

Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation

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MAY 11, 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	5
Austerlitz Club	X	2
Bucks Corners Hunt Club	X	5
Canaan Conservation Club	X	5
Canaan Rifle Club	X	5
Churchtown Rod & Gun Club	X	5
Columbia County Strutters	X	4
Columbia County Trappers	X	5
Columbia Green Friends of the NRA	X	5
Columbia Green Sportsmen	O	1
Columbia Green Trout Unlimited	X	5
Columbia Land Conservancy	X	2
Craryville Rod & Gun Club	O	3
Deer Run Lodge	X	4
Federation of Polish Sportsmen	X	5
Gallatin Rod & Gun Club	X	5
Germantown Sportsmen's Assoc.	X	5

Ghent Rod & Gun Club	X	5
Glencadia Rod & Gun Club	X	5
Hudson Fish & Game Club	X	5
Kalicoontie Rod & Gun Club	X	5
Kinderhook Sportsmen's Club	X	5
Lido's Game Farm	O	1
Martindale Buck Club	X	5
Old Chatham Hunt Club	X	5
Old Duck Hunters	X	5
Oxbow Rod & Gun Club	O	1
Philmont Rod & Gun Club	X	5
Roe Jan Creek Boat Club	X	5
Simply Dreddful Outfitting & Guide Service	O	3
Tri Village Rod & Gun Club	X	5
Total Clubs 31		
Total Attendance	26	

SECRETARY REPORT

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Assemblyman Marc Molinaro is holding his annual Golf Clasic on June 26, contact his office for more info.
- Alan Madison has Hunter Safety DVD's for sale
- Columbia Land Conservancy is having their annual fund raising dinner on May 24 from 430-8pm. Tickets are \$70/adult. Motion was made and passed for CCSF to send two people to the CLC dinner.

TREASURERS REPORT

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept as read.

BILLS

- ✓ Alan Madison, 8-pack hunter safety videos
- ✓ Fish – mileage for John Leck, releases.

Motion made, seconded and passed to pay these bills.

Budget Items:

Canaan Rifle Club sending two (2) kids to Camp Colby.
Ghent Sportsmen Club sending 3 kids to camp. Motion was made and passed to pay for one extra kid for Ghent.

REMINDER: Budget request 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.

Correction Officers donated \$100 to HFH raffle as a prize and have asked CCSF to sponsor a hole for their golf tournament. Motion was made and passed to sponsor a hole for \$75. CCSF name will be put on a hole flag.

GUESTS

Sheriff David Harrison – spoke of issues relating to pistol courses – what is and what is not allowed. Students are NOT allowed to handle handguns while taking the required safety course.

Sheriff Harrison urged all CCSF members to contact local state and federal legislators re: gun bills. Senator Betty Little has introduced a bill in the State Senate that will allow students to use handguns while taking the required safety course – more detailed info follows. County demographics are changing – sportsmen need to become more active and more vocal to get support for pro-sportsman issues.

Motion was made and passed to endorse Sheriff David Harrison in his bid for re-election this fall.

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

OATH OF OFFICE: was issued by Sheriff David Harrison.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISH - John Leck

Lots of stocking done this year – brown and rainbow trout were released. All releases have been done, but John will get notice out if more are needed.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL – Darrin Zempko

CSX recently reported a fire in the trail area, but it was never found. Open Space Institute is trying to get insurance money to repair some of the trails.

Call Tony at CLC if you would like to get your land included in the adopt-a-trail program – 392-5252.

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

SMALL GAME – Darrin Zempko

Some turkeys around – hunters having good luck so far.

BIG GAME – Bob Bartholomew

Lots of bear roaming around northern part of the county. Heard one bear and one moose have been killed in car accidents this spring.

CCSF should comment on three-antler restriction, Farmers don't have restrictions on their nuisance permits, why should regular hunters?

HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY – Don LaValley

Thanks to Ron Banks for the \$250 donation as dispensation to CCSF from one of his recent court cases.

Have no meat left to give local pantries. No word received from local farmers to get the meat from their nuisance tags. Ask farmers in your area to donate their meat to this program rather than just disposing of carcasses.

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.

Have over 60 prizes for this year's raffle – tickets will be printed soon and should be available at the June meeting.

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

At the last FWMA meeting:

Hoosick Falls High School held an Outdoor Expo in March. Brochure was passed around for all in attendance to see. Very impressive – trade show with vendors and activities for all. Some for CCSF to consider doing. More discussion to follow.

July 1- NYSDEC loses 250 jobs in all divisions. All losses are full-time employees, not seasonal workers.

Saratoga Tree Nursery, the last state run tree nursery, will be closing on June 30.

NYSDEC Commissioner Pete Grannis attended this meeting.

Antler restriction – need 67% in favor in order to make any changes.

Habitat Stamp – trying to get school-aged children involved in this program.

Harold Palmer - \$2 of each small game license will be put towards a pheasant program.

State Senator DelMonte has proposed a 12-year-old junior archery license.

Discussion of "Assault weapon" bill. This will include any caliber with a clip that holds more than five rounds.

Deer testing in this area was all good – no TB found on any wild deer.

Coyote tagged in Schoharie County was caught in mid-Pennsylvania.

October 1 opening for archery season? Motion was made and passed to oppose the Oct. 1 season opener.

Patricia Rettinger, NYSDEC Wildlife Manager – NYSDEC will be giving each region up to \$5,000 for use towards a project in their area. Patty is a big fan of removing invasive species and improving habitats. A few ideas were discussed. Get a specific idea from your club – including details, costs, etc. – submit written proposals to Jim Bashford at the June CCSF meeting.

LEGISLATION – see attached info!

This was discussed at length! Hardly any support from Columbia County at the recent sportsman's day in Albany. Patsy from Shooters in Valatie even arranged to have a bus available to transport people – only 5 people took the bus! Green County managed to get a good turnout. We MUST do better next year!

WATERFOWL

Wild rice is available – let Don LaValley know if you want any.

Discussion of using the goose/airplane problem to help have longer goose hunting seasons and/or an increase in bag limits.

2008/2009 stamp is good until June 30. Will need new stamps for the special season starting in September. Info will be out some time in August.

Stamp prices are up this year – watch for the increase.

ARCHERY – Mike Pitcher

Thanks to Mike for agreeing to begin an archery committee! Will get going soon and hopes to have something to report at the next meeting.

TURKEY – Banquet was held. About 140 people attended. Good time was had by all!

HUNTER SAFETY – Dave Newkirk

Went to the annual educator’s meeting recently – was told that supplies will be limited this year.

Instructor refresher course will ne held June 15, 630-1030pm at the Tri-Village Rod & Gun Club. Contact Dave for more info – 758-8343.

If anyone would like to become a Hunter Safety Instructor, please contact Dave.

NEW BUSINESS

Vince DuBois asked if CCSF could start a website? Kathy Burke will research this and report back at the next meeting.

The Officers and Board of Directors picked a winner for this year’s Skip Harkowa Scholarship. There were three applicants total. The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash scholarship. A motion was made and passed to give each runner-up \$50 cash as thanks for applying. Notice will be sent to the applicants and the schools. The winner will be invited to the July meeting.

GENERAL INFO

Tents available. Contact Bill Van Deusen 851-3181.

Next months meeting will be held on **Monday, JUNE 8, 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 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Burke, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO

Fishing Derby – June 6, Philmont Rod & Gun, Registration from 7am to 8am. Fish from 8am to 10am. Lunch from 10:30 am through award ceremony, over by 11:30.

Game dinner - June 13th, Philmont Rod & Gun Club, Tickets call David Siter 518-672-5117
Cost \$20.00 doors open @ 5pm Dinner @ 6pm Only 100 tickets to be sold

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

Refresher Course for Gun, Bow and Trapping Instructors – Tri-Village Rod & Gun Club, June 16; 630pm-1030pm. Call Dave Newkirk for info 758-8343.

Steak Roast – June 21, Roe-Jan Creek Boat Club, open 1pm, serve 3pm \$12 adults/\$6 kids. For info call Barbara 828-7173.

Marc Molinaro Golf Tournamen – Red Hook Golf Club, June 26, 2009. Contact lucy@crawfordandassociates.com or call 828-2700 x 100.

3-D Bow Shoots – Glencadia Rod & Gun –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!)



4-H Shooting Sports Education Program

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

**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.

*** * * LEGISLATIVE ALERT * * ***

As we discussed at the last CCSF meeting – here is the contact info for the two Senators that Senator Saland said may vote in our favor. They are:

Darrel Aubertine 455-2761 aubertin@senate.state.ny.us (He serves Jefferson, Oswego and St. Lawrence counties - if you know anyone in those areas, please pass this along!)
- and -

David Valesky 455-2838 valesky@senate.state.ny.us (He serves in Cayuga, Madison, Oneida and Onondaga counties - if you know anyone in that area, please pass this along!)

Please take the time to contact them to let them know you are **AGAINST** all anti-gun legislation. In particular:

A801 and S1598 - 5 year renewals on pistol licenses

A1093 and S1715 - liability insurance for dealers who sell a firearm that is used in the commission of a crime

A1326 and S5228 - outlaws handguns "capable" of being fired by a child under 5

A2881 and S2379 - would ban frangible ammunition

A2882 - would expand the ballistic imaging program (no Senate companion bill yet)

A3076 and S5489 - would institute a training requirement for issuance of a pistol license

A3211 and S4752 - would outlaw .50-caliber firearms

A5844 and S3098 - would require mandatory storage of firearms

A6157 - would expand the so-called "assault weapons" (no Senate companion bill yet)

A6468 and S4397 - would ban the sale of all semi-automatic handguns not equipped with so-called micro-stamping technology

All of these bills have been sent to the Codes Committee awaiting further review. Legislators usually try to clear things out of committees the last couple weeks of session. This session is scheduled to end on June 22 – please contact your local legislators before then!

You can also contact our local legislators:

Senator Stephen Saland 455-2411 saland@senate.state.ny.us

Assemblyman Tim Gordon 455-5777 gordont@assembly.state.ny.us

Assemblyman Peter Lopez 455-5363 lopezp@assembly.state.ny.us

Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro 455-5177 molinam@assembly.state.ny.us

If you need any other contact info or want the full text on any of these bills, please let me know. Please pass this along to all your club members, and others who are pro-2nd Amendment.

This is the info on the bill that Senator Little introduced regarding the handling of a handgun during the required safety course. There is no companion bill in the Assembly - please get in touch with local legislators to urge them for support.

S282 LITTLE No Same as
ON FILE: 01/07/09 Penal Law
TITLE....Authorizes an applicant for a pistol or revolver license to possess such while attending a pre-license firearms safety course

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REFERRED TO CODES COMMITTEE

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2009-2010 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

January 7, 2009

Introduced by Sen. LITTLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to authorizing the possession of a pistol or revolver while attending a pre-license firearms *safety course*

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision a of section 265.20 of the penal law is amended
2 by adding a new paragraph 7-f to read as follows:

3 7-f. Possession of a pistol or revolver by a person who has applied
4 for a license to possess a pistol or revolver and pre-license possession
5 of same pursuant to section 400.00 of this chapter, who has not been
6 previously denied a license, been previously convicted of a felony or
7 serious offense, and who does not appear to be, or pose a threat to be,
8 a danger to himself, herself or to others, and who has been approved for
9 possession in accordance with section 400.00 of this chapter; provided
10 that such possession shall be of a pistol or revolver duly licensed to
11 and shall be possessed under the supervision, guidance and instruction
12 of a certified firearms safety course instructor, and provided further
13 that such possession occurs during the course of a certified pre-license
14 firearms safety course in which such person is enrolled.

15 § 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 400.00 of the penal
16 law, as added by chapter 778 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 (b) Application for an exemption under paragraph seven-b or seven-f of
19 subdivision a of section 265.20 of this chapter. Each applicant desiring
20 to obtain the exemption set forth in paragraph seven-b or seven-f of
21 subdivision a of section 265.20 of this chapter shall make such request
22 in writing of the licensing officer with whom his or her application for
23 a license is filed, at the time of filing such application. Such request

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 shall include a signed and verified statement by the person authorized
2 to instruct and supervise the applicant, that has met with the applicant
3 and that he or she has determined that, in his or her judgment, said
4 applicant does not appear to be or poses a threat to be, a danger to
5 himself, herself or to others. He or she shall include a copy of his or
6 her certificate as an instructor in small arms, if he or she is required
7 to be certified, and state his or her address and telephone number. He
8 or she shall specify the exact location by name, address and telephone
9 number where such instruction will take place. Such licensing officer
10 shall, no later than ten business days after such filing, request the
11 duly constituted police authorities of the locality where such applica-
12 tion is made to investigate and ascertain any previous criminal record
13 of the applicant pursuant to subdivision four of this section. Upon
14 completion of this investigation, the police authority shall report the
15 results to the licensing officer without unnecessary delay. The licens-
16 ing officer shall no later than ten business days after the receipt of
17 such investigation, determine if the applicant has been previously
18 denied a license, been convicted of a felony, or been convicted of a

19 serious offense, and either approve or disapprove the applicant for
20 exemption purposes based upon such determinations. If the applicant is
21 approved for the exemption, the licensing officer shall notify the
22 appropriate duly constituted police authorities and the applicant. Such
23 exemption shall terminate if the application for the license is denied,
24 or at any earlier time based upon any information obtained by the
25 licensing officer or the appropriate police authorities which would
26 cause the license to be denied. The applicant and appropriate police
27 authorities shall be notified of any such terminations.

28 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
29 have become a law.