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BOD Meeting

Thursday, October 2

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 16

Annual Meeting

December 18



OCTOBER

HUNTING SEASON OPENERS



Cottontail Rabbit	October 1
Pheasant	October 1
Ruffed Grouse	October 1
Quail, Chukar, and Partridge	October 1
Woodcock	October 1
Snowshoe Hare	October 1
Ducks, Geese, Brant, Coots, and Mergansers	October 2 (Northern and Coastal)
Turkey (Shotgun)	October 13
Ducks, Geese, Brant, Coots, and Mergansers	October 13 (Inland & CT River)
Mink, Muskrat, and Weasel	October 15 (Nov. 1 WMUs G-M)
Moose	October 18
Youth Deer Weekend	October 25, 26

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**MEMBERSHIP
RENEWALS DUE
DECEMBER 31**

BUT WHY WAIT?

**Renew today by mail or in the
drop-box near the range log book.**

*Remember to volunteer
and help YOUR club!*

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North Country Grouse

The ruffed grouse, New Hampshire's (unofficial) state game bird, provides one of the most thrilling hunts you can experience in New England with a healthy dose of conservation and forest management edification. Ruffed grouse are one of the premier species of game birds that are native to North America. Quick on the wing, with a ghostly ability to disappear in almost any environment, these birds are no easy quarry by small game standards. But every year bands of hunters set out into the labyrinth of logging roads across the northern parts of the region.

Unlike whitetails or turkeys, which may be found in just about any environment throughout the state, ruffed grouse are incredibly picky. These Goldilocks birds live almost exclusively in early-successional forests where birch, poplar, and aspen trees grow in dense formation. In the years before humans prioritized our own habitat over the natural world, forest fires would regularly clear away old growth forests to make way for these young trees, allowing the ruffed grouse to thrive. Now, as these fires threaten agricultural land and private property, the ruffed grouse is relegated to inhabiting decade old clear-cuts. Fortunately New Hampshire continues to support a thriving logging industry, particularly north of the White Mountains, where these birds can still be found in vast numbers.

The logging industry does more than produce habitat for this noble species. The logging roads which criss-cross the mountainous terrain up north provide easy access for hunters of all abilities. There are few "purist" grouse hunters who believe you must bushwhack up a mountain to be successful. Grouse flushed from the side of a trail are just as respectable, and certainly taste just as nice.

The real challenge of grouse hunting is actually catching up with these witty birds. Their stunning plumage provides camouflage in every setting, making you question every branch, rock, and shadow along the path. Ruffed grouse are also daring little birds, and will wait until you practically step on them to flush, slapping your shins with their wings as they take flight. Once in the air, these wily birds are no clay pigeons either. They can zig and zag through the dense woods with amazing accuracy as your shot splashes harmlessly into the trees where the grouse was.



The reward of a successful grouse hunt reaches far beyond a delicious meal. The iridescent plumage of a ruffed grouse contains a wide variety of feathers for the avid fly tier, from dusky gray marabou-like down to blue-green capes, even a single grouse can provide enough material to keep you at the tying bench for days. The simple act of going on a ruffed grouse hunt is well worth the effort too. The scenic overlooks provided by mountaintop clearcuts are stunning to say the least. On the trail, you will cross over crystal clear mountain streams and pass by bogs that are world-renowned for their moose sightings. You are never a long way from a picture-perfect pond or noteworthy summit either. While hunting for grouse, you are sure to find what really makes northern New England special.

MEMBERS' ANNUAL SIGHT-IN WEEKEND OCTOBER 4th & 5th

**No events, no closures, just open ranges
to prepare for the hunting season!**

3-Gun Action Shooting



Sunday, 26 October



Advance Registration will begin at 09:00, 12 October, at
<https://practiscore.com/cpfgc-3-gun-25-4/register>

Setup & Staff Shoot - Saturday, 25 October, 1200

Main Match - Sunday, 26 October

Squad #1 - 09:00 Squad #2 - 11:30 Squad #3 - 14:00

For more information, email 3-gun@cpfgc.com or go to
<http://www.cpfgc.com/3gun.html> and http://www.cpfgc.com/3gun_how.html

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, December 18th

Attend and VOTE for the future of CPF&G!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>OCTOBER 2025</u>		Range closures are ½-hour before to ½-hour after the event, unless noted	1 RIMFIRE Pistol League 17:00-20:00 Indoor Range Closed	2 BOD MEETING 19:00 -	3	4 MEMBERS' ANNUAL Sight-In Weekend AIRGUN Metallic Silhouettes Main Hall 10:00-13:00 TRAP: 13:00--
5 MEMBERS' ANNUAL Sight-In Weekend Lewis TRAP Funshoot: 9:00--	6 Merrimack PD Outdoor Range 9a-1p Indoor Range noon-4p MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00	7	8 Merrimack PD Outdoor Range 9a-1p Indoor Range noon-4p RIMFIRE Pistol League 17:00-20:00 Indoor Range Closed	9 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed	10 Merrimack PD Outdoor Range 9a-1p Indoor Range noon-4p	11 TRAP ATA100 Target Marathon: 9AM-
12 PLATES-Centerfire 9:00-14:00 OutdoorRange Closed TRAP: 9:00-- ORIENTATION 10:00 - 13:00 Indoor range AIRGUN ONLY	13 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00	14 Salisbury PD Outdoor Range Noon - Dusk	15 Salisbury PD Outdoor Range Noon - Dusk RIMFIRE Pistol League 17:00-20:00 Indoor Range Closed	16 MONTHLY MEETING 19:00-- Indoor Range Closed RENEWAL TIME!	17 Salisbury PD Outdoor Range Noon - Dusk	18 OUTDOOR WORKPARTY 8:00 - 16:00 ALL RANGES CLOSED
19 PLATES -Rimfire 9:00-13:00 OutdoorRange Closed TRAP: 9:00--	20 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00	21	22 RIMFIRE Pistol League 17:00-20:00 Indoor Range Closed	23 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed	24	25 AIRGUN Metallic Silhouettes Main Hall 10:00-13:00 TRAP: 13:00-- 3-Gun Match Setup & Staff Shoot 12:00-DUSK Downstairs Hall & OutdoorRange Closed
26 TRAP: 9:00-- 3-Gun Match 09:00-18:00 Downstairs Hall & OutdoorRange Closed	27 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 CPARG 18:30 - 21:00 Indoor range AIRGUN ONLY	28	29	30	31 Halloween	RENEWAL TIME!

IMPORTANT NOTICE



Shooting Club target boards with birdshot or buckshot is prohibited. Only single, solid projectiles (slugs) may be fired at the target boards. A charge of \$20 per target will be applied to anyone caught damaging the CPF&G Club target boards with shot. Shot is permitted only when firing at personal targets.

(All Credit Card information will be removed and shredded after payment is processed.)

As a Club Member, participant, official, volunteer, or spectator at Country Pond Fish & Game Club, I acknowledge that I am fully aware of the risks involved in any activity at the Club in which I may choose to participate. I hereby agree to assume all risks involved in participating or watching others participate. I do hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Club, its Officers, Directors, members, and all individuals participating or working in these, or any other activities taking place in or around the Club and Club grounds, against and from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages, and all other liabilities, of whatever nature, arising out of, in any way connected with, or resulting from these activities, including without limitation the manufacture, selection, delivery, possession, use, and operation of any equipment, and any conditions of the natural environment.

I agree to participate in these activities in accordance with whatever rules, instructions, and regulations presented to me.

I understand that still, audio/video, and/or motion picture photography may occur during my presence on Club property and, as long as I am in the general area, I may be incidentally included in such photography. Should I wish to be excluded from such photography, I understand that it is my responsibility to be aware of photographic activity and remove myself from the area or event being photographed or recorded. Absent such action on my part, I hereby grant the Club, its agents, volunteers, sponsors, beneficiaries, heirs, and assigns the right to use my photographic and video image(s) in the promotion of the shooting sports or the Club in general as it chooses in its sole discretion without compensation.

I hereby agree that jurisdiction for any action pertaining to this release shall lie exclusively in Rockingham County, in the State of New Hampshire, and shall be governed exclusively by the laws of the State of New Hampshire, without reference to conflict of laws' provisions. If any portion of this release is found to be invalid, the offending portion shall be stricken and the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

I hereby certify that I am not prohibited from possessing, selling, owning, or transferring firearms under state or federal law: I (A) have not been convicted of a felony that has not been annulled or expunged; or (B) have not been convicted of a violation of 18 USC § 922 that has not been annulled or expunged; and (C) am not a member of an organization that advocates the violent overthrow of the United States Government, and that I am not barred by any law from the possession, use, or control of firearms.

I further affirm that I have read and understand the CPF&G Club Constitution, current Club Bylaws, and all Rules.

(signed) _____

(date) _____

Make checks payable to: **Country Pond Fish & Game Club**
and mail to: **Country Pond Fish & Game Club PO Box 124 Newton, NH 03858 Att: Membership**

You may also drop it in the waiver box located on the indoor archery range.

RENEWALS POSTMARKED AFTER 31 DECEMBER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

After 31 December, a "New Membership Application" will be required and New Members will be required to follow the sponsorship process. New Memberships will be assessed an orientation Fee.

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