



## South County Rod and Gun Club News Letter - May 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! **60% of RI gun owners do not vote.**
- 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
- Joe Galligan is recovering from a Hip / Pelvic injury. He does a lot of work for the club.
- Beneficial Use Determination (Bud) Program: Brenda is looking to schedule meeting with DEM to address:
  - Land Swap
  - Secure fill for projects, most will be exempt. Work on extra layer of protection.
  - Budget
- Brenda and Norman are working to reschedule the 1000 yd range zoning meeting to June 19th to allow for
  - Land Swap meeting with DEM to take place which could favorably change orientation of the range.
  - Revised drawings to provide additional information on the berm and to provide topographic map overlays of the proposed range.
- Several Natural Resources Conservations Services (NRCS)
  - Several projects need to get finished before July. (See Probation hours section for detail on work to be done)
  - Applications submitted for seeding and planting fruit trees at the 1000 yd range
  - Once these are done NCRS pays the club for the work.



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

- Several complaints received regarding speeding accessing the pond. Please slow down.
- Indoor Range Safety: Anyone working upstairs in the clubhouse needs to hang a sign on the Indoor Range door that work is being done upstairs.
- Establish Indoor Range Committee (Coordinate General Maintenance for Indoor Range)
- New Forestry Committee Members: Brad Tradado, Mike Cullen, Mike Dennen
- Electrical issues with the backhoe will be repaired
- The Club is working on the paper work to replace the Walk in Cooler
- It is red flag season, no open fires, use caution
- The club has purchased a table at the "Friends of NRA Banquet" on October 18 at 3PM at Rhodes of the Pawtuxet. Each meeting tickets for the event will be raffled at the members meeting for \$5
- Monthly News Letter: (Sent via Email / Available on the SCRGC web site)
  - If you are not receiving the newsletter via email:
    - Check your Spam Folder
    - Contact Glen Gardner (401-741-0039) with updated email address
  - Call / Text David Bardsley (603-237-2533) to add content in next Month's addition.

### **Call to Action (Membership)**

- Review RI Gun Legislation / Attend Hearings: <https://rigunrights.com/>
- Update Voter Registration / Disaffiliate: <https://vote.sos.ri.gov/>
- Support Candidates. Vote in Primaries/Elections: Donate [SCRGC League of Businesses](#)
- Call Joe Galligan with well wishes on his recover (401-699-1530)
- Complete current NCRS projects by July
- Volunteer for Indoor Range / Forestry Committees Call Brenda Jacob (401-623-0682)
- Obey all [Range Rules](#)
- Volunteer for club projects. As a member, you own the club. Help out when you can.
- Reminders:
  - No alcohol or cannabis allowed at any time on the range
  - 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)



### **Federated**

- Vote in Primary / General Elections to protect your Gun Rights
- Memorial Day Boots on the Ground at Fort Adams – May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>

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

- Last league match was April 16
- Matches will start next season in late October

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

- [2026 Phillips Memorial 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

### **Small Bore Pistol**

- Season has ended
- Matches will start again in September

### **Trap / Skeet (Glenn Gardner):**

- Need more Shooters. Only 7 Attendees last week.
- 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

### **Specialty Shoot: RI 3P Metric District Regional Shoot – June 28<sup>th</sup>**

- SCRGC 50 Meter Range. Range setup will begin at 3PM on Saturday 6/27.
- Event will be all day on Sunday 6/28. Shooters come from all over new England.
- Range will be broken down after the shoot at 5PM on Sunday 6/28.
- Spectators are welcome. Come check it out, we want more competitive shooters to get involved.



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

- Check [SCRGC Notices](#) for Range Closures
- Obey all [Range Rules](#) (Updated)
- Clean up all ranges after use (Brass / Trash)
- No alcohol or cannabis allowed at any time on the range
- Indoor Range Safety: Anyone working upstairs in the clubhouse needs to hang a sign on the Indoor Range door that work is being done upstairs.
  - Hang a sign on the door
  - Put Nylon Tie on the door hasp
- New: Indoor Range Committee
  - Need Volunteers
  - General Range Maintenance
  - Rubber Backstop Monitoring / Replacement
  - Contact Brenda at (401-623-0682) if you want to be part of the Committee





### Key Legislative Points from the May SCRGC Meeting:

- **Gun Owners do not Vote**
  - Vote in the Primaries / General Elections
  - Use primaries to vote out Progressives
- **League of RI Businesses vets the candidates stand on:**
  - Pro Business
  - Pro Family
  - Holding up Budgets
  - Pro Gun / Appealing bad Gun Laws
- **Gun friendly Democrat's do not have our backs anymore because they are getting ousted by progressives**
  - Elections are often very close. There are enough gun owners in the state if everyone got onboard, we could control the vote. We are going to have to change the tide or we will not have guns. That simple.
- **Brenda will have candidates at the next general meeting. She is also looking to host a meet and greet with candidates at the club in August.**
  - Raymond McKay will be here. He is running against Reed
  - Joe Soloman will be here. He is running against Jason Knight who is anti-gun.
  - Voter Registration forms will be available in August
  - Assistance will be available for early voting and Mail in Ballots in August

### 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.
- **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.
- **H8081:** Allows carry permit authorities to access expunged criminal records, meaning a legally cleared conviction can still be used to deny a Rhode Island carry permit application.

## 2026 RI CANDIDATE LISTS

Visual of how outnumbered we are and how important it is to get the people in yellow elected!

Pro Gun		Anti Gun		House of Representatives					
DIST	CANDIDATE	PARTY	NEW CANDIDATE	PARTY	TOWN				
REP 01	EDITH HANOVER AJELLO	Democrat			PROVIDENCE				
REP 02	CHRISTOPHER R BLAZEJEWSKI	Democrat			PROVIDENCE				
REP 03	NATHAN W BIAH	Democrat			PROVIDENCE				
REP 04	REBECCA M KISLAK	Democrat			PROVIDENCE				
REP 05	ANTHONY J DESIMONE	Democrat			PROVIDENCE				
REP 06	RAYMOND A HULL	Democrat			PROVIDENCE				
REP 07	DAVID MORALES	Democrat	BILLY MANZO	DEMOCRAT	PROVIDENCE				
REP 08	JOHN J LOMBARDI	Democrat			PROVIDENCE				
REP 09	ENRIQUE GEORGE SANCHEZ	Democrat	SANTOS JAVIER	DEMOCRAT	PROVIDENCE				
REP 10	SCOTT A SLATER	Democrat			PROVIDENCE				
REP 11	GRACE DIAZ	Democrat			PROVIDENCE				
REP 12	JOSE F BATISTA	Democrat			PROVIDENCE				
REP 13	RAMON A PEREZ	Democrat			PROVIDENCE, JOHNSTON				
REP 14	CHARLENE LIMA	Democrat			CRANSTON, PROVIDENCE				
REP 15	CHRISTOPHER PAPLAUSKAS	Republican			CRANSTON				
REP 16	BRANDON POTTER	Democrat			CRANSTON				
REP 17	JACQUELYN M BAGINSKI	Democrat			CRANSTON				
REP 18	ARTHUR HANDY	Democrat	JESSICA GOMES	REPUBLICAN	CRANSTON				
REP 19	JOSEPH MCNAMARA	Democrat			CRANSTON, WARWICK				
REP 20	DAVID A BENNETT	Democrat			WARWICK				
REP 21	MARIE A HOPKINS	Republican			WARWICK				
REP 22	VACANT (Solomon)	Democrat	TBA		WARWICK				
REP 23	VACANT (Shekarchi)	Democrat	DANA TRAVERSIE	REPUBLICAN	WARWICK				
REP 24	EVAN PATRICK SHANLEY	Democrat			WARWICK				
REP 25	THOMAS E NORET	Democrat			W. WARWICK, COVENTRY				
REP 26	EARL READ	Democrat			COVENTRY, WARWICK, W WARWICK				
REP 27	VACANT (SERPA)	Democrat	LAWRENCE ALMAGNO	REPUBLICAN	COVENTRY, WARWICK, W WARWICK				
REP 28	GEORGE A NARDONE	Republican			COVENTRY				
REP 29	SHERRY L ROBERTS	Republican			COVENTRY, W. GREENWICH				
REP 30	JUSTINE A CALDWELL	Democrat			E. GREENWICH, W GREENWICH				
REP 31	VACANT (Casimiro)	Democrat	TBA		EXETER, N KINGSTOWN				
REP 32	CRAVEN	Democrat	KEVIN HOYLE	DEMOCRAT	NORTH KINGSTOWN				
REP 33	CAROL HAGAN MCENTEE	Democrat	JESSICA DREW DAY	REPUBLICAN	NARRAGANSETT, S KINGSTOWN				
REP 34	TERESA A TANZI	Democrat			NARRAGANSETT, S KINGSTOWN				
REP 35	KATHLEEN A FOGARTY	Democrat	JENNIFER NERBONNE	REPUBLICAN	SOUTH KINGSTOWN				
REP 36	TINA L SPEARS	Democrat	LEAH BOISCLAIR	DEMOCRAT	CHARLESTON, NEW SHOREHAM				
REP 37	SAMUEL ANGELO AZZINARO	Democrat	CHRIS STANTON	REPUBLICAN	WESTERLY				

## House of Representatives (Cont.)

DIST	HOUSE OF REPS	PARTY	NEW CANDIDATES	PARTY	TOWN
REP 38	BRIAN PATRICK KENNEDY	Democrat			HOPKINGTON, WESTERLY
REP 39	MEGAN L COTTER	Democrat	JASMINE ROY	REPUBLICAN	CHARLESTOWN, EXETER, RICHMOND
REP 40	MICHAEL W CHIPPENDALE	Republican			COVENTRY, FOSTER, GLOCESTER
REP 41	ROBERT J QUATTROCCHI	Republican			CRANSTON, SCITUATE
REP 42	RICHARD FASCIA	Democrat			CRANSTON, JOHNSTON
REP 43	DEBORAH ANN FELLELA	Democrat			JOHNSTON
REP 44	GREGORY J COSTANTINO	Democrat			JOHNSTON, LINCOLN, SMITHFIELD
REP 45	MIA A ACKERMAN	Democrat			CUMBERLAND, LINCOLN
REP 46	MARY ANN SHALLCROSS SMITH	Democrat			LINCOLN, PAWTUCKET
REP 47	DAVID J PLACE	Republican			BURRIVILLE, GLOCESTER
REP 48	BRIAN C NEWBERRY	Republican			BURRIVILLE, NORTH SMITHFIELD
REP 49	JON D BRIEN	Independent			WOONSOCKET
REP 50	STEPHEN M CASEY	Democrat			WOONSOCKET
REP 51	ROBERT D PHILLIPS	Democrat			WOONSOCKET
REP 52	ALEX DANIEL MARSZALKOWSKI	Democrat			CUMBERLAND
REP 53	PAUL SANTUCCI	Republican			GLOCESTER, SMITHFIELD
REP 54	WILLIAM W O'BRIEN	Democrat			NORTH PROVIDENCE
REP 55	ARTHUR J CORVESE	Democrat			NORTH PROVIDENCE
REP 56	JOSHUA J D GIRALDO	Democrat			CENTRAL FALLS
REP 57	BRANDON T VOAS	Democrat			CUMBERLAND
REP 58	CHERIE L CRUZ	Democrat			PAWTUCKET
REP 59	JENNIFER A STEWART	Democrat			PAWTUCKET
REP 60	KAREN ALZATE	Democrat			PAWTUCKET
REP 61	LEONELA FELIX	Democrat			PAWTUCKET
REP 62	MARY DUFFY MESSIER	Democrat			PAWTUCKET
REP 63	KATHERINE S KAZARIAN	Democrat			EAST PROVIDENCE
REP 64	JENNI FURTADO	Democrat			EAST PROVIDENCE
REP 65	MATTHEW S DAWSON	Democrat			EAST PROVIDENCE
REP 66	JENNIFER SMITH BOYLAN	Democrat			BARRINGTON AND
REP 67	NICOLE JELELINK	Democrat	RON JARVAIS	DEMOCRAT	BARRINGTON, WARREN
REP 68	JUNE S SPEAKMAN	Democrat			BRISTOL, WARREN
REP 69	SUSAN ANN DONOVAN	Democrat			BRISTOL, PORTSMOUTH
REP 70	JOHN G EDWARDS IV	Democrat			PORTSMOUTH, TIVERTON
REP 71	MICHELLE ELISE MCGAW	Democrat			LITTLE COMPTON, PORTSMOUTH
REP 72	TERRI-DENISE CORTVRIEND	Democrat			MIDDLETOWN, PORTSMOUTH
REP 73	MARVIN L ABNEY	Democrat			MIDDLETOWN, NEWPORT
REP 74	ALEX S FINKELMAN	Democrat			JAMESTOWN, MIDDLETOWN
REP 75	LAUREN H CARSON	Democrat			NEWPORT

Pro Gun	Anti Gun
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## Senate Legislators and Candidates

Dist	Name	Party	New Candidate	Party	Town
SEN 01	JACOB BISSAILLON	Democrat-P			PROVIDENCE
SEN 02	ANA B QUEZADA	Democrat			PROVIDENCE
SEN 03	SAMUEL D ZURIER	Democrat			PROVIDENCE
SEN 04	Stefano Famiglietti	Democrat			PROVIDENCE, N PROVIDENCE
SEN 05	SAMUEL W BELL	Democrat-P			PROVIDENCE
SEN 06	TIARA T MACK	Democrat-P			PROVIDENCE
SEN 07	FRANK ANTHONY CICCONE	Democrat			PROVIDENCE
SEN 08	SANDRA C CANO	Democrat			PAWTUCKET
SEN 09	JOHN P BURKE	Democrat			WEST WARWICK
SEN 10	WALTER S FELAG JR	Democrat			BRISTOL, TIVERTON, WARREN
SEN 11	LINDA L UJIFUSA	Democrat			TIVERTON, POTSMOUTH
SEN 12	LOUIS PETER DiPalma	Democrat			MIDDLETOWN, LITTLE COMPTON
SEN 13	DAWN M EUER	Democrat			NEWPORT, JAMESTOWN
SEN 14	VALARIE J LAWSON	Democrat	BRIAN COOGAN	Democrat	EAST PROVIDENCE
SEN 15	MEGHAN E KALLMAN	Democrat	VANESSA LOPEZ	Democrat	N. PROVIDENCE, PAWTUCKET
SEN 16	JONATHON ACOSTA	Democrat			CENTRAL FALLS, PAWTUCKET
SEN 17	THOMAS J PAOLINO	Republican			N. PROVIDNECE, LINCOLN
SEN 17	CAMERON JOSEPH DEUTSCH	Democrat			N. PROVIDNECE, LINCOLN
SEN 18	ROBERT BRITTO	Democrat			EAST PROVIDENCE
SEN 19	RYAN W PEARSON	Democrat	JAMES METIVIER	Democrat	LINCOLN, CUMBERLAND
SEN 20	BRIAN J THOMPSON	Democrat			WOONSOCKET, CUMBERLAND
SEN 21	GORDON E ROGERS	Republican			SCITUATE, FOSTER, COVENTRY , W GREENWICH
SEN 22	DAVID P TIKOIAN	Democrat			N PROVIDENCE, JOHNSTON
SEN 23	JESSICA DELACRUZ	Republican			BURRVILLE, GLOSTER, N SMITHFIELD
SEN 24	MELISSA A MURRAY	Democrat			N. SMITHFIELD, WOONSOCKET
SEN 25	ANDREW R DIMITRI	Democrat			JOHNSTON
SEN 26	TODD M PATALANO	Democrat			CRANSTON
SEN 27	HANNA M GALLO	Democrat			CRANSTON, W WARWICK
SEN 28	LAMMIS J VARGAS	Democrat			CRANSTON, PROVIDENCE
SEN 29	PETER A APPOLLONIO JR	Democrat			WARWICK
SEN 30	MARK P MCKENNEY	Democrat			WARWICK
SEN 31	MATTHEW LIAM LAMOUNTAIN	Democrat			CRANSTON, WARWICK
SEN 32	PAMELA J LAURIA	Democrat			E PROVIDENCE, BRISTOL
SEN 33	LEONIDAS P RAPTAKIS	Democrat			COV, EG AND WG
SEN 34	ELAINE J MORGAN	Republican			EXETER, HOPKINGTON, WG, CHARLESTOWN, RICHMOND
SEN 35	BRIDGET G VALVERDE	Democrat	TBA		N AND S KINGSTOWN, E GREENWICH, NARRAGANSETT
SEN 36	ALANA M DIMARIO	Democrat	MARK MESROBIAN	Democrat	N KINGSTOWN, NARRAGANSETT
SEN 37	VIRGINIA S SOSNOWSKI	Democrat			NARRAGANSETT, NEW SHOREHAM
SEN 38	VICTORIA GU	Democrat	WESTIN PLACE	Republican	CHARLESTOWN, S KINGSTOWN, WESTERLY



## Hunting / Fishing / Boating

- **RI Spring Turkey Season:**
  - Spring - All: April 30- May 24<sup>th</sup>
- **Fishing:** Rhode Island largemouth bass are highly active in the late-spring, post-spawn phase. Anglers are finding the best success in shallow, weedy bays, around lily pads, and near drop-offs using wacky-rigged Senko's, spinnerbaits, and topwater lures as water temperatures rise into the 60s.
- **Boating:** Life is better at the Pond!



## Proposed RI Fish / Game Changes: Camp E-Hun-tee Hearing held Tuesday 5/12

- Unify Hunting Zones 1 and 2
- Archery Seasons Sept 15 – Jan 31 Zones 1 and 2
- Muzzleloader – First Sat in Nov to Friday before first Saturday in Dec
- Shotgun – First Sat in Dec to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>
- Several other minor changes to Zones 3 / 4, Trapping, Guide Hunting

## Probationary Work Hour Projects / Work Party Days:

- **Clubhouse**
  - See back wall for clubhouse projects or contact Tom Devine.
- **Ranges**
  - For range projects contact Larry Metiever



### **Probationary Work Hour Projects / Work Party Days (Cont.):**

- **Grounds**
  - Work parties every Sunday at 8AM
  - There are several Natural Resources Conservations Services (NRCS) Projects that need to be done.
    - 1000 Yd Range Seeding / Fruit Tree Planting
    - Brush Management (Removing Autumn Olive along the High-Power Range, Driveway, and Trap Field)

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

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|-------|---|
| 5/17: | High Power Rifle Match – 9am                                |
| 5/18: | Executive Board Meeting - 7pm                               |
| 6/1:  | General Membership Meeting - 8pm                            |
| 6/19: | Zoning Meeting on 1,000 Yd Range (West Greenwich Town Hall) |
| 6/24  | RI Turkey Season Ends                                       |
| 6/28: | RI 3P Metric District Regional Shoot                        |

## Club Officers:

<b>President</b>	<b>Brenda Jacob</b>	<b>Cell: 401-623-0682</b> <b>Email: <a href="mailto:rtba1791@gmail.com">rtba1791@gmail.com</a></b>	
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