



MEMBERSHIP

December 2018 Meeting

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December Meeting: Thursday, December 27th, at 7:30 pm. A \$15 Steak Dinner available at 6:30 pm.

January Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday January 8th at 7:30 pm at the Stonington club-house.

Work Hours: October 31st was the final date to complete

your annual 8-hour work requirement - time to start working on next year's work hours. Help is needed with the pheasant pen rebuilding and Griswold clubhouse remodeling efforts. Contact Chris McVeigh (jfbomber@ct.metrocast.net, or 401-749-0922) for information about the pheasant pen, and contact Eric Sabo about helping with the clubhouse remodeling.

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 is underway 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. 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.

There will be a special, December 31st, New Year's Eve pheasant hunt that will start at 7:00 am. If you plan to attend this hunt, please contact Chris McVeigh (jfbomber@ct.metrocast.net, or 401-749-0922) to let him know, so that an appropriate number of pheasants can be stocked for the hunt.

Dues Increase Vote: At the December Board of Directors (BOD) meeting a discussion was held regarding annual dues. It was noted that over the past 3-4 years our operating expenses have increased by over \$4,000 without a corresponding increase in dues. In order to compensate for our increased operating expense, at the December monthly meeting the BOD will recommend a \$10 dollar dues increase. Approval of this recommendation by the members in attendance at the meeting will result in the 2019-2020 member dues being \$200 and the CT dues tax being \$20.

Volunteers Needed: We are still looking for volunteers to assist or take charge of some committees at the club. Specifically, we need a new membership chairperson or an assistant chairperson. If you have interest in any of these, contact Pete Dyer or Tim Hausler.

Mystic Rod and Gun Club's 100th Anniversary Dinner. The Anniversary dinner will be held March 23rd. Tickets are on sale now at \$20/person, limited to 100 tickets. Buffet dinner and bucket raffles. All Proceeds from the dinner and raffles will go to the Mystic Rod and Gun Club Scholarship fund to keep it alive.

Stonington Range Safety: Reminder to comply with all safety rules; all firearms are used from the bench, mind your muzzles, eye protection and hearing protection must be used by all. While people are downrange there is NO handling of firearms. If you are not using a firearm on the range please keep it cased.

Club Guest Policy: Members may bring/sponsor non-family members to the range as guests. However, while on the ranges, and your guest is shooting, members must observe the guest(s) to ensure safe firearms handling and that they are complying with all club policies. While you are shooting your guest(s) are observing you. Particular guests may visit the club facilities 2 or 3 times, after which they must apply to be a club member to continue to use the facilities.



Critics say there is no place for an AR-15 among civilians, but a Hawaiian gun owner might beg to differ. When three bandits—at least one armed—dressed in hooded sweatshirts entered his home and forced one of the residents into a bathroom, the homeowner grabbed his modern sporting rifle and fired a single round, nearly hitting one of the burglars. It was enough to put them on the defensive. As they backed out of the house, they fired four gunshots of their own on the way out. And although the invaders made off with a reported \$3,000, neither victim inside the house was hurt. (Star-Advertiser, Honolulu, Hawaii, 7/21/18).

So keep in mind now that Hawaii has some of the toughest gun laws in the country. The fact that an armed invasion was thwarted by an armed homeowner should be noteworthy news... Except for the fact that the mainstream media doesn't like to publicize instances where firearms are used legally by common citizens to deter crimes. Add to that that an AR-15 'assault weapon' was used, and you really have a story that mainstream media doesn't want to touch.

So here's the thing... There has been much research and reporting on the effectiveness of resistance. Women who vigorously resist an attacker end up escaping actual rape in much higher numbers than women that passively submit. When you add any type of defensive deterrent to the situation, whether it be pepper spray, a defensive baton, a knife, or a firearm, the odds of escaping serious bodily harm significantly increase.

So here's the lesson for all of us with wives and daughters... Teach them to vigorously resist assaults, and equip them with the tools they need to make a would-be attacker change their mind about how easy it will be to have their way with our loved ones.