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BOD Meeting

December 4

**Annual Meeting
and Elections**

*Thursday,
December 18*



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

**Reminder: outdoor ranges are closed
Thursday, December 25th**



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE DECEMBER 31

BUT WHY WAIT?

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

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Remember to volunteer and help YOUR club!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, December 18

In addition to ordinary business, elections for club officers will be held during this meeting. All members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Up for election this year:

President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, and Director #5 (*one year terms*)
 Director #1 and Director #5 (*two year terms*)

Have a hunting story, shooting tip, or upcoming event that you want in the *Trigger Times*? Contact James Lacey before the end of the month at newsletter@cpfgc.com

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Congratulations Peter Eaton!

Dear Club Members,

It is with immense pride and excitement that we congratulate our fellow member, Peter Eaton, for earning a well-deserved spot on the ATA All-American Senior Vet Second Team! This remarkable achievement is a testament to his dedication, skill, and passion for trapshooting. Peter has consistently demonstrated excellence on the range, and this recognition highlights his hard work and commitment to our sport. His success not only brings honor to himself but also shines a spotlight on the strength and spirit of our club.

Peter's journey to this prestigious honor is an inspiration to us all. His countless hours of practice, unwavering focus, and sportsmanship have paid off, showcasing the kind of determination that defines our club's values. Whether it's mentoring newer members, competing with grit and grace, or representing our club with pride, Peter embodies the qualities of a true champion. This All-American recognition is a milestone that reflects the talent and perseverance, and we're thrilled to see them celebrated on such a distinguished stage.

Let's take a moment to celebrate Peter and his incredible accomplishment! As a club, we are stronger because of members like them who push the boundaries of excellence and inspire us all to aim higher. Please join me in extending our heartfelt congratulations and in wishing Peter continued success in the trapshooting journey. Here's to more victories, more shared moments on the range, and more reasons to cheer for our amazing trap community!

With pride,
John Cannillo

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6—Air Gun Metallic Silhouettes

December 7—Pearl Harbor Day Trap Shoot

December 7—Centerfire Pistol Plate Shoot

December 11—Centerfire Pin Shoot

December 20—Air Gun Metallic Silhouettes

December 21—.22 Rimfire Plate Shoot

January 1—New Year's Day Lewis Trap Shoot

Hunting Late Season Deer

While it has been a successful deer season for some, many of us have been watching December creep closer with a wallet full of deer tags burning a hole in our pockets. When times get desperate, there are a few tricks that just might help you tag at whitetail this winter.

1: Food Sources

As the autumn acorns are depleted, deer will begin to switch to their winter forage. This primarily consists of evergreens, shrubs, and soft sapling twigs. Deer are likely to be found along field edges, on open, south-facing slopes, in swamps and brambles, or other areas where increased sunlight allows for this younger growth vegetation to flourish. Open areas where this forage can be found are also sunny and warm, which can attract deer as the days get colder. Even as winter sets in, acorns remain a premier food source for deer. Taking the time to find large oak stands where there are still acorns among the leaf-litter may serve you well.

2: Habitat

Winter brings with it cold winds and blustery storms. During especially cold and windy days, deer will seek low-lying ground and stick to the sheltered sides of hills. Hunting swamps, creek beds, and other areas that are protected from the weather can be quite effective. Important areas to seek out are also woods with good thermal cover. Thermal cover can include dense pine forests or laurel patches that trap heat throughout the day. Microclimates of warm air will attract deer, and should therefore also attract your attention.

As the season wears on, it is also beneficial to find areas with lower hunting pressure. Here in southern New Hampshire, this may mean getting creative with access to some forgotten patch of woods or asking around the neighborhood for permission to hunt someone's back acreage. If you are willing to travel, you may also consider heading farther into large patches of woods. While you will have to be prepared for a long drag if you do drop a deer, taking the road less traveled is likely to lead you to the herds that have been pushed out of their usual stomping grounds by other, less ambitious, hunters.

3: Deer Drives

When the going gets tough, the weak do a deer drive. This controversial method of hunting deer is, also, quite effective. If you can't convince the deer to come to you, maybe you can convince a friend to flush some deer in your direction. While driving deer works throughout the season, it is a handy tactic when the season gets short. Just wear plenty of hunter-orange and be absolutely sure of your target and what is behind it while hunting this way. If anyone wants to argue that driving deer is not traditional or sporting, then direct their attention to the traditional hunting methods used by ancient people around the world, especially here in North America. Driving game into a designated area is as traditional as hunting gets.

4: Hunt Other States

For some inexplicable reason, the Massachusetts deer season is just kicking off as New Hampshire's season comes to a close. If you finish out the New Hampshire season without any venison in the freezer, venturing over the boarder will at least give you a second chance at success.



In 2017, my father and I each tagged a buck hunting the late MA muzzleloader season while driving deer out of swamps

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>DECEMBER 2025</u>		Range closures are ½-hour before to ½-hour after the event, unless noted	<u>REMEMBER:</u>	<u>RENEW YOUR</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	
	1	2	3 RIMFIRE Pistol League 17:00-20:00 Indoor Range Closed	4 BOD MEETING 19:00 -	5	6 AIRGUN Metallic Silhouettes Main Hall 10:00-13:00 TRAP: 13:00--
7 PLATES - Centerfire 9:00-14:00 OutdoorRange Closed Pearl Harbor TRAP Shoot: 9:00--	8 OUTDOOR RANGE CLOSED MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00	9 Newton Sr Luncheon Upstairs Hall 11a-3p Indoor Range Closed	10 RIMFIRE Pistol League 17:00-20:00 Indoor Range Closed	11 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed	12	13 TRAP: 13:00--
14 TRAP: 9:00-- ORIENTATION 10:00 - 13:00 Indoor range AIRGUN ONLY	15 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 Scout 6-8PM Main Hall Indoor Range closed	16	17 RIMFIRE Pistol League 17:00-20:00 Indoor Range Closed	18 ANNUAL MEETING 19:00-- ELECTIONS- DINNER Indoor Range Closed RENEW NOW!	19	20 AIRGUN Metallic Silhouettes Main Hall 10:00-13:00 TRAP: 13:00--
21 PLATES -Rimfire 9:00-13:00 OutdoorRange Closed TRAP: 9:00--	22 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> OUTDOOR RANGES CLOSED	26	27 TRAP: 13:00--
28 TRAP: 9:00--	29 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 CPARG - no meeting	30	31 <u>LAST DAY TO RENEW</u>			

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31

**In-person renewal available 12/28 from
10:00-13:00 in the lower hall.**

**Membership forms must be FULLY completed, including a signature on the back page.
Incomplete forms will not be processed.**

(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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