



## Chicopee Sportsmen's Club Newsletter 2017



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Club Meetings – 1st Thursday of the month

For Auto Messaging— Text **CSC2015** to **84483**

**New Meeting Location: American Legion Post 266, 74 Pleasant St. Granby, MA 01033**

### Auto Text Message

**Very Important to be Up Dated on Club Events, Cancelations & Club Meetings.** 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. We are providing this service in an effort to help you make the most out of your 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. 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 text **CSC2015** to this number **84483**. It's that easy! 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

Welcome to all new members. I would like to thank all committee members, weekly work party members, offices and directors who make this club possible! We also need to recruit younger members to run for the Board of Directors. Also some younger bodies to help out with the work parties. P.S. New members must obtain a range pass in order to use our ranges due to liability and insurance. Details are posted and on our website. Thank you and have a great fall and winter and an enjoyable hunting season. Dick Mastronardi

### Thank You 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 years. These grants 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. **Please support the NRA**

### Elections for 2018

Remember our meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:30pm; all nominations should be in at that (November 2<sup>nd</sup>) 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7, 2017** meeting you must show a **2017 membership card** and be a member for a **minimum of one year**.

**NO Card**

**NO Vote**

**NO Exceptions**

### Pin & Plate Shoots

Sadly this year is over. ☹️ We really try and keep it interesting with a new set-up every shoot. The shoot on October was a very unique set-up. The following shooters qualified for Master Blaster: Dave Canney, Mike Daponde, Guy Nyzio, Jenna Andrade, Audra Andrade, Jim Kornilieff, Jeff Weeks, Bob Fortunato and Clay Weglarz (we missed you Clay). **The Master Blaster for 2017 is (are you ready?) Dave Canney**, congratulations Dave you are the best for the 2017 shooting season and it was not an easy set up. Dave won \$50.00 in cash, a Plaque for his bragging wall and his name added to our Master Blaster Board. Correction, Dave has donated the money we would spend on a plaque back to the club to use for next year shoots. You're a hell of a guy Dave, thank you. I wonder who will win next year. Could be you!!!! We will miss the smiling faces and fun times. Again we hosted some very close matches, if it wasn't for the crossover targets it would have been very difficult to pick the winner, that's how close some of the matches were. 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, 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 of shooting. Medals are awarded for first, second and third place for iron sights and modified sights. Shooters shoot at paper targets, clay pigeons and shoot- n- c targets. The 2018 schedule will be posted on our web site early spring.

### NRA/LTC Pistol Course

The NRA Pistol Course meets the training requirements to obtain your license to carry (LTC). The course includes both classroom instruction and live firing exercises. Our club started this course to promote the safe sport of handgun shooting. As of this date, we have trained over two thousand shooters in the safe sport of hand gun shooting. A 2018 course schedule will be posted on our web site early spring.

### Fishing

The pond is open for fishing. There is a 2 trout limit. There will be a kid's fishing derby in the spring, check our boards or website. For more info on the kids fishing derby contact Celeste or Dan at 592-7747. **Mike Zyburra will be opening the Clubhouse Kitchen** on the 2nd Sunday in January. We will serve breakfast, hot coffee, hamburgers, hot dogs and soda. This will be great for the ice fisherman (weather permitting, 5 inches of ice needed).

### Memberships

For membership applications call Mike Zyburra @ 413-594-9021 after 6:00pm. A mailing fee of **\$1.00** per **Senior** and **\$2.00** per **Family** is required. 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.**

### Summer Picnic for our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We would like all members and their family to help us celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary (WOW! Dick and Pete must be really old☺️). Watch our boards and website for more info when tickets will be available for our picnic next summer.

### Junior 4 Position Summer Program

The Junior Summer Program had another fun and successful year. This program is available to any junior shooter from ages 12 to 20, and it is shot on Wednesday nights over the summer. The course of fire is NRA 4 position small-bore rifle and is shot at 50 feet on outdoor targets. The program is open to members and non-members alike but is limited to 15 shooters, so if you would like to be considered for a spot next summer please contact me and I will reserve you a spot. The cost of the program is \$100.00 for the 10 week program and all of the equipment and ammo is supplied. For more info call Brian @ 413-210-3234 or my email: [Bwilliams888@comcast.net](mailto:Bwilliams888@comcast.net)

### Archery

Thanks to everyone who helped out this year. We couldn't have done it without your help. For more info about archery please call Mike @ 413-594-9021 after 6:00pm. **THE USE OF BROADHEADS ON ANY ARCHERY CLUB TARGET IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.** CROSSBOW USE IS RESTRICTED TO THE PRACTICE RANGE ONLY. **Positively No Shooting from the Road!**

### Camping

Hope all campers enjoyed camping this season and come back next year. 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 camping sites must be kept clean. All campers must be registered. For more info please call Mike Wright @ 413-386-1745.

### Work Parties

Starting next April thru September 2018, please come and give us a hand at our work parties. The work parties are usually held every Wednesday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. 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 especially you younger guys and girls. Thanks to all who helped out this year. For more info call Dick Matronardi at 413-427-6544.

### Pheasant Hunting

Season starts on **October 15, 21, & 29th thru November 5, 12, 19 & 24**. Club grounds will be stocked for hunting on the following dates, (ranges will be closed from **7:00am to 1:00pm** on the above dates and times only. 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. Our 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 but we lost the Garand Rifle Trophy to Hopkinton. Team members did a lot of traveling up and down the east coast again this year attending matches in Florida, the Creedmoor Matches in North Carolina, the CMP Games in Vermont and the Nationals at Camp Perry Ohio. We took home many trophies, plaques and medals again this year.

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, and 22 Rifle Matches just to mention a few of them. 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 Military style Service Rifles or participating in our matches contact **Ron at 413-323-5545**.

One of the major changes to the rules which govern service rifles is that we are now able to use scopes on our rifles which have worked out great for us old guys who can't see a front sight any more. 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 front sights you can now mount a scope on your rifle and have no excuse anymore. Scopes do have a limit of powers which is 1 to 4 power. If you have any questions please contact me and I will be glad to help you sort things out. Look for our 2018 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, hope for a short winter and see you in the spring. **Ron Beaulieu**

### ATV's

All ATV's must have a current registration from the state of Massachusetts and must be registered with the club yearly, 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 non-member to ride a non-registered ATV will be summoned to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action and may face (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 1st V.P., 2nd V.P. or Mike Zybur. No stickers will be issued through the mail. Please stay on club grounds at all times, and do not ride in 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

This is a mandatory class to obtain a range pass: No Pre-Registration Required. **October 2017 thru March 2017 the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:15pm** at the **American Legion Post 266, 74 Pleasant St. Granby, MA 01033** (behind CVS) **April to September 2018 the 3rd 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

Check out our new website. If you have any suggestions or something to add to the website, **www.chicopeesportsmens club.com** (you can email me info on our website) or call Renee at 413-536-5695 or check us out on Facebook

### 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, tearing up our roads with pick-up trucks & ATV's. 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.

### Deer Pool

Deer Contest Sept 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Any legal deer from New England or New York is eligible. Applications can be picked up at gate or at our monthly meetings. The cost is \$3.00. If you have any questions call Dick @ 413-427-6544 or after 6:00pm call 413-538-8617

Deer Pool Tag	Deer Pool Tag
Present this slip to Dick Mastronardi after shooting deer	Present this slip to Dick Mastronardi after shooting deer
Name _____	Name _____
Buck                  Doe <i>Circle One</i>	Buck                  Doe <i>Circle One</i>
Weight _____	Weight _____
Weighing official _____	Weighing official _____
or Copy of Weight Tag: _____	or Copy of Weight Tag: _____
State _____ Date _____	State _____ Date _____