

future date there will be a training session on how to operate and secure the new machines after use.

<u>Trash:</u> If you have shotgun hulls that are trash, put them in a trash bucket with a plastic liner, not in a box for someone else to dump. Please tie-up full trash bags and put them into the dumpster.

**Griswold Work Party for Property Maintenance:** Members are encouraged to participate in a work party at the Griswold facility on SUNDAY, October 10th, starting at 9:00 am. If you have weed-wackers with brush blades or other brush control tools, it would be good to bring them, as the theme for the day will be to get the entire property ready for the fall hunting season. All participants should bring work gloves, and eye protection. For this particular work party, our illustrious Club President, Pete Dyer is the point of contact for questions (number above).

<u>.22 cal Bullseye League:</u> The fall/winter/spring Bullseye League competitions started up in September - the plan is that the FIRST HALF of the season will be POSTAL matches, meaning shooters will shoot at their home range, and targets/scores will be mailed to the League Administrators. Travel and in-person competitions MAY resume after the holidays, depending on the state of the pandemic in this region. If you are not yet a member of the team, contact Tim Hausler (phone # above) for details about the league and to get added to the team roster.

**Griswold Hunting:** Deer & turkey private land archery seasons opened on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Hunters need to carry a private land hunting permission slip signed by the Club President or Game (Hunting) Chairman (Chris McVeigh, phone # above) to hunt on the club's Griswold property. Permissions are granted to club members only. Also.... All <u>tree stands must be properly labeled</u> with the owner's name and an ACTIVE phone number... Otherwise, the stand will be subject to removal (and possible damage) from club property. <u>Pheasant Hunting</u> starts on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. See the **Pheasant Program Flyer** attached to the e-version of the newsletter, and posted at the Stonington and Griswold clubhouses.

Hunting Season Butchering: Call Jordan at 401-441-8565 in Ashaway, RI.to butcher your deer. Meat comes vacuum sealed and labeled with dates. Price varies pending size of deer and cut styles.

<u>Coast Guard Academy Shooting Team Use of Stonington Range:</u> The Academy's collegiate pistol shooting teams have been sponsored by Mystic Rod & Gun Club. The team will be using the Stonington range for live fire practice on Saturdays from 9:00 am 'til Noon, during October, and the first half of November. They will take a break for the holidays and resume practices January through March.

**Mystic Action Shooting Shirts:** Long sleeve (\$48) and short-sleeve (\$38) technical fabric shooting shirts with the Mystic Rod & Gun Club design, and your name on the back (optional), are available to ALL Club Members. Orders can be placed at any monthly meeting, sample shirts are available for size selection. Order forms will be available in the clubhouse snack-bar, near the register. Payment (cash only) is due when order is placed. Shirt will be available for pick up at the following monthly meeting. See the example shirt attached to the e-version of the newsletter and posted at the Stonington clubhouse to get an idea of what the shirts look like.

**<u>Christmas Party:</u>** To be held on Saturday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at the Stonington Clubhouse... Tickets for sale from Tim Hausler. Get your tickets early because there will be a limited number of tickets available for sale at \$25 each. Hors d'oeuvres served at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. Menu is steamship round, ham, and pasta... BYOB.

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## The Mystic Rod & Gun Club Pheasant Program

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

The **2021–2022** Mystic Rod & Gun Club pheasant season will begin on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, and will run through Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (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 quests 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 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 quests 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 2021-2022 season are as follows:

Price per bird for club 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 \$105.00, 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.

Prices for guest hunters: \$8.00 stocking fee, \$17.00 first bird, \$15.00 second bird.

#### Special Days

There will be a special **Thanksgiving day** (Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup>) hunt. The hunting will begin promptly at 7:00 am. All regular fees will apply on this special hunt day. There will also be a New Years Eve hunt, hunting to start at 7:00 am.

### Proposed Stocking Days: All hunts begin at 10:00am unless otherwise noted.

#### <u>2021</u>

October 16 (Note 1) October 23 October 30 November 7 November 13 November 20 November 25 (Note 2) November 27 December 4 December 11 December 18 December 25 December 31 (Note 2)

<u>2022 (Note 3)</u> January 8 January 15\* January 22\* January 29\* February 5\* February 12\* February 19\* February 26\* Notes:

- 1. Opening Day
- 2. Special Hunt Day: Hunting will begin at 7:00am.
- Club members are reminded that they need to purchase a 2021 CT Hunting license to hunt after the 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

The Mystic Rod and Gun Club Facebook page will have the most up-to-date information associated with the pheasant hunting program. Please consider "following" the page to stay abreast of notices, changes, and stocking 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 cancelations the evening before a stocking day, however, cancelations may occur the day of the stocking. Please contact Chris McVeigh to indicate whether or not you wish to be advised of cancelations, and if so, your preferred method of contact.

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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.

# **Mystic Action Shooting Shirts**



