



## South County Rod and Gun Club News Letter - April 2026

### President's Topics (Brenda Jacob):

- Support your gun rights. Attend Legislative Hearings. Watch for SCRGC email notices.
  - See Legislative Section of Newsletter for summary of bills
- Support your gun rights. Disaffiliate and vote. **40% of RI gun owners do not vote.**
  - Rhode Island does not have an "independent" party. You may choose to register as *unaffiliated* which means you will not be considered a member of any political party
  - Unaffiliated voters who vote in a primary election will continue to be unaffiliated after voting.
  - Voters affiliated with a political party who wish to disaffiliate, may do so by updating their voter registration at any time
  - Affiliated voters who wish to vote in another party's primary, must disaffiliate at least 30 days before the primary date
- Donate. The League of RI Businesses is committed to safeguarding the principles of our State & Nation. Our focus is on Senate and House seats across RI
  - Supporting Strong Candidates
  - Defending the Constitution
  - Protecting Rights and Freedoms
  - All Donations Secure & Confidential
- Brenda and Norman went to the Zoning board on March 17<sup>th</sup> for the 1000 yd range
  - The zoning board was happy with the club's presentation
  - There were several residents that objected to the range
  - The club was asked to tweak the drawings to provide additional information on the Berm and to provide topographic map overlays of the proposed range
  - The next meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup> at the West Greenwich Town Hall
- Working with DEM On Beneficial Use Determination (Bud) Program to fix club roads



### President's Topics (Cont.):

- Several Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) projects need to get finished before July. Once these are done NRCS pays the club for the work. (See Probation hours section for detail on work to be done)
- The Club will be fixing or replacing the Walk in Cooler
- It is red flag season, no open fires, use caution
- No alcohol or cannabis allowed at any time on the range
- The club has purchased a table at the "Friends of NRA Banquet" in October. Each meeting tickets for the event will be raffled at the members meeting for \$5
- Revised Monthly Newsletter format starts in April. Text David Bardsley (603-237-2533) if you have any specific content, you want added in the May edition
- The following SCRGC members passed away recently, condolences to the families:
  - Robert Cioci (Owned land that abuts the club)
  - Paul Russell

### Call to Action (Membership)

- Review RI Gun Legislation / Attend Hearings: <https://rigunrights.com/>
- Update Voter Registration / Disaffiliate: <https://vote.sos.ri.gov/>
- Support your Candidates. Vote in Primaries/Elections: Donate at [League of Businesses](#)
- Complete all NRCS projects by July
- Obey all [Range Rules](#)
- Ensure you sign in / out of the club. Do not loan your FOB Key to anyone!
- Volunteer for club projects. As a member, you own the club. Help out when you can.
- Read Emails: Only 30% of the Emails sent by the club are opened by members. Please open and review club emails. Check spam as sometimes emails go to that folder unless you subscribe to them.
- Reminders:
  - Ensure you sign in / out of the club.
  - Do not loan your FOB Key to Anyone!
  - Clean up after yourselves at all Ranges (Brass / Trash)
  - Only pattern shotguns at the skeet field



### **Senior Smallbore Rifle (Chris Wyatt):**

- Last league match was April 16
- Matches will start next season in late October
- If anyone is interested in shooting with the team, matches are held every Thursday from October thru April. POC Chris Wyatt 401-218-7434

### **High Power Rifle (Chris Wyatt):**

- First match (80 shot) is May 17th at 9:00 AM
- High Power Rifle match schedule is posted on the club website
- POC Chris Wyatt 401-218-7434

### **Junior Smallbore Rifle (David Wood / Jeff Trivison)**

- Jr Rifle team tied Cumberland in the most recent match. Cumberland won in a tiebreaker 25-24
- Governor's Cup will be held at the end of May
- URI finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Small Bore at the Mac Championship and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the aggregate
- Two Athlete's competed in the Intercollegiate Rifle Club National Championships
  - Alex Trivison won 2nd Team Allstar in Air Rifle
  - Sophia Wood won 1<sup>st</sup> Team Allstar in Air Rifle, Small Bore and Aggregate. She also won bronze metals in Small Bore and Aggregate
- The team will shrink next year with 3 athlete's aging out and two others pursuing other interests. That will leave us with 2 team members and a 10-yr old. Anyone (10-21 yrs old) that may be interested should call Coach David Wood 401-286-2607 or Coach Jeff Trivison 401-787-1669

### **Small Bore Pistol**

- Pistol Matches ended in February we had 5 wins and 13 losses
- Out of 10 teams we came in 8<sup>th</sup>. Pinetree took 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Banquet will be on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Quonset "O" Club
- Matches will start again in September



### Trap / Skeet (Glenn Gardner):

- Weather has not been cooperating for Sunday Shoots
- The Skeet & Trap fields are open Sundays 9:00am to 12:00pm or until everyone is done.
- The price of Skeet & Trap is \$4.00 per round
- All Shotgun Patterning is to be done on the targets at the Skeet Range. Do not use the 50-yard range for Patterning

### Gun Ranges (Indoor / 50 Yd / 300yd):

- Check [SCRGC Notices](#) for Range Closures
- Obey all [Range Rules](#)
- Refrain from teaching those new to firearm handling at the Indoor range. Instructional training should be done first at the outdoor 50 yd range
- Clean up all ranges after use (Brass / Trash)
- Do not Pattern Shotguns at the 50 yd. Use patterning targets in the skeet range
- Paper Targets only. Bullets must hit the berm! (No Cans, bowling pins, golf balls ect.)
- New Shooting Barricades at 300 yd: Rooftop, Tank Trap, Spool, and Wall
- New Metal Gong Targets at 300 yd:
  - Minimum distance for Gong Shooting is 100 Yards
  - No Armor Piercing Ammo (Check bullets with magnet)
  - Do not shoot at Chains. Firehose hangers will be used in the future





### Legislative: (Key Anti Gun Bills)

- **H7035:** Limits Rhode Island residents to purchasing one firearm - pistol, rifle, or shotgun - per 30-day period. Violations are a misdemeanor on the first offense and a felony for repeat offenses. (Companion Bill in Senate S2295)
- **H7557:** Creates the Rhode Island Firearm Industry Accountability Act, exposing manufacturers, distributors, and retailers to civil liability when courts find they failed to implement reasonable controls - bypassing federal PLCAA protections. (Companion Bill in Senate S2611)
- **H7636:** Creates a state-run restricted list that gun owners can voluntarily join to surrender their right to purchase and possess firearms, with healthcare providers able to submit enrollment forms on a patient's behalf. (Companion Bill in Senate S2971)
- **H7647:** Creates an exception to Rhode Island's juvenile record sealing laws, allowing sealed juvenile adjudications to be disclosed to NICS for firearm background checks, potentially blocking purchases for adults with sealed juvenile records.
- **H7754:** Removes the current provision allowing out-of-state concealed carry permit holders to apply for a Rhode Island permit, ending reciprocity for non-residents.
- **H7755:** Expands Rhode Island mandatory firearm safety training from handguns to all firearms, raises the requirement from 2 hours to 8 hours, adds a written exam, requires renewal every 5 years, and transfers administration to the Office of the Attorney General. It also replaces the automatic 7-day background check window with a required affirmative police clearance, and deletes the separate rifle/shotgun purchase application process. (Companion Bill in Senate S2627)
- **H8071:** Requires a background check before every ammunition purchase in Rhode Island, including reloading components such as primers, powder, and bullets. Sellers who skip the check face fines up to \$500 per sale.



### Legislative: (Cont.)

- **H8073:** Expands the 2025 "prohibited firearms" ban to include possession. Makes it illegal to possess previously grandfathered firearms. Owners have until December 31, 2026 to sell to a licensed dealer or transfer out of state. Felony: up to 10 years, \$10,000 fine. (Companion Bill in Senate S2710)
- **H8075:** Requires every firearm owner to maintain a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy. Failure to maintain coverage results in immediate revocation of all ownership privileges. Existing owners have 30 days from the effective date to obtain coverage. Exempts active-duty law enforcement and military.

### Federated

- Clam Boil April 12<sup>th</sup> at Seekonk Road and Gun Club
- Memorial Day Boots on the Ground at Fort Adams – May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>

### Hunting / Fishing / Boating

- **RI Spring Turkey Season:**
  - Youth: April 20-26<sup>th</sup>
  - Paraplegic: April 25-26<sup>th</sup>
  - Spring - All: April 30- May 24<sup>th</sup>
- **Fishing:** Largemouth bass reports have been stellar for the past few weeks. Bite is on.
- **Boating:** Time to get out there. Let's get these boats off the rack and in the water!





### **Probationary Work Hour Projects / Work Party Days:**

- **Clubhouse**
  - For clubhouse projects contact Tom Devine.
- **Ranges**
  - Turkey Table needs to be built (Contact Mike Fortin)
  - For range projects contact Larry Metiever
- **Grounds**
  - Road to Pond Cleared of Fallen Trees. Take wood if you like (Contact Bill Clegg)
  - Remove Vines from Side of Building (Contact Bill Clegg)
  - There are several Natural Resources Conservations Services (NRCS) Projects that need to be done. The boy scouts will help with some of these but club members will be needed to help get them done by July. (Contact Brenda Jacob)
    - Access road cleared
    - Critical Planting
    - Mulching
    - Brush Management (Removing Autumn Olive along the High-Power Range, Driveway, and Trap Field)

### **Upcoming Events Calendar (Key Events):**

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| 4/20: | Executive Board Meeting - 7pm                               |
| 5/4:  | General Membership Meeting - 8pm                            |
| 5/17: | High Power Rifle Match – 9am                                |
| 5/18: | Executive Board Meeting - 7pm                               |
| 5/19: | Zoning Meeting on 1,000 Yd Range (West Greenwich Town Hall) |

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