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BOD Meeting
September 3

Member Meeting
September 17
at 19:00



NH Hunting Season Openers

September 1:

- Black Bear
- Canada Geese
- Fox
- Gray Squirrel
- Opossum
- Raccoon
- Skunk



September 15:

- Deer (Archery)
- Turkey (Archery)
- Snipe

September 26-27 Youth Weekend

- Pheasant
- Waterfowl

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HELP WANTED!

Secretary Ligouri is bound for a well-deserved retirement from her position after years of incredible volunteer service to Country Pond, and will not be seeking re-election this year. To facilitate a smooth transition, the Board of Directors is hoping a new secretary will volunteer early to shadow the position, learn the ropes, and take advantage of all the templates that Ms. Ligouri has selflessly created for the club's benefit!

Prospective secretary candidates, please contact the Board of Directors or Jeanette Ligouri if you are interested in this position!

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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Changes to 2026 Hunting Regulations

- 1) Unit L antlerless deer permits are no longer awarded by lottery. Permits for both WMUs M and L may be purchased on a first-come-first-serve basis online or from NHFG headquarters.
- 2) Hunters must report banded turkeys while registering harvested birds. All members of the public are requested to report banded turkeys when they are encountered.

Remember to pick up your new 2026-27 Hunting Digest from a local sporting goods store!

FALL WORK PARTY ***Saturday, September 12*** ***8:00-16:00***

Work includes setting the salt buckets for winter, mowing, and organizing club storage areas.

Please contact Sharon Mullen and Gerry Nowlan for more information!

Ranges closed 7:30-16:30

History of Hunting

A free exhibit for club members, their families, and the public!

Recreational hunting was shaped social influences, environmental activism, and economic shifts that took place from Capitol Hill to local fish and game clubs. This Labor Day Weekend, discover artifacts and documents from the golden age of sport hunting in a curated historical exhibit!

September 5th and 6th, 10:00-15:00 in the lower hall

Small Game Season Predictions

After years of drought conditions, this summer in New England has had textbook weather for a productive forest. Berry crops across the region have been strong, and that means game animals have had plenty of resources to thrive. While numbers may still be down from the impacts of prior years, lack of food

will not have caused any pre-season reduction in game populations.

Gray squirrels have been especially active as summer draws to a close. Limiting out on small game may have seemed like a pipe dream in past years, but it would not be an unlikely event this season. Packs of squirrels have been seen squabbling over stockpiles of nuts and berries, meaning there will be no shortage of targets once the season opens.

The productive forage season bodes well for other species as well. Although heavy snowfall this past winter was rough on New England, the comparatively mild spring and summer likely allowed upland bird and small mammal populations to rebound quickly. Hopefully these trends continue into next year and small game populations will really start to flourish.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 2026		Range closures are ½-hour before to ½-hour after the event, unless noted	**NOTE: Outdoor Range closed ½ hr prior			
		1	2 Summer Doubles TRAP 5pm	3 BOD MEETING 19:00 -	4	5 TRAP: 1300– NE Hunter Exhibit Lower Hall: 10-3
6 TRAP: 9:00– PLATES - Centerfire: MOVED TO 9/27!! NE Hunter Exhibit Lower Hall: 10-3	7 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00	8 PRACTICE PLATES 25yd - 5PM **	9 Summer Doubles TRAP 5pm RIMFIRE Pistol League Organizational Meeting Lower Hall 7:00PM	10 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed	11	12 GSB Match Setup 7:00 - 12:00 OUTDOOR WORKPARTY 8:00 - 16:00 ALL RANGES CLOSED
13 GSB Match 7:00 - 16:00 ALL Outdoor closed	14 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00	15	16 Summer Doubles TRAP 5pm RIMFIRE Pistol League 17:00-20:00 Indoor Range Closed	17 MONTHLY MEETING 19:00— Indoor Range Closed	18	19 TRAP: 1300–
20 PLATES - Rimfire 9:00-14:00 Outdoor range closed TRAP: 9:00–	21 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00	22 PRACTICE PLATES 25yd - 5PM ** Merrimac PD Quals Outdoor Range 9AM-4PM	23 RIMFIRE Pistol League 17:00-20:00 Indoor Range Closed	24 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed Merrimac PD Quals Outdoor Range 9AM-4PM	25	26 TRAP: 1300
27 TRAP: 9:00– PLATES - Centerfire 25yd - 9:00-14:00**	28 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 CPARG 1900 - 2000 Indoor - AIRGUN ONLY	29	30 RIMFIRE Pistol League 17:00-20:00 Indoor Range Closed			

LOOKING AHEAD

Deer Season, 2026

Pay attention to local ANY DEER vs ANTLERED ONLY dates!

WMUs L and M—ANY DEER extends through all of muzzleloader season (Oct. 31—Nov. 10) and most of the regular firearms season (Nov. 11—Nov. 22).

There are plenty of opportunities to harvest a deer this season and help to keep the population in check!