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BOD Meeting

March 5

Member Meeting

March 19

19:00-20:30



NOTICE

INDOOR RANGE CLOSED

MARCH 8 @ 17:00 – MARCH 10 @ 19:00

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Weekly Events

- Indoor Work Parties—Monday nights @ 17:00
- Archery Tournament—Tuesdays 19:00-22:00
- Centerfire Pistol League—Wednesdays 17:00-19:30
- Trap—Saturdays @ 13:00, Sundays @ 09:00

Upcoming Events

- Centerfire Plates—Sunday, March 8, 09:00-14:00
- Rimfire Plates—Sunday, March 15, 09:00-14:00
- Airgun Silhouettes—March 7 & 21, 10:00-13:00
- Centerfire Pins—March 12 & 26, 19:00-21:00

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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Pocket Pistols

There are a million different ways to conceal a firearm for self-defense: inside the waistband, in a sling bag, or with a shoulder holster just to list a few. But a common carry method often gets overlooked because it isn't very "tactical"—pocket carry. Carrying a gun in a pants pocket certainly limits your equipment options, which is possibly why it is so often overlooked. The only handguns that will reasonably fit in a pocket are micro semi-autos and snub-nose revolvers which are difficult to shoot, have a reputation for poor accuracy, and do not support popular modifications like red dot sights. That being said, pocket pistols can be accurate if you train with them and work within their limitations. Though small, a snub-nose .357 magnum can pack a lot of stopping power, and modern magazines can accommodate round counts in the double digits. Handguns like the Sig Sauer P365 and Smith & Wesson Bodyguard can fit into the pocket pistol category, and these firearms can even accept micro red dots that greatly improve the capabilities of such a small platform.



When deciding how to carry, and what to carry, you need to consider the possibilities and limitations of your situation. Are you heading into bear country on a backpacking trip? Maybe consider something full-sized. But in most cases, a pocket pistol should be able to handle a variety of self-defense scenarios. Pocket pistols are easy to access, quick to draw, and very capable of stopping threats with the right load and shot placement. When it comes down to it, the gun you have on you is better than the gun you left at home, and pocket carry is a great way to consistently arm yourself that is both comfortable and discrete.

Range Safety and Surveillance

As you may be aware, the club has a number cameras situated around the property and on the ranges. Lately we have been noticing an increase in safety and rule violations. We are going to be reviewing the camera footage a lot more frequently. Some members have received telephone calls refreshing their memories on these rules. When the violation is a safety issue, the member's access card is turned off and they are invited to have a conversation with Board of Directors. Last month a member was expelled from the Club for serious safety violations.

Some of the observed violations include:

- **Firearm not pointed down range.**
- **Smoking in the building**
- **Climbing on berms**
- **Members not signing in.**
- **Members bringing guests exceeding the maximum three times.**
- **Range doors open while firing**

Safety being our Number One concern, all issues will be addressed promptly.

Smelt Fishing on Great Bay

I was recently invited to take part in an age-old tradition, ice fishing Great Bay for smelt. While no fish were caught, I learned that this hit-or-miss method of fishing puts you at the whim of much more than the tide. On the ice, I heard about the bucket-loads of smelt caught in years past and the fishing shacks that used to line the shore from Stratham to Newington. On this day, we were the only souls on the ice.

The recent nor'easter had broken up the ice on the middle of the Bay, pushing ankle-deep brackish water onto the ice that made it difficult to stand, let alone fish. As a life-long fresh water fisherman I was excited to learn about this body of water regardless of the conditions, so we cut in near shore where the slush was not as deep. Hours passed while the wind howled at our backs. The lack of fish turned the conversation to the health of Great Bay and its many tributaries where, at one time, hundreds of pounds of smelt could be caught in a single tide. Now, anglers prefer the easier access of the rivers that feed the Bay where smelt are forced into narrow channels. Success can still be expected in the rivers depending on what effluent or other waste was recently dumped into each river. But in Great Bay, the fishing is far more difficult. The smelt that travel inland from the open ocean should follow the outgoing tide and end up in the coves that define the Bay's shoreline—the key word there being “should.” The Piscataqua River and Great Bay estuary have a long history of pollution which continues today. While efforts are being made to reduce harmful impacts on water quality and to remove dams from its tributaries, the smelt in Great Bay may be as few and far between as the fishermen who are still willing to chase them there.

MARCH 2026		Range closures are ½-hour before to ½-hour after the event, unless noted	**NOTE: Outdoor Range closed ½ hr prior			
1 TRAP: 9:00– Winter Handicap 1200	2 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00	3 Archery Tourney Main Hall 7PM - 10PM Indoor -Airgun only	4 CENTERFIRE Pistol League 5-7:30PM Indoor Range Closed	5 BOD MEETING 19:00 -	6	7 TRAP: 1300
8 TRAP: 9:00– Winter Handicap 1200 PLATES - Centerfire 25yd - 9:00-14:00** ORIENTATION 10:00-13:00 Indoor range - AIRGUN ONLY 5PM - INDOOR RANGE CLOSES	9 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 Scouts Main Hall 6:30-8 PM INDOOR RANGE CLOSED	10 Archery Tourney Main Hall 7PM - 10PM Indoor -Airgun only 7PM - Indoor Range RE-OPENS	11 CENTERFIRE Pistol League 5-7:30PM Indoor Range Closed	12 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Close	13	14 TRAP: 1300– Range Officer Class Main Hall 9AM-2PM Indoor Range Closed
15 PLATES - Rimfire 9:00-14:00** O-range closed TRAP: 9AM ST PATRICK'S DAY FUNSHOOT 	16 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 Scouts Main Hall 6:30-8 PM Indoor Range closed	17 Archery Tourney Main Hall 7PM - 10PM Indoor -Airgun only	18 CENTERFIRE Pistol League 5-7:30PM Indoor Range Closed	19 MONTHLY MEETING 19:00-20:30 Indoor Range Closed	20	21 TRAP: 1300–
22 TRAP: 9:00– Main Hall Rental 11:30AM-4:30PM Indoor Range Closed	23 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 Scouts Main Hall 6:30-8 PM NO CLOSURES	24 Archery Tourney Main Hall 7PM - 10PM Indoor -Airgun only	25 CENTERFIRE Pistol League 5-7:30PM Indoor Range Closed	26 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Close	27	28 TRAP: 1300–
29 TRAP: 9:00-	30 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 CPARG 1830 - 2000 Indoor - AIRGUN ONLY	31 Archery Tourney Main Hall 7PM - 10PM Indoor -Airgun only				

Range Safety Officer Course
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Brand new in the box Keltec PR57 Black 5.7x28mm
\$399 firm
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