

Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation

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April 13, 2009

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	X	4
Austerlitz Club	O	1
Bucks Corners Hunt Club	X	4
Canaan Conservation Club	X	4
Canaan Rifle Club	X	4
Churchtown Rod & Gun Club	X	4
Columbia County Strutters	X	3
Columbia County Trappers	X	4
Columbia Green Friends of the NRA	X	4
Columbia Green Sportsmen	O	1
Columbia Green Trout Unlimited	X	4
Columbia Land Conservancy	O	1
Craryville Rod & Gun Club	X	3
Deer Run Lodge	X	3
Federation of Polish Sportsmen	X	4
Gallatin Rod & Gun Club	X	4
Germantown Sportsmen's Assoc.	X	4

Ghent Rod & Gun Club	X	4
Glencadia Rod & Gun Club	X	4
Hudson Fish & Game Club	X	4
Kalicoontie Rod & Gun Club	X	4
Kinderhook Sportsmen's Club	X	4
Lido's Game Farm	O	1
Martindale Buck Club	X	4
Old Chatham Hunt Club	X	4
Old Duck Hunters	X	4
Oxbow Rod & Gun Club	O	1
Philmont Rod & Gun Club	X	4
Roe Jan Creek Boat Club	X	4
Simply Dreddful Outfitting & Guide Service	X	3
Tri Village Rod & Gun Club	X	4
Total Clubs 31		
Total Attendance	26	

SECRETARY REPORT

A motion was made to accept the minutes of last months meeting & were approved as is.

TREASURERS REPORT

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept as read.

BILLS

- ✓ \$130 dues for Columbia County Chamber of Commerce
- ✓ \$105 fish release and expense

Motion made, seconded and passed to pay these bills.

Budget Items:

Glencadia Rod & Gun and Kinderhook Sportsmen's Club are each sending two (2) kids to Camp Colby.

REMINDER: Budget Voucher forms are due in to Gail Woods ASAP! Each club can receive up to \$350 from the County to be used for a variety of projects that your club may undertake in 2009. Be sure to send all receipts, bills, etc. or your voucher may not be processed. Contact Don LaValley or Gail Woods with any questions. If you need a form, please contact Gail or Kathy.

CORRESPONDENCE

GUESTS

Jeff Cox – Discussion of salt water fishing licenses at recent fisheries meeting. Salt water license will be for calendar year (Jan 1-Dec 31), not like regular license. Licenses – on the river will be broken down by species. Everyone will now need a license to fish on the river. Lifetime license holders will have to buy a salt water license, it will not be automatically included.

Dick Nelson – Thanks to Dick for the prize he donated to the Hunter for the Hungry raffle.

NYSRPA and SCOPE – promoting a “Sportsmans March” on April 29 in Albany – it will be Assembly Gun Bill Day. Very big anti-gun day, so try to get to Albany!

Sportsmans Caucus meeting with Assembly members to be held on the morning of the 29th. All clubs – try to get a representative there!

OATH OF OFFICE: Beth Cozzolino could not be present tonight, so the Oath of Office will be issued to all CCSF Officers at next month’s meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISH - John Leck

Roe Jan was recently stocked. Philmont, Claverack and Taconis will be stocked April 16. Queechy Lake will be stocked April 23.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL – Darrin Zempko

No one from the Land Conservancy has attending a meeting since January. Darrin has not been able to set up a meeting with them yet.

Reminder: County landfill will accept free any garbage picked up from around ponds, trails, etc. (up to 2 tons).

SMALL GAME – Darrin Zempko

Turkey season starts soon – make sure you’re ready!

Remember, this is a good time of year to get to know landowners for permission to hunt on their lands.

HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY – Don LaValley

Couple of clubs looking for freezers. Contact Don LaValley if you find any freezer below \$300. Chest freezers can hold quite a bit – about 8 deer.

Raffle: starting to ask for prizes from clubs, businesses, etc. Get in touch with Don LaValley if you have a donation.

Would like to get raffle tickets printed by June meeting – get donations in ASAP so they can be listed on the tickets.

Local farms & nuisance permits: try to get them to donate the meat to the Hunters for the Hungry.

Brochures need to be made. Get in touch with Don LaValley if you know of any new butchers.

Lido’s Game Farm – will donate pheasants to the program. CCSF pays \$2/bird to clean birds. If you’d like to volunteer your feather-picking skills, please get in touch with Don LaValley.

FWMA – Jim Bashford

Meeting minutes received by Don LaValley.

Jim Bertram and Jim Bashford went to last meeting in March. April 22 is next meeting. Any topics to be brought up? They will bring up proposed fishing license increases, and (lack of) accountability of NYSDEC funds.

Motion: CCSF does not support 30% license fee increase without more accountability, and more equality in budget between administrative fee and program fees. Seconded and passed.

NYSCC – Don LaValley

Little support from NYSCC re: proposed license fee increase.

LEGISLATION – waiting outcome of Tedisco/Murphy special election for Congress (as of typing these minutes – Murphy was declared winner on April 24, 2009.)

WATERFOWL – This years’ season will be October 10-18 (ducks) and November 7 – December 27 (ducks). Youth duck dates are September 19 & 20.

Federal duck stamp – Proposed stamp cost increase in 2010 to \$25 (up from current price of \$15).

Wild rice should be available at the next meeting.

ARCHERY

Anyone interested in chairing Archery get in touch with Don LaValley.

Still trying to change bow season to October 1 – will hurt rifle hunters, deer will all be spooked.

Check with your clubs to get opinion on date change and on shorter season for rifle and bow. Report back next meeting.

FIREARMS - Dave Newkirk

New cleaning kits were purchased for guns.

Trying to identify which are County guns and which were bought by NRA grants. Contact Dave if you need guns for Hunter Safety, turkey shoots, etc.

GENERAL INFO

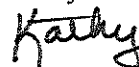
Skip Harkowa Scholarship Applications we mailed to all high school in the county on March 12. Completed applications are due in to Kathy Burke no later than May 4. If you’d like a copy of the application, please contact me.

Tents available. Contact Bill Van Deusen 851-3181.

Next months meeting will be held on **Monday, May11, 2009 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! Meeting adjourned 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Burke, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO

Fishing Derby – May 2, Ghent Rod & Gun Club - 6am breakfast, 7-11am fishing.

Boat Safety Class – Roe Jan Creek Boat Club, Sat. May 2, 9am-1pm and Sun. May 3 1pm-5pm
– must attend both sessions.

Fishing Derby – Tri-Village Rod & Gun Club – May 9 at 10am

Smallbore Rifle Match – May 16, Outdoor English prone at Kinderhook Sportsmens Club.
Contact Peter Burke 392-3021 for details and relay times.

19th Annual Country BBQ – Columbia Land Conservancy, Location TBD – May 24, 4:30pm

Youth Day – Tri-Village Rod & Gun Club – June 13, 10am-2pm

3-D Bow Shoots – Glencadia Rod & Gun – Apr 19, Jul 12, Aug 9, Sept 13 – 799-3006 for info

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!)

CLAMBAKE

Sunday 12 July 2009

Sponsored by The Federation of Polish Sportsmen Club

Grounds Open 1-7 PM

Music 2-6PM

Menu:

1-4PM Raw Clams, Clam Chowder, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers
Hamburgers, Sausage & Pepper Patties

4:30PM: Chicken Dinner (1/2 Chicken, Baked
Potato, Corn, Dinner Rolls & Butter), 18 Steamers.
24 Additional Steamers after everyone is served.

Domestic Draft Beer & Soda included in price.
Cash Bar Available

300 Tickets

\$45.00

Tickets available through: Clayton Clark, Jim Ban, Steve
Hook, Jack Konderwich & Ned Kisselbrack



March 23, 2009

Dear NWTF Member:

The Columbia County Strutters Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will be hosting our annual Banquet on Sat., May 9th at the Churchtown Firehouse located on 2219 County Rte 27 in Churchtown, NY. Ticket prices for the various categories are listed on the enclosed ticket order form. Doors will open at 5:00 PM and dinner is at 6:30PM. We expect to conclude around 10:00PM.

The NWTF Hunting Heritage Banquets reflect our Mission Statement: The Conservation of the Wild Turkey and The Preservation of the Hunting Tradition. Money's raised at these banquets help support wild turkey habitat in our area and across the state, along with the JAKES, Women-in-the-Outdoors, and Wheelin' Sportsman's outreach programs.

We are always looking to improve our banquet and we expect this year's to be our best ever. For example we have great firearms and some new raffles that are sure to be a big hit. The NWTF has also worked hard to have some impressive merchandise for 2009. We have great art prints but have cut back on them a bit and have added more home furnishing items.

Other notable merchandise includes:

- **2009 Gun of the Year! A Winchester Super X3 12 gauge auto loading shotgun.**
- **Thomas Kinkade is back with "Victorian Autumn" If you liked last years print you will love this year. Kinkade is known as "The Painter of Light."**
- **Four resin sculptures of whitetail deer, elk, and 2 gobblers.**
- **Deer Antler Glass Top Coffee Table, 1989-2009 NWTF Stamp Frame, NWTF Fire Pit, a Writing Desk, the NWTF Knife of the Year, and lots more.**
- **Artwork by top artists such as: Bruce Miller, Terry Redlin, Art LaMay, Tom Mansanarez, Greg Alexander Pat Pauley, Jack Paluh, Christopher Waldem and Melissa Ball.**

The agenda includes various raffle items including 7 firearms along with a verbal and silent auction.

To receive your banquet tickets, please fill out the enclosed ticket order form and return to the address listed.

For further information call Dan Tompkins, President at 518-329-6651 (home) or 518-755-1174 (cell). Hope to see you at the banquet!

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Tompkins

**PS: This is the only mailing you will receive –
Don't lose this invitation!!!**



May 9, 2009

Doors open at 5:00 PM **** Dinner at 6:30 PM

Banquet Ticket Application

Name _____ E-Mail _____ Check if New Member _____

Address _____ Current Member ____ Member # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Regular Members

_____ \$ 50 Single (Includes dinner and membership)

_____ \$ 70 Couple (Includes two dinners and one membership)

_____ \$ 20 Meal Only (I am a current NWTF member – member # _____)

_____ \$ 30 Membership Renewal Only (I can't attend, please renew my membership)

_____ \$ 25 Jakes Membership (Includes dinner and membership)

****Early Bird Special***

_____ \$ 130 includes NWTF hat, knife, membership, meal, \$200 in Sportsman Raffle tickets and subscription to Turkey Call magazine.

Sponsor Members

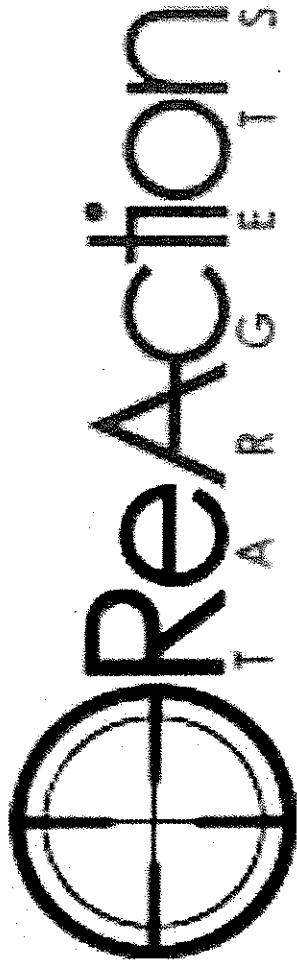
_____ \$255 Includes one dinner, Sponsor membership, Sponsors-only NWTF Knife/sheath, Cap, Camo 3 LED flashlight, \$300 in Sportsman Raffle tickets, and 1 chance at Sponsors-only gun drawing.

Make checks payable to Columbia County Strutters Chapter, NWTF and mail to:

Daniel L. Tompkins

P.O. Box 126

Copake Falls, NY 12517



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4-H Shooting Sports

Learn By Doing

2009 Columbia County 4-H Shooting Sports Education Program Schedule

Course	Instructor	Date	Time	Place
NRA Air Rifle Marksmanship	Peter Burke	Aug 4	6-9PM	Kinderhook Sportsmen's Club Fowler Lake Road Ghent, NY
		Aug 6	6-9PM	
		Aug 8	9AM-3PM	
NRA .22 Rifle Marksmanship**	Peter Burke	Aug 11	6-9PM	Kinderhook Sportmen's Club Fowler Lake Road Ghent, NY
	Kathy Burke	Aug 13	6-9PM	
		Aug 15	9AM-3PM	
NRA Shotgun Marksmanship**	Peter Burke	Aug 18	6-9 PM	Kinderhook Sportmen's Club Fowler Lake Road Ghent, NY
	Terry Toomey	Aug 20	6-9 PM	
		Aug 22	9AM-3PM	

**Must attend all sessions to receive NRA certification and awards

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

.22 Rifle Marksmanship—Basic marksmanship development is the goal of this course. Some classroom instruction is included, but most of the 12 hours is spent on the rifle range. Students earn NRA certificates and medals for their efforts. All ammunition and targets are included in the course fee. Rifles are provided.

Air Rifle Marksmanship—This beginner course is open to those 11 and up. Air rifles and ammunition are provided.

Shotgun Marksmanship—Basic skill development and marksmanship are the goals of this course. Most of the 12 hours are spent on the trap range. An NRA certificate and Brassards will be issued for the level of achievement attained. All shotguns, ammunition, and pigeons will be provided.

PLEASE NOTE: Participants must be a minimum of 12-years-old (11 for Air Rifle). **DUE TO NEW INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**, parents are not allowed on the range during classes.

2009 Columbia County 4-H Shooting Sports Education Program Registration Form—DEADLINE July 30

Name (Youth) _____ Date of Birth _____

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Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____ NRA Rifle Marksmanship (\$15.00 per person) _____ NRA Air Rifle (\$15.00 per person)

_____ NRA Shotgun Marksmanship (\$15.00 per person)

To enroll, return this registration form with your check (payable to CCE of Columbia County) to: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia County, 479 Route 66, Hudson, NY 12534.