



MEMBERSHIP

October 2018 Meeting

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October Meeting: Thursday, October 25th, at 7:30 pm. A \$15 Steak Dinner available at 6:30 pm.

November Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday November 6th at 7:30 pm at the Stonington club-house.

Hunting Season Approaches: Club members are permitted to hang tree stands on Griswold property. Those that do, please make sure that you label & log your tree stands in the appropriate hunting Logbook

Work Hours: October 31st is the final date to complete your annual 8-hour work requirement. Help is needed with the pheasant pen rebuilding effort, so contact Chris McVeigh (jfbomber@ct.metrocast.net, or 401-749-0922) for information.

Hunting Rules In Effect: Hikers at club property are asked to wear orange and be courteous of hunters. Hunters are reminded that for deer or turkey hunting on club property, members MUST have a private land hunting permission slip, signed by the club president, vice president, or game chairman in their possession while hunting on club property according to CT law. A permission slip is not required to hunt pheasant. Only club members are permitted to hunt deer/turkey on club property, no guests. All hunters must register their tree-stands in the deer/turkey hunting log book at the Griswold club-house, indicating which "zone" of the property they have placed their stand. Stands must be clearly marked with the name and contact information of the owner.

Pheasant Hunting Season: The 2018-2019 pheasant season gets underway October 20th, and will run through mid February (or until pheasant stocks are depleted). Pheasant stockings will occur every Saturday at 8:30 am, and the hunting begins promptly at 10:00 am. All club ranges (skeet, trap, rifle, pistol, & archery) are closed the entire day on dates listed as stocking days. See the flyers at the Stonington and Griswold club-houses (and attached to the e-version of the newsletter) for more details about the Pheasant Program. If you're new to the club, or have never hunted pheasant before, this is a great program for getting to know fellow club members. The veterans of the program are more than happy to assist newcomers with learning the basics of the sport of wing shooting, and most are happy to have new folks hunt with them over their dogs.

2018 marks Mystic Rod and Gun Club's 100th Anniversary. Any input for ideas on celebration activities or any one wanting to help contact Tim Hausler or Pete Dyer. Planning for the celebratory dinner is underway. The Dinner will be held March 23rd. Tickets will go on sale at the November meeting, and will be approximately \$20/person. Dinner profits will go to the club scholarship fund.

Clubhouse Remodel: Griswold clubhouse remodeling has begun. The clubhouse has been gutted to the bare studs so if you need work hours, especially if you're a tradesman, contact Eric Sabo to see where you can fit in on the construction schedule. Hot and cold water is available at the outside faucets.

Stonington Range Safety: Safety and procedure continue to be a problem at the Stonington indoor range. Members using the range must comply with the approved pistol calibers; no magnum or .357 Sig loads, and NO PISTOL CALIBER CARBINES on the range. Targets must be reeled to the 50 ft mark at the end of the range, NO MIDRANGE TARGETS. Range users MUST sign into the range log. Any questions contact Tim Hausler or Jim Gauthier.

Stonington Work party: We are planning a few work parties for the end of October to prep and paint the ports on the Stonington indoor pistol range. We will be cleaning the indoor archery range and prepping that for paint. For planning purpose the cleanups will be planned for 10/23, 10/26, and 10/30 each starting at 6PM for 2 to 3 hours. If anyone want to participate contact Tim Hausler at 860-961-2991. If you want to help outside the planned hours let Tim know and he will let you know what is available. Last shot to get your work hours completed.

Rimfire Challenge: The last Rimfire Challenge for the year is on Black Friday, November 23rd. Sign up will be available soon, watch facebook and the club website. if you want to shoot contact Tim Hausler.

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The Future of Shooting Sports...

The Army adopted its battle rifle in 1963 and has spent 55 years looking for a replacement for the M-16 and its variants. They might have found it in Martin Grier's Colorado Springs garage. Grier, a self-described inventor who has worked at a local bed and breakfast, built the new "ribbon gun" with a hobbyist's tools. It looks like a space-age toy drawn by a fifth-grader.



But goofy origins and cartoon-looks aside, this could be the gun of the future. The Army is studying Grier's gun and has ordered a military-grade prototype.

The specifications are incredible, four 6 mm barrels cut side by side within one steel block. New ammunition blocks fired by electromagnetic actuators that could theoretically give the weapon a firing rate of 250 rounds per second.

And then there's the feature no soldier would turn down. "It's called a power shot," Grier said. That's the shotgun feature of this sniper-shot, machine-assault gun that can send four bullets simultaneously whizzing toward an enemy at more than 2,500 mph.

It isn't science fiction. He's built the gun and patented the technology behind it. Now his garage-based company, FD munitions, is hoping the Army will buy it.

"A multibore firearm, with several bores within a single barrel, could potentially exhibit many of the advantages of a multibarrel design, while reducing the size, weight and complexity disadvantages," Grier wrote in his 2016 patent application.

He got the idea in the 1990s after a day of shooting a .22-caliber rifle with his kids.

Read more about this amazing innovation in firearm design at the following link:

[The gazette.com](http://Thegazette.com)

The Mystic Rod & Gun Club Pheasant Program

Hunting Chairman: Chris McVeigh (401) 749-0922, jfbomber@atlanticbb.net

The **2018-2019** Mystic Rod & Gun Club pheasant season will begin on Saturday, October 20th, and will run through Saturday, February 23rd, 2019 (Or until our pheasant stocks are depleted). Stockings will occur every Saturday at 8:30 am, and the hunt will begin promptly at 10:00 am. The club limit is two pheasants (male or female) per day, per member. Guests (other than immediate family members) will be required to pay a \$8.00 stocking fee to hunt club property. Immediate family members may hunt as guests of club members (limited to parents, sons/daughters/brothers/sisters, and grandparents of club members), but do not have to pay the stocking fee. Guests other than immediate family members will be limited to 2 visits per season. All guests will be required to count their harvested birds against their corresponding members birds (IE: if a club member takes a bird, and their guest takes a bird, they will have met their limit for the day). All hunters will be required to possess a current CT hunting license, however, state issued pheasant tags are **not required** while hunting club property (**WARNING:** CT state pheasant endorsement/tags ARE required on all surrounding state property). All hunters, guests, and observers are required to wear/display both 400 square inches of fluorescent orange **AND** a hunter's orange cap. Hunters and guests are required to sign into the pheasant hunting log, and sign out at the end of their hunt, making sure to record the number of birds taken. All club ranges (skeet, trap, rifle, pistol, & archery) will be closed all day on days listed as stocking days.

Prices for the 2018-2019 season are as follows:

Price per bird for members: \$13.00. The program will again offer a reduced price, **non-transferable** ticket to **individual** club members **only**. The price of the ticket will be \$100.00, and will be good for harvesting 10 birds (2 per day). Remaining birds on the ticket not taken by the end of the season **will not be refunded** (even if bird stocks are depleted). Excess funds from unused ticket purchases will fund feed and supplies for the program, and will be detailed in the end of the year report.

Price per bird for guests: \$17.00, plus the \$8.00 stocking fee.

Special Days

There will be a special **Thanksgiving day** (Thursday November 22nd) hunt. The hunting will begin promptly at 7:00 am. All regular fees will apply on this special hunt day.

Proposed Stocking Days:

All hunts begin at 10:00am unless otherwise noted.

2018

October 20 (Note 1)
October 27
November 3
November 10
November 17
November 22 (Note 2)
November 24
December 1
December 8
December 15
December 22
December 29

2019 (Note 3)

January 5
January 12
January 19*
January 26*
February 2*
February 9*
February 16*
February 23*

Notes:

1. Opening Day
2. Special Hunt Day: Hunting will begin at 7:00am.
3. Club members are reminded that they need to purchase a 2019 CT Hunting license to hunt after the 1st of the year.

* Denotes stocking dependent on remaining available birds.

All members, junior members, and guests, are invited to help with stocking activities throughout the season. Stocking activities normally commence around 8:30 am, and include prepping club facilities, and tagging, crating & placing birds strategically afield. This is a great opportunity to observe and practice wildlife conservation first hand, and to get up close and personal with these beautiful game birds (as well as earn work hours). Please contact Chris McVeigh for more details.

Cancellations:

In the event that any stocking day is canceled due to weather or other circumstances, an email, mobile phone text, or a phone call will be supplied to those who request to be informed. All efforts will be made to determine cancellations the evening before a stocking day, however, cancellations may occur the day of the stocking. Please contact Chris McVeigh to indicate whether or not you wish to be advised of cancellations, and if so, your preferred method of contact.

Name _____

Email Address _____

Mobile Phone No. _____

Please Check at least one: Email Mobile Text Phone Call

Contact Chris McVeigh @ (401) 749-0922 or jfbomber@atlanticbb.net to sign up for cancellation alerts, or cut out this registration slip and leave it in the small game hunting log book if you wish to be contacted.