

# Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation

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**SEPTEMBER 14, 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	9
Austerlitz Club	X	4
Bucks Corners Hunt Club	X	9
Canaan Conservation Club	X	9
Canaan Rifle Club	X	9
Churchtown Rod & Gun Club	X	8
Columbia County Strutters	O	4
Columbia County Trappers	X	7
Columbia Green Friends of the NRA	X	9
Columbia Green Sportsmen	O	4
Columbia Green Trout Unlimited	X	9
Columbia Land Conservancy	O	3
Craryville Rod & Gun Club	O	3
Deer Run Lodge	X	7
Federation of Polish Sportsmen	X	9
Gallatin Rod & Gun Club	X	8
Germantown Sportsmen's Assoc.	O	8

Ghent Rod & Gun Club	X	9
Glencadia Rod & Gun Club	X	9
Hudson Fish & Game Club	X	9
Kalicoontie Rod & Gun Club	X	9
Kinderhook Sportsmen's Club	X	9
Lido's Game Farm	O	1
Martindale Buck Club	X	9
Old Chatham Hunt Club	X	7
Old Duck Hunters	X	9
Oxbow Rod & Gun Club	O	1
Philmont Rod & Gun Club	X	8
Roe Jan Creek Boat Club	X	8
Simply Dreddful Outfitting & Guide Service	X	6
Tri Village Rod & Gun Club	X	9
<b>Total Clubs 31</b>		
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>24</b>	

## SECRETARY REPORT

Kathy Burke was absent from this meeting. Doreen LaValley took minutes. Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the August 2009 meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you letter from camper
- Fund raiser on 9/27 for Sheriff Harrison. Motion was made and passed to send 1 or 2 people from CCSF.
- DEC announces release of pheasants on 9/30
- Pete Lopez fundraiser 9/18
- Mayor Richard Scalera joined MAIG
- Petition from Holly Tanner to help stop the proposal for the plate exchange scheduled for 4/10 and DMV fee increases. Please circulate attached petition to your club members for signatures, then return to Clerks Office in Hudson.
- DEC announces fall camping opportunities

- As shad numbers continue to fall, DEC plans to close Hudson River fishing to protect the dwindling stock
- DEC plans action to protect Catlin Creek and adjacent wetlands from the Northern Snakehead fish (an aggressive freshwater predator)
- 2009 Chamber of Commerce Community Guide
- DEC announces new state record for Brown Bullhead – 7 lb. 6 oz., 22 inches, taken in Mahopac, Putnam County

## TREASURERS REPORT

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept as read.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to pay bills.

**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.

**GUESTS**

Kevin McDonald – running for the Board of Supervisors in Livingston. Motion was made and passed to endorse Kevin McDonald for the Board of Supervisors.

Rick Olivo – NRA banquet increased by 20%

**SAVE THE DATE: Jan 12, 2010 – Sportsmen on Albany**

**HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY – Don LaValley**

When using a nuisance permit, try to get a larger deer.

ALL CLUBS – if you donated something to the raffle, please get your prizes in to Don LaValley by the October meeting. Winners will be drawn at the November meeting.

**FWMA** – Next meeting scheduled for September 23.

**ADOPT-A-TRAIL – Darren Zempko**

Not sure if there will be a lottery to hunt the properties this year.

**SMALL GAME – Darren Zempko**

Pheasants will be distributed on 10/3 at the Austerlitz Club. Make sure your cages are ready to go!

**FISH**

Stocking Kinderhook Lake with small mouth bass

**COLUMBIA GREEN FRIENDS OF NRA**

Banquet was successful. Thanks for everyone’s support.

**COLUMBIA GREENE SPORTSMEN**

Banquet was a huge success. Kozel’s hut down entire restaurant the night of the banquet.

**TRAPPING – John Wilder**

No trap classes scheduled. Season setting meeting coming up for beaver, otter and muskrat.

**LEGISLATION – Rick Litton**

Kingston Tea Party is spreading. There will be more meetings in Columbia County – first will be held in Red Hook.

**WATERFOWL**

A lot of geese in the area now that hay and corn has been cut. Duck season starts October 10.

**HUNTER SAFETY – Dave Newkirk**

If anyone would like to become a Hunter Safety Instructor, please contact Dave Newkirk 758-8343.

**NYS CC**

Fall meeting was held.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR**

Thanks to all those who helped. Brought in over \$1,335.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY OUTDOOR EXPO**

Submitted proposal to the Chatham Central School board and is waiting to be invited to a Board meeting for further discussion.

If you would like to help with the committee, please contact Jim Bashford.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**New Club accepted** – Hudson Basin River Watch, Inc., Fran Martino.

**OLD BUSINESS**

[www.columbiacountysportsmen.com](http://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!

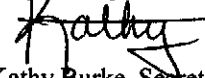
**GENERAL INFO**

Tents available. Contact Bill Van Deusen 851-3181.

Next months meeting will be held on **Monday, OCTOBER 12, 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 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Burke, Secretary

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO**

**Hunter Safety Education Course (Bow)** – October 11, Kinderhook Sportsmens Club, 8am-5pm. Contact Dave Newkirk 758-8343 or Terry Toomey 392-5232.

**Rifle & Pistol Shoot** – October 17, 9am-3pm, Hudson Fish & Game Club. For info: Terry Toomey 392-5232; Bob Fisher 828-5913; Steve Sulzer 851-2651 or Hudson Fish & Game Club 828-6111.

**Hunter Safety Education Course** – October 24 & 25, Kinderhook Sportsmens Club, 9am-4pm. Contact Dave Newkirk 758-8343 or Terry Toomey 392-5232.

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

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### **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.

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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](mailto: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!)



# Rifle & Pistol Shoot

Saturday October 17 . . . . 9 am—3 pm

## Hudson Fish & Game Club

Claverack: Route 9H and Fish & Game Road (County Route 18)

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### All Off-Hand Shooting

**Pistol:** Best of ③ Shots 25 yards

**Rifle:** Best of ① Shot 50 yards

**Speed Shooting:** Bowling Pins

Center Fire .38-.45 caliber

Rim Fire .22 caliber

**Junior Shooters, Ages 12-17: Rifle Only**

**Prizes:** Money Shoots, Trophies

— **EYE & EAR PROTECTION REQUIRED** —

— **MUST HAVE VALID SHOOTING PERMITS** —

Price: \$3/Shooter

Food & **Non-Alcoholic** Beverages Available

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### For More Information:

Terry Toomey	518-392-5232
Bob Fisher	518-828-5913
Steve Sulzer	518-851-2651
Hudson Fish & Game	518-828-6111



**Columbia County Clerk Holly C. Tanner**  
***Help Stop Governor Paterson's DMV Fee Increases***  
***Including the Controversial Now Plate Exchange***

Dear Governor Paterson,

We, the undersigned, sincerely hope that you will consider abandoning the proposed 2010 plate exchange and give the citizens you serve a much needed break.

The aforementioned mandatory plate exchange is scheduled to begin throughout the state in April of 2010. This program will charge each citizen a \$25.00 mandatory fee per vehicle to update their current empire state license plates. Most of these plates are 8 years old or less and are in almost perfect shape and color to this day. This exchange is in direct contrast to the 2001 license plate exchange which was responsible for replacing plates that were in circulation for more than 15 years.

In addition to being costly and redundant, this proposal also poses tremendous inconvenience to our motorists. Under the proposed plate exchange program, the \$25.00 replacement fee does not include retention of the current plate number. Motorists must pay an additional \$20.00 per vehicle to keep their current plate number. Current plate numbers are tied to parking permits, EZ Passes and many other transportation related activities than in years past. This program will cause potential chaos among motorists who may not be able to afford to pay an additional \$20.00 per vehicle to keep their current number; and, may neglect to update their information with the above agencies and further tie our DMVs and other agencies into knots in fixing problems that should never have occurred in the first place.

While we understand that the State is in dire fiscal straits, this plan and the other DMV fee increases passed as part of the 2009-2010 budget will cost our state drivers more than they can afford to pay. We, the citizens of the great State of New York, urge you to reconsider these mandates so you may help us during our fiscal time of need.

**UPON COMPLETION RETURN PETITION TO:**  
**Holly Tanner**  
**Columbia County Clerk**

Name (Sign & Print)

Address, City, Zip Code

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