



# Chicopee Sportsmen's Club

## 2016 Newsletter



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Club Meetings - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
 For Auto Messaging--Text **84483** then type **CSC2015**

### New Meeting Location

American Legion Post 266, 74 Pleasant St. Granby, MA 01033 (Behind CVS)

### Auto Text Message, Very Important to be Up Dated on Club Events, Cancellations & Club Meeting Changes

The Chicopee Sportsmen's Club **strongly recommends** that all members' sign up for this text messaging system in addition to our regular forms of communications to notify members about events and other important information related to the club. The content of the text will consist of things like special events, range closures, shooting events, club meetings and other types of club activities. The club recently had to move to a new location for our club meetings and there was no way to notify all club members at such short notice. If you had the text messaging service you would have been notified. We are providing this service in an effort to help you make the most out of our club membership. We hope that everyone with text capability will sign up. Since this is a free service for the club, you will see an advertisement at the bottom of the message. You are under no obligation to explore the website but are welcome to check out the services offered if it is something of interest to you, if not interested just ignore it. Please refer to the website of this service in order to find out more about what is offered at [www.rainedout.com](http://www.rainedout.com). Their service promises there will be no spam and they do not give out phone numbers to any other services or vendors. To sign up for this great service you must first enter this number **84483** as a contact in your phone. In your contacts you will have to give the text number a name examples (Csc text, Auto Text or Csc auto text) whatever is easiest for you. Then go to send text, find the contact (whatever you gave for a name) and type in **CSC2015** in the message box and hit send. If it was done correctly you will receive a confirmation that you are signed up for auto text. It's that easy! If at a later date you wish to discontinue the service you can easily remove your number from the list by visiting the company's website [www.rainedout.com](http://www.rainedout.com) and click on unsubscribe at the bottom of the page. This is a free service and does not cost the club anything. You will receive all updates. We would like to thank **Jean Rousseau** for his work in finding this great and informative app. Great job Jean!

### From The President

I would like to welcome all new members to our club. Also, thank you to the people who help at the weekly work parties. Take time to look around and observe the grounds. You will then agree that these members do a great job of cleaning and trimming. Every committee does a good job of keeping their programs moving forward. It all adds up to having a great club. One last thing, the officers, directors and I would really like to see younger people get involved with committees and run for office such as becoming a director. P.S. New member's, don't forget to obtain a range pass, in order to use ranges. Also dues have increased, check it out on the application. Thank you, Have a great fall season, Dick Mastronardi

### Thanks to the NRA

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the NRA Foundation for the generous grants we have received over the past nine years. These grants which have totaled over thirty five thousand dollars, have allowed us to make significant improvements to our ranges and to purchase the rifles and equipment necessary to establish and outfit two youth shooting programs, small bore and centerfire. As we enjoy the upgraded facilities, let's remember to support the NRA an organization dedicated to the advancement of the shooting sports and the preservation of our Civil Rights.

### Elections 2017

Nominations will open at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting. All nominated officers other than Directors must have at least three consecutive years of membership in good standing as of January 1, 2017 and must be at least 21 years of age. Directors that are nominated must have no less than one year of membership in good standing as of January 1, 2017 and must be at least 18 years of age. Nominations will close at the end of the November meeting. Anyone nominated must be present or submit a letter accepting the nomination. Positions not filled in November will stay open until the December meeting. **Voting:** To be eligible to vote at the December meeting you must show a **2016 membership card** and be a member for a **minimum of one year**.

**NO Card      NO Vote      NO Exceptions**

### Pin & Plate Shoots

Sadly another season has passed. We will miss the smiling faces and fun times. We hosted some very close matches, worthy of a sports show. Again, met some new people and now they are friends. The pin and plate committee is always looking for different target scenarios to keep it interesting. Our shooters and range officers have accomplished another incident free season. We all deserve a pat on the back, good for us! THANK YOU to all who attended the pin & plate shoots, we do appreciate it. Hope to see you next year, keep your powder dry and be safe. Walt, Dick, Mike, Jack & Renee. For more info call Walt @ 536-5695.

### Fun Pistol Shoots

This is a non-conventional shoot using any safe handgun. It is run so that the shooter can enjoy the experience. I would like to thank all the shooters that participated this year and look forward to seeing you next year. The 2017 schedule will be posted on our website early spring. Please call 413-205-7960 if you have a question.

### NRA/LTC Pistol Course

At this time, due to course format changes made by the NRA, the State of Massachusetts does not recognize the NRA Pistol Course that meets training requirements to obtain your LTC. Hopefully this will change so that we may continue to offer a training course. Please check our website for updates or call 413-205-7960 and leave a message.

### Fishing

The pond is open for fishing. There is a 2 trout limit. There will be a fishing derby in April or May check our boards at the club or check our website. Ice fishing will start the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in January (weather permitting) and the kitchen will be open! Come on in for breakfast and warm up. For more info call Tom Hudock @ 533-3057 or Celeste and Dan at 592-7747.

### Memberships

For membership applications call Mike Zyburka @ 413-594-9021. A mailing fee of \$1.00 per **Senior** and \$2.00 per **Family**. Please include the above fees with your membership fee. **Reminder:** Members may bring a guest to the grounds but the guest cannot shoot a gun nor discharge an arrow. The club member may have his membership revoked if member allows a guest to use any of the ranges.

#### Kitchen Open

Mike Zybura will be opening the Clubhouse Kitchen on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in January. We will serve breakfast, hot coffee, hamburgers, hot dogs and soda. This will be great for the ice fisherman. Stop by and warm up and have some great food.

#### Youth Rifle League

This year, through a very generous grant from NRA Foundation and the continued support of Chicopee Sportsmen's Club we are able to expand the junior rifle program and will now include the high power rifle program. The club has purchased Six (6), AR-15 competition rifles for the junior shooters to use. We will begin our shooting season in late spring just after the end of the school year. We usually shoot on Wednesday evenings, so keep an eye out for more information. This program is designed to teach shooters from age 13 to 19 all of the skills they need to shoot competitively in small bore and now high power rifle. For more info call Brian @ 413-210-3234

#### Work Parties

Starting next April thru September please come and give us a hand at our work parties. The work parties are usually held every other Wednesday from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Our objective is to clean up, mow and weed whack. It's only for two hours! Bring your gloves, a rake and maybe even a weed whacker would be great. Hope to see you there, Dick Mastronardi P.S. Thanks to Mike Bielanski, Mike Kennedy, Jean Rousseau, Charlie Robideau, and Dick Cahalan for a good year of help.

#### Archery

Mike would like to thank everyone from the archery committee that helped out this year. We couldn't have done it without your help. For more info about archery please call Mike @ 413-594-9021.

#### Pheasant Hunting

Season starts on October 15<sup>th</sup> thru November 24<sup>th</sup>. Club grounds will be stocked for hunting on the following dates, (ranges will be closed from 7:00am to 1:00pm on these dates and times only; **October 15, 22, & 29 and November 5, 12, 19 & 24**. These are the only times the ranges are closed all other times the ranges will be open; all hunters must not shoot in the range areas. Please be cautious around the ranges. Hunters are **required to wear orange hat and vest**. Rules will be posted at club grounds, for more information call Tom Hudock @ 533-3057

#### High Power Shoots

We have come to the end of another very successful High Power Rifle shooting season and the Chicopee Sportsmen's Club has once again had an outstanding year. The team has won the Northeast High Power Service Rifle Trophy, the Northeast High Power Match Rifle Trophy, the 1903 Springfield Rifle High Power Rifle Trophy and have won back the Garand Rifle Trophy. We did a lot of traveling up and down the east coast this year attending matches in Florida, the Creedmoor Matches in North Carolina, the CMP Games in Vermont and the Nationals at Camp Perry Ohio. Taking home many trophies, plaques and medals. Matches shot include the Presidents 100, National Trophy Infantry Team Match, M16 Excellence in Competition Match, Hearst Doubles, M1 Carbine Match the M1A/M14 Rifle Match, the Vintage Sniper Match, 03 Springfield Match, and the Garand Match just to mention a few. I want to thank all team members who helped make this year another outstanding one. We are all looking forward to next year and hope to have another productive year. As usual we are always looking for new shooters. If you are interested in learning how to shoot a service rifle which includes the M1 Garand, AR15, M1A and other Service Rifles or participating in our matches contact Ron at 413-323-5545. One of the major changes to the rules is that we are able to use scopes on our rifles which have worked out great for us. We can now see both the targets and cross hairs. So if you have trouble with iron sights you can now use a scope. So if you were not shooting in our matches because you could not see the target or you have a scope mounted on your rifle you have no excuse anymore. If you have any questions please contact me and I will be glad to help you sort things out. Look for our 2017 schedule which will be published in March and posted on our website and bulletin boards. We start shooting sometime in April. Thanks again to all.

Have a great Holiday Season and hope for a short winter. See you in the spring. Ron

#### Deer Pool

If you are interested in the Deer Pool you can pick up an application at the monthly meeting or call Dick @ 413-427-6544

#### Camping

To our campers hope you enjoyed camping this season and come back next year. I would like the campers that stay more than two weeks if you could help keep your site clean. Also call early to be sure to get your favorite site. But please call us if you have to cancel so that we can accommodate someone else. All campers must be registered. For more info please call Mike Wright @ 413-386-1745. Mike is our new camping director and will be glad to help you out next year to reserve your favorite campsite. Please keep your site clean.

#### ATV's

All ATV's must have a current registration from the state of Massachusetts. All ATV's must register with the club each year with a cost of \$10.00 per machine. If you don't have the current year's sticker you will not be allowed to ride on the club grounds. Any member caught bringing a nonmember to ride a non-registered ATV will be summoned to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the club. Stickers must be attached to the rear of the ATV in a location that can be seen. Stickers can only be obtained at monthly meetings or at the club, see the 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. or 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. or Mike Zybura. No stickers will be issued through the mail. Please stay on club grounds at all times, and do not ride on posted sections. The EPO has been notified of the problem. There is a \$125.00 fine and they can take your ATV. You are off the club property at the powerlines. Follow the rules please and be safe.

#### Safety Committee

There is a mandatory class to obtain a range pass: No Pre-Registration Required. **October 2016 thru March 2017 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:15pm at the American Legion Post 266, 74 Pleasant St. Granby, MA 01033 (behind CVS) April to September 2017 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 10:00am** are at the Chicopee Sportsmen's Clubhouse. You must have a range pass to use any firearm or archery range. The new range pass will have to be visible on your person when shooting. Range Safety Officers will be checking membership cards & range passes, please be cooperative, we all want a safe club. Use common sense and courtesy. Please clean up after shooting. For more info please contact Dick at 413-538-8617 after 6:00pm. Be safe and enjoy the club and the ranges! Thank you.

#### Website

There will be some changes with our website as Dave Durocher's is no longer our web master and will not be working on our website. We thank Dave for the work he did over the years on our website. We apologize for any inconvenience. We hope to start updating the website more often to keep members more informed with the different events that go on at the club. Thank you for your patience.

#### Fishing

Ice fishing will start the middle of January (weather permitting; we must have at least 5 inches of ice to be safe). In April we will have an open water fishing derby for the kids. Watch our boards & website for more info on the dates.

#### Dumpsters

The dumpsters on the club grounds are for **club use only**. Please do not bring your personal trash to the club for disposal. It costs the club money when people dump their personal trash at the club. Please respect the club rules. The work party works very hard to keep the club grounds clean for all members to enjoy. Also we have had people damaging our porta toilets and breaking the windows in the loader. As we try and keep club costs down, things like this are expensive to repair and affects the club membership fees. Please if you see anyone destroying or damaging things on club grounds call the police immediately or notify a director and try and get their plate number or name. Not sure why people like to destroy things that cost our club members money.

