



**POMFRET**  
**ROD & GUN CLUB**  
 P.O. Box 18 • Pomfret, CT 06258

Members & Friends

Since 1951, PRGC continues to promote tradition, & commitment to outdoor sports; hunting & fishing, education & fellowship among its members.

# NEWSLETTER

March 2022

## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- Tues. March 1st @ 7:30pm** General Membership Meeting & **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
- Sat. March 5th @ 6:00pm** Annual Member Game Dinner
- Sun. March 13th @ 8:00am** Forestry Work Detail
- Sun. March 20th** PRGC Hosting Eastern CT Skeet Winter League Spring Handgun Fest
- Tues. March 29th @ 7:30pm** Executive Board Meeting
- Tues. April 5th @ 7:30pm** General Membership Meeting
- Sun. April 10th @ 8:00am** All-Hands Spring Clean up
- Sun. April 24th @ 7:00am** 3D Archery Event
- Tues. April 26th @ 7:30pm** Executive Board Meeting
- Sun. May 1st @ 7:00am** 3D Archery Event
- Tues. May 3rd @ 7:30pm** General Membership Meeting
- Sat. May 21st @ 10:00am** PRGC Open House/Membership Drive
- Tues. May 31st @ 7:30pm** Executive Board Meeting

## Annual Member GAME DINNER

**Saturday March 5th at 6pm**

**\$10/member • Refundable for Attendees**

*Urging members they put it towards the raffles that evening.. BYOB*

Jim Schaefer Pheasant Committee Chair 508-414-7330

Robert Emmons Kitchen Committee Chair 386-546-1751

### Pheasant

Our Annual Pasta Dinner on 2/19 went great, 150 tickets sold, 30 take out. Tons of raffles and prizes. The event brought in \$2666 in profit. Many thanks to everyone that helped in preparation and during the event: Dave Estabrook, Jack Rapo, Scott Weaver, Chad Hart, Dave Payne, Leo Berube, Dave Kelly, Bill Ireland & Family, Peter Germano, Robert Emmons. Also Mike, Kris, Karen, Ron, Logan, Rob & Heather. Another thank you to everyone that donated prizes for the raffles, including Mike Kelly for some beautiful hand crafted pieces, and Sean for donating a bottle of scotch that was auctioned off for \$200. Thank you Lance and Morris for running the raffle for the event, and everyone that sold dinner tickets and came out supported the Pheasant Committee & PRGC. -Jim

### Virtual Meetings

PRGC hosts Executive Board & General Membership meetings using [GoToMeetings.com](http://gotomeetings.com). This style of hosting will be used for information purposes & attendance quota. **If you participate via call-in or web link; any matter that comes to a vote, your vote will not count.** (However, this topic is included in the current bylaws proposal)

**Join meetings from a computer, tablet or smartphone**

<http://global.gotomeeting.com/join/214289117>

**Join meetings by dialing in**

United States (Toll Free) 1-877-309-2073 or 1-571-317-3129

**Access Code: 214-289-117**

### COVID NOTICE

Due to the recent rise in Covid positive cases in the area, we urge all members with high-risk conditions or those with high-risk families at home to be smart, stay home and stay safe! Anyone with any symptoms or recent illness please help protect other PRGC Members. We appreciate your patience as we work through this difficult situation and more details will follow. Please monitor the PRGC website for current information & announcements.

## PRGC OPEN HOUSE

**May 21st 2022**

**10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.**

**Celebrate 70 years & Membership Drive**

**(Rain date May 22nd)**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST EACH COMMITTEE**

Other needs include: Hall displays, ear & eye protection, guns, ammo, paper targets, bows/crossbows, arrows/bolts, kids' fishing poles

### All-Hands Spring Clean up

**NEW DATE Sun. April 10th @ 8:00am**

**Rain date Sat. April 23rd @ 8:00am**

**Contact Glen Curtis @ 860-207-4079 // kel1065@aol.com**



# POMFRET ROD AND GUN CLUB

Committee Dispatches

— MARCH 2022 —

Updated 2/28/2022



## Education

PRGC is pleased to offer members & their guests the opportunity to participate in various educational seminars, workshops and training courses.

### Womens' Basic Firearms Training

Training will include evening classroom and the Pistol Range. The evening sessions are planned for Tuesdays, and the range sessions are targeting Wednesdays, Fridays and/or Saturdays to offer a flexible schedule for interested women. [Dates and times TBD based on attendee interest] \$30 person. 4 students minimum – 10 student max.

**Background:** Many women relatively new to the area of defensive firearms are uncomfortable in large group/formal training settings and seek to be able to learn at their own pace, ask any questions they want, take things slowly and build competence and confidence step by step for each person. This training is designed for this purpose, known as "performance based learning" in which each student can enhance their own performance at their own level, with the tools they have, etc. The sessions being planned are geared specifically for enhancing individual performance. No License/No Certifications: No training or certifications are needed nor will this training qualify you for any type of certification. Firearms & Equipment: If you do not own one yet, no problem we can provide all you will need including ammunition for the live fire sessions. If you own one but are truthfully not sure it is right for you, this education will help you with that as well.

### Chainsaw Skills "101"

Learn to use your chainsaw the right way from our member Matthew Quinn. Matt is currently a supervisor for CT DEEP and has been with the Dept. for 23 years. He is a National Wildland Fire Fighter who has several dozen deployments to major forest fires in the last 22 years. He currently holds a USFS rating at Task Force Leader, Incident Commander Level 4, and Fireland Paramedic. He is a sought after Recruit School and Sawyer Instructor, Licensed Arborist, & skilled climber. Matt is a licensed State of CT EMT-Paramedic & is a wilderness first aid / CPR instructor.

**Details:** There would be an Indoor session in the Clubhouse with PowerPoint and discussion covering: PPE, Safety Plan, Medical Treatment, Site Location, Closest Medical Facility, Chainsaw maintenance overview: Effective Chain sharpening, Air filter, Bearing and Sprocket, Bar maintenance, Tree Felling Techniques: 5 Step Felling Plan, Bucking Techniques, Q&A. The Outdoor Session is planned for a clear Saturday morning in March, from 8am – 12pm. The curriculum will be all hands-on, learning by doing and include: Medical talking points, Cutting Techniques utilizing felling procedures, Bucking, and Spring poles. Attendees must bring: Chaps or anti cut pants, Safety glasses, Hard Hat, Chainsaw with operating chain brake, Preferably 2 sharp chains. Cost: A donation to the PRGC Forestry Fund would be appreciated.

### Spring Handgun Fest: March 20th, at the Pistol Range.

11am – 2pm for IG/RSKTKR-qualified trainees and guests. Instructor Gregory "Cruz" Grutter and assisted by IG/RSKTKR-Qualified, USCCA Instructors. Learn from Cruz's real life experience and the nationally recognized United States Concealed Carry Association (USCCA). This training session will review and practice the fundamentals and then focus on effective movement techniques. As always, the focus is on safety, effectiveness and our foundation for citizen self-defense, "Tactically Sound, Legally Defensible, Socially Acceptable". Members who are interested in learning more about the training are welcome to attend to observe, ask questions and learn more. Cost: IG regular tuition & \$20 range fee for guests. No cost for members who wish to observe.

### PRGC Education Committee Guiding Principles

**Safety:** Provide training and education for the safe use of firearms, woodcraft skills and first aid. Also support improving member knowledge and skills in tactically sound and legal use of defensive force.

**Knowledge:** Assist in enhancing the value of being a club member and using the Club by learning more and building skills related to outdoor sports and recreational use of firearms.

**Engagement:** Foster and build a collegial and friendly bond between members by increasing the sharing of skills, experiences and know-how. We also plan to implement programs to build interest and engagement with younger outdoor enthusiasts (e.g. members' children and guests) and we will be providing updated content for the Monthly Newsletter.

**Take our survey! Please let us know what you are interested in & we will look into it for you.**

- The content & information provided is for informational & educational purposes only.
- Each course &/or instructor may require signing of release forms & other documents.
- No recordings (audio or video) may be made public in any way without prior written authorization (e.g. posted to a web site or social media, etc.).
- Some training courses offered by professionals/experts may require the payment of a tuition fee to the instructor, which may at times include members. (PRGC works to obtain onsite, no-cost & discounted services to maximize the value for members)
- Guests will sign the required forms including the Club release form if using any range or the property and pay a \$20 range/facility fee.
- They and their guests, if any, will assist in cleaning up the range or facility being used.
- Members will provide the Club Education Committee Chairman feedback and input to help improve our curriculum & training operations.

**NOTE: All training sessions are subject to change based on interest levels, weather and other relevant factors. All members interested in training must notify Chris Coyle cbrucec@protonmail.com or 203-360-2084**

## Newsletter

Based on member feedback & survey responses, the Executive Board voted on 2/22/22 to continue mailing the club newsletter indefinitely, while continuing to offer an electronic option for those members that would prefer to opt out of a hard copy. To change your Newsletter delivery preference, contact Sean Hall 860-634-2437 pomfretrodnewsletter@gmail.com.

## Archery

2022 3D Archery Schedule: April 24, May 1, September 18 & 25. Registration 7am-12pm. All score cards in by 2pm. Entry fees \$10 (16 & up) \$5 (13-15) 12 & under Free. 3D books are available. Check the racks at the clubhouse, Brooklyn Trading Post & Bob's Archery in Webster, MA. - Glen Curtis 860-207-4079

## Forestry

**Work Detail Sunday, March 13 from 8am - Noon, weather permitting**  
Contact Morris 860-933-5597

## Fish

Don't go out on the ice, it is starting to open up. Stocking soon. -Ted

## Gamekeeper

There were 17 surveys collected from 2021 hunting seasons, 11 slips out. 6 deer taken (2 archery & 4 shotgun) 3 turkeys. Planning some signage and boundary marker replacement, pending budget. -Kris

## Indoor Pistol

Range open 9am-9pm Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & holidays \$2 for 5 targets, Lead only, less than 1300FPS no jacketed bullets. Range took in \$62 last month and \$87 the previous. -Mike

## Rifle

We will be having a **Free Outdoor Range Orientation Event that includes an Intro to Plates & Pins.** Date/Time TBD, possibly a Sunday in March/April. Stay tuned. 2022 trapping books are printed, check the clubhouse or contact Neil 860.564.5105

## Skeet/Trap

PRGC will host the Eastern CT Skeet Winter League the 20th of March. Due to the matches the Center Skeet field will not be available. Shotgun Sports Introduction last week was a success, we had a dozen attendees and new shooters. We're planning another similar event towards the end of May. A reminder, fees for use of fields & 25 targets are \$3/member \$4/guest. -Bruce 860.928.5742

## Merchandise

We took in \$120 for merchandise sold at the Pasta Dinner. Lots of great ideas and feedback on what products to put our club brand on, but we'd like to hear from you. Submit requests to Logan Burton 508-243-5030.

## Membership

*Welcoming our newest PRGC Members*

**Matthew Kruger • Syllas Blanchard • Carol Csaszar  
Christopher Debski • David Estabrook • Chad Hart  
Jacob Jurnovoy • Jorge Leon • Franklin Iowe • Kyle Racine  
Jack Rapo • Scott L. Weaver • Wyatt Weaver**

**PRGC is accepting new member applications & membership renewals, deadline March 1. If sending by mail with [application](#) C/O Robert Brooks Membership Committee Chairman P.O. Box 18 • Pomfret, CT 06258**



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