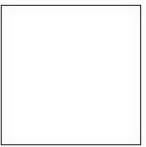




**POMFRET**  
**ROD & GUN CLUB**  
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Members & Friends

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



# NEWSLETTER

April 2022

## Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- Tues. April 5th @ 7:30pm General Membership Meeting  
 Womens' Basic Firearms Training 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- Sun. April 10th @ 8:00am All-Hands Spring Clean up
- Wed. April 13th @ 6:30pm Indoor Pistol Block Shoot
- 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
- Tues. June 7th @ 7:30pm General Membership Meeting
- Sun. June 12th @ 8:00am Pomfret Rec. Dept. Kids' Fishing Derby
- Sat. June 18th Pheasant Committee Pork BBQ

## ALL-HANDS SPRING CLEAN UP

Sun. April 10th 8am-noon *Rain date Sat. April 23rd*

Items needed include lawn rakes, gravel rakes, shovels, wheelbarrow, weed wacker, hand saws, hand clippers, hand drill or 2 with bits, chainsaw & leaf blowers (with oil & gas), trash bags

Areas of Interest: Clubhouse Hall: sweep/wash/wax as seen necessary. Sweep entrance ramp/steps. Clean mud room/entrance. Clean around BBQ pit area. Kitchen: sweep & wash, Bathrooms: clean & restock, Basement & spare room freshened up. Cleaning & clearing around the pond & back side, archery range and grounds. Rake/leveling gravel in driveway/parking lots, smooth out ruts. Clean in & around buildings: garage/shooting huts. Clean & rake ranges. Dump barrels of trash on all ranges. Remove establishing bees nests.

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

## 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

PRGC is looking for someone to help manage the website. If you're capable and interested, contact a club officer for more information.

### 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

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.

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# POMFRET ROD AND GUN CLUB

Committee Dispatches

— APRIL 2022 —

Updated 4/4/2022



## Education

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

### Womens' Basic Firearms Training

Woman's Basic Firearms Training is off and running with a successful first session on March 23rd at the Clubhouse! The next session is planned for Tuesday, April 5 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm in the downstairs meeting room (the monthly membership meeting is scheduled for that evening in the main meeting room at 7:30pm). Students are encouraged to bring their personal firearm in an unloaded, safe and secure condition, with 1 empty magazine along with the manufacturer's manual included with the firearm (NO AMMUNITION). New students are welcome and those who may miss a class will be assisted so everyone can keep up with the learning content.

### Chainsaw Skills "101"

Learn to use your chainsaw the right way, with course training provided by professionals that will cover 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. Specific dates/times TBA.

*Take our survey! Please let us know what you are interested in & we will look into it for you. Note that all training sessions are subject to change based on interest levels, weather & other relevant factors. All members interested must notify Chris Coyle [cbrucecoy@protonmail.com](mailto:cbrucecoy@protonmail.com) or 203-360-2084.*

## 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. Setup will be on Saturday morning 4/23 at 8am. We need as many volunteers as possible to help setup the 3D targets, it takes about 3hours. The more volunteers the better and quicker we all are done. **We badly need a UTV/side by side to pull the archery trailer and get our 3d targets out on the course**, if anyone has one and willing to drive it for April 23 setup and May 1 pickup; call me ASAP to verify. After the second 3D shoot on Sunday May 1st we'll be picking up the targets, we need volunteers for this as well. Plan on arriving at 12:30pm, it takes about 2 hours; or quicker with more help. **Something New:** We are leaving the entire 3D course setup from 4/23 thru 5/1, and again 9/17 thru 9/25. During those 8 days between shoots, the course will be available for archery shooting members in the club and their guests. We've never done this before, but if it works out well we will try to incorporate it more going forward. Members can shoot the course free of charge, non-member guests that are brought to shoot are responsible to pay a fee of \$10 per person (honor system). Please turn in collected fees at the May 3rd meeting or call me to meet up. You're welcome to scorecards that are available in the clubhouse rack, if you choose to score your shots. **Broad heads are not allowed to be used on any type of archery targets.** Field tips/practice tips must be the same diameter as the arrow shaft you're using. 3D archery shooting is by far the most realistic and best way to practice your shots, become better at ranging your targets; and be an all-around better archer. Come out and join us, try the course and have some fun. Bring the family & friends.  
- Glen Curtis 860-207-4079

## Fish

Thank you to the following people for helping out with our Spring fish stocking: Ron Cabana, Bob Finley, Richard Morin, Dave LaForest, Anthony Capuano, Jim & Lorna Schaefer, John Cody, Bruce Gray, Phil Dauphinais, Mike Chebro. If I missed anyone I'm sorry. PRGC is hosting the Pomfret Recreation Department's Annual Hooked on Fishing Derby & Casting Contest, Sunday 6/12/22 (rain date Saturday 6/18/22) Check in is 8:00am, fishing will be from 8:30am-11:30am followed by lunch and awards.

You may notice signs up around local rivers & streams encouraging catch and release. They also give tips on how to minimize injury to your catch. The project/initiative is coordinated by Steve Gerling and the Thames Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited; and has gotten some media attention. The following clubs added their endorsement and support to the effort: Putnam Fish and Game Club, Pomfret Rod and Gun Club, Eastern Ct. Sportsman's Club (Ashford), Fin, Fur, and Feather Club (Chaplin) and Stafford Fish & Game Club. For more info: [www.thamesvalleytu.org](http://www.thamesvalleytu.org) -Ted

## Pheasant

Our Annual Game Dinner was another great success, with \$240 turned in for profit, lots of raffle prizes won. Thank you to everyone who came out and had fun, and all of you that donated raffle prizes. Thank you to our volunteers: Mike Burton, Dick Burke, Robert Emmons, Shirley Thiebault, Lenny Williams, Tim Borkiewicz, Marc Ducat, Derek Kruger, Bernie Ducat, Lynne Poch, Ryan Johnson, John Dinsdale, Peter Germano, Jack Rapo, Sean Hall, Lance Battersby & Ali Clymer. We are looking forward to putting on a Pork BBQ June 18th, more details to come -Jim Schaefer  
Mike Burton also presented a fundraising idea that we join Pomfret's town-wide tag sale happening on May 7. Potentially have tables for rent; accept donations, etc. sell food, to benefit the club. Would need to commit by April 29th to be added to the yard sale map. [www.visitpomfret.com/events-news/](http://www.visitpomfret.com/events-news/)

## Kitchen

The convection oven is fixed, but the big stove has issues. It needs a new regulator, a motion passed for expenditure of \$529.64 for parts and labor. Need a different tech to look at the hood. -Robert

## Forestry

Due to weather, progress on our work detail last month was frozen, literally. Addressing a compromised bridge behind the pond, it was frozen to the abutments and risked damaging equipment. Thank you for everyone that came to work: Tim Borkiewicz, Jack Rapo, Paul Johnson, Scott & Wyatt Weaver, & Sean Hall. Some discussion was had amongst the executive board regarding long term solutions for bridges. Next work detail TBA. -Morris

## Indoor Pistol

**Block Shoot .22's Wednesday April 13th @ 6:30pm.** Range open 9am-9pm Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays & holidays \$2 for 5 targets, Lead only, less than 1300FPS no jacketed bullets. -Mike

## Skeet/Trap

Thanks to all who assisted in the delivery of our Skeet targets: Mike Bertorelli, Doug Burbach, Al Sonski, Dave Platt, Harry Eaton, Wes Eaton, Gloria Eaton, Mike Corriveau, Bruno Krasinski, Ron Foisey, Walt Lipponen, Ron Billings, John Cody, Ted Hebert. Skeet and Traps' next Work party will coincide with the April 10 General Cleanup. Eastern Connecticut Winter Skeet league will conclude with an away match on 4/2/22. Our Team is situated to finish mid-pack of Division Three. Reminder that all 3 fields are open.. And there is a fee to use the range... -Bruce 860.928.5742

## Rifle

We are gauging interest in having a .22 rifle shoot; iron sights/scopes. Tentatively in the works pin/plate shoots on the 4th Sunday of the month in the mornings at the pistol range; and possibly steel challenges on the 1st Sunday of each month. Let us know if you would like to participate so we can put together more details and set specific dates/times. We are also planning to have a Free Outdoor Range Orientation Event that includes an Intro to Plates & Pins. Date/Time TBD, Stay tuned. The next work detail will coincide with the all-hands work party scheduled on 4/10/2022 at 8am. Just a reminder when you are done using the range please bring your targets back in. -Neil 860.564.5105

## Legislation

State Senator Craig Miner, an environmental committee chair and ally is not seeking re-election next year; which could present future challenges for Sportsmen in CT. But the last meeting of environmental committee has concluded for the session, there is no concerning legislation that would impact hunting & fishing this year. -Mike Chebro



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