
Total Attendance	25	

SECRETARY REPORT

Make sure your club gets in dues and registration form for 2010.

Harkowa scholarship applications were mailed to all schools in the county on March 1. If you would like an application for a graduating senior, please contact Kathy Burke/

CORRESPONDENCE

- NYSDEC Summer Camp info – contact Kathy if you need forms, or find them on the DEC website: www.dec.ny.gov
- Grassroots newsletter from NYSCC
- Wild rice order form – contact Don LaValley if your club would like to order any.
- NYS Outdoors newspaper
- Schoharie County Conservation Assoc. newsletter

TREASURER REPORT

Motion passed to accept Treasurer's report as read.

Budget item: Dave Carpenter invoice for building 24 woodduck boxes.

Bills: NYSRPA annual dues; Columbia County Chamber of Commerce annual dues; Columbia County Fair application; and one deer butchered by Mark Lee. Motion passed to pay all bills.

Donations for the Harkowa Scholarship Fund are always welcome!

REMINDER: 2010 Budget request forms: If you need a form for 2010, please contact Gail or Kathy.

GUESTS

Mike Miller

- Good attendance on Legislative Day in Albany – thanks to all who came! Good press coverage and reactions from Legislative Day. Too big to hold in Legislative Office Building, so next year will probably be held in the Convention Center.
- Greeting from AM Lopez & Molinaro
- Any suggestions to make Legislative Day better? Any other groups that should be included?
- Starting a newsletter – any info CCSF or member clubs wants included, please get info to Mike.

Jeff Cox

- Any ideas about fishing license, please get in touch with Jeff.
- No ECO Academy until 2012.
- Kinderhook Lake – looking for ways to get white perch numbers down.
- State Parks – some are currently included in state budget proposal for closing.
- Pistol License – County Sheriff's office now using live scan for fingerprinting. Goes very smoothly and is much quicker. Greenport Police and State Police also do fingerprinting, but it's not as quick because they don't do live scans.

Archery – Jim Bashford

Archery equipment that was ordered has been delivered.

Trapping

- Annual Dinner will be held on March 27, 6pm at the West Ghent Church. No charge for dinner, just request donations.
- Skin prices are pretty good right now. Bob Sheedy will be at the Bells Pond by the Happy Clown on March 27 at 1130am. Prices as of March 8 are as follows: Rats \$8.50; Coon \$15-16 for 32" and up; Otter \$40-45; Fox, Red \$14, Grey \$18; Coyote \$16 for good color fur; Bobcat \$50 top price; and Beaver \$30 for 65" and up.

Fish

- Trout should be ready for release by April 1. Fisheries have said this year's fish look good.
- Queechy Lake access road was resurfaced in gravel.
- Might be some type of amendment so you don't need both types of fishing licenses depending on what breed of fish you are going for – stay tuned for more info.
- Schodack Landing State Park – on the chopping block in this year's State Budget. May still be able to use the boat launch if the park is closed. More info to follow!

Watershed – Fran Martino

Forming a task force – if you are interested in joining please contact Fran Martino or Don LaValley.

Columbia Green Sportsmen

- Meeting and planning the 2010 banquet. Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of the month at Kozels. Contact a member for more info.
- 2010 grants are due April 1.

Friends of NRA – Tom Holleufer

- Meeting and planning the 2010 banquet. Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Hudson Fish & Game Club. Contact a member for more info.
- Grants process is online now (www.friendsoftheNRA.org) – very easy to complete. 2010 grant submission deadline is September 4.

Legislation – Rick Litton

- Chris Gibson, Kinderhook resident, is running for Congress against Scott Murphy.
- Lazio still plans to run for Governor as Republican.

Hunters for the Hungry

- 2010 conservation raffle – donations being accepted. Please get them in to Don LaValley.
- Motion was made at the last meeting to donate money and/or supplies to all of the local food pantries. Jim Bertram and Don Novak will contact the pantries to find out what their needs are. A list of the pantries CCSF deal with is attached FYI.
- Nuisance permits – who keeps track of them? Have any donations been made to HFH from these permits? Venison donations were very low this year.

Hunter Safety – Dave Newkirk

- April 17 & 18, 9am-4pm at the Kinderhook Sportsman's Club
- Hunter Safety Instructors needed - contact Dave for more info.
- Trapping Instructors needed – contact Dave for more info!
- CCSF guns are available for member clubs – hunter safety, youth events, turkey shoots, etc. Need to have a person responsible for maintenance and care of guns. Guns should be checked before they are returned – functioning, clean, etc.

Small Game

Only coyote open right now.

Big Game

- Lots of deer and turkey out.
- Overall, doe kills were up 4%, buck down slightly.
- Party permit takes were down.
- Bear take increased since last year. CCSF will write a letter of support to DEC about bear season on Columbia County.
- CCSF will write a letter of support to DEC for using crossbows in big game season.

Waterfowl

- Special snow goose season is March 11 thru April 15. There is a 15/day limit.
- Lots of geese around in this warmer weather. Starting to pair up and nest.
- Dove – Green County wants to start dove season in NYS.
- Motion was passed to support dove season in NYS. Ask your clubs to write local legislators asking for support.

Adopt-a-Trail – Darrin Zempko

- Greenport – north area needs work, lots of storm damage. Not many deer or coyote tracks.
- New properties added this year. If your club is interested in working any of the areas, get in touch with Darrin.

FWMA – Jim Bashford

- Paperwork for grant had to be submitted by March 22. Hope to hear back from that quickly.
- More grants from Pitman-Robertson monies might become available in the near future.
- Both CCSF tents will be at the Water Days being held at Columbia Green Community College.

Outdoor Expo

Hoosick Falls Central School District is hosting their 2nd Annual Outdoor Expo on March 26 & 27.

NEW BUSINESS

Clay shooting – would any clubs like to get together to purchase birds in bulk to help save money? Get in touch with Dave Newkirk or Tom Holleufer (225-0487 or campcroydon@yahoo.com) if interested.

Farm Bureau – Discussion of pending legislation (A1867 & S2247) that “Enacts the farmworkers fair labor practices act, granting collective bargaining rights, workers' compensation and unemployment benefits to farmworkers.” Motion made that CCSF will support the Farm Bureau’s position on this legislation.

Insurance – need to look into indemnity insurance for officers and insurance for CCSF firearms.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Festival being held at Columbia Green Community College on May 18. Looking for presenters – anyone interested, please contact Fran Martino for more info. There are 18 school districts, about 1,970 kids attending. All 4th and 5th graders. Volunteers are needed!

Adopt-an-Assemblyman – Tri Village Rod & Gun clubs is willing to host someone for a day.

www.columbiacountysportsmen.com is up and running – check it out! Contact Kathy Burke with any corrections, suggestions, pictures, info, whatever. Send any items of interest you would like posted!

Lots of clubs have not submitted info for the “members” page on the website – get your info in to Kathy Burke if you want it listed!

Motion to adjourn at 905pm.

GENERAL INFO

Tents available. Contact Bill Van Deusen 851-3181.

Next months meeting will be held on **Monday, APRIL 12, 2010** at the Federation of Polish Sportsmen club, beginning at 7:00pm.

Many thanks to the Federation of Polish Sportsmen for letting us hold meetings here once a month!

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Burke, Secretary

EVENTS & INFO

Ham Shoot – Sunday, March 28, Hudson Fish & Game Club, 9am-1pm.

Handgun License Safety Course: Contact Jim Bertram if you need to take the course 392-0281

Hunter Safety Instructor Course

If interested, contact Dave Newkirk 758-8343

If you will be teaching any Hunter Safety course and need materials – contact Dave! He'll need about a one week notice, but can usually get materials quicker than ordering them directly yourself.

To help save costs to the federation, I can e-mail the meeting minutes (plus all attachments) to anyone who is interested. Please let me know: kaburke2002@yahoo.com (I will respond to all requests, please put CCSF in subject so I don't automatically junk it. If you don't hear back from me, assume I did not receive your e-mail and try again!)

FOOD PANTRIES

Mellenville-Philmont - Shirley Mullens, 672-4913

New Lebanon - Peter Quinn, 766-6273

Chatham - Linda Pirrone, 392-5742

Salvation Army - JoAnn Coons or Lorraine Medina, 822-1602

Church of Holy Cross - Janet Lasher, 851-7577

Germantown Reformed Church - Arlene Liepshutz, 537-4269

Roe Jan Hillsdale Methodist Church - Lois Edelman, 325-5613

Ghent Food Pantry - Golda Combs, 392-4053

Valatie Presbyterian Church - Rev Stark Jones, 758-8642

Columbia Opportunities, 828-4611

Red Door Residence, 822-0090

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SPORTS

Rowe wins Philmont Sportsmen's Challenge

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PHILMONT — The Philmont Rod & Gun Club hosted its 5th Annual Sportsmen's Challenge on Feb. 12 — an event described in a release from the club as the outdoors "iron man" competition, involving aspects of hunting, shooting and fishing.

The day began with participants squirrel hunting for two hours on their own. All squirrels harvested are cooked and served at the club's annual wild game dinner later in the year. Next, each contestant shot a round of trap followed by target shooting on the club range with .22 rifles from 50 yards. An archery contest followed with participants shooting 10 arrows at targets located at various distances. Participants then ice fished for one hour at the club pond and the day concluded with a casting-for-accuracy contest.

Will Montague from Albany and club member Brian Johnson of Philmont finished the day with four squirrels each in the opening event. In the trap competition, club president David Siter and Dale Rowe both shot perfect 25s; Siter won the .22 competition with a score of 13 followed by Rowe with a 12; junior sportsman Jake Simmons won the archery round with a score of 13; Rowe won the ice fishing contest by catching a 4-inch sunfish and a 5-inch bass; and Doug Cropper and Simmons tied in the casting competition.

At the conclusion of the event Rowe won first place with a total score of 53. Montague and Johnson were tied with a score of 48 each, so to determine the second-place winner they shot a round of trap and Montague was victorious with Johnson taking the third-place trophy.

Other participants at the event included Castleton resident Bill Morgan, Chris Lastovicka, junior sportsmen Ben Simmons and Micah Weaver, and Claverack supervisor Robin Andrews. Also, chefs Joe Kenneally and Julie Veronezi served breakfast and lunch.

Please visit www.philmontrodguncub.com for more pictures from the Sportsmen's Challenge and to stay informed of future events.



Pictured are the top three finishers at the Philmont Rod & Gun Club's 5th Annual Sportsmen's Challenge; from left, Dale Rowe, first place; Will Montague, second; and Brian Johnson, third. (Contributed photo)

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Glencadia Rod and Gun Club

315 Newton Hook Rd (Cty 46) Stuyvesant, NY



30 TARGETS

6 CLASSES

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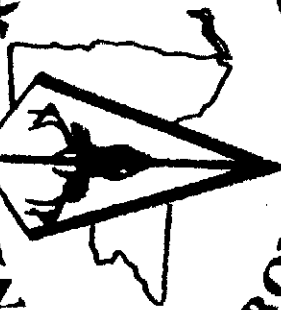
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