

TRIGGER TIMES

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BOD Meeting

May 7

Member Meeting

May 21
19:00-20:30



Spring Turkey Season

May 1—31



***Remember to contact the CRSO for
2026 hunting permission letters if you
will be hunting on Club property!***

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**SPRING CLEANING
 WORK PARTY**

Saturday, May 2, 8:00-16:00
ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED

NEXT WORK PARTY: JUNE 6
Please consider helping with the upkeep of your club!

Have a hunting story, shooting tip, or upcoming event that you want in the *Trigger Times*? Contact James Lacefield before the end of the month at newsletter@cpfgc.com

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Tips From a (Terrible) Turkey Hunter

In many, many years of turkey hunting I've only ever harvested one bird—and that was mostly by luck. Since this photograph was taken seven years ago, I have seen plenty of turkeys but never sealed the deal. The pursuit of these birds is quite possibly one of the most difficult challenges that a hunter could face. You are contending with an ever-present yet elusive bird. Their thunderous calls echo through the woods every spring, yet they fall silent just as easily as one would turn off a light switch. They run headlong at decoys, yet spook at the slightest movement. You surely see them on the side of the road, yet the moment you pick up a shotgun it seems they avoid you like the plague. In short, turkeys are a top contender for the most enigmatic, unpredictable game animals in North America. So my advice this spring—as a terribly unsuccessful turkey hunter—is don't do what I do!



Practice calling

Though it might annoy your neighbors, spend time practicing your turkey calls before the season. You won't want to waste time in the woods screeching away on a dusty call. Listen to recordings of turkeys to match their cadence, timing, and sound as much as possible. A bad call will immediately alert a wary tom that something isn't quite right.

Be... patient...

Far too many times I have set out into the woods before sunrise, sat for hours without hearing any gobblers, stood up around 11:00 to head home early and busted an incoming turkey on the way back to the truck. Hunt for as long as you can possibly bear it. Bring a book to pass the time if you have to, and invest in a good seat.

Don't check your phone

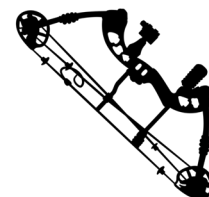
It happens at least once a season. I am sitting in the woods and check my phone to pass the time. There will be a text from my wife, who is kindly notifying me that there is a whole flock of turkeys in our back yard. Spare yourself the disappointment, don't check your phone until you're done hunting for the day.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 2026		Range closures are 1/2-hour before to 1/2-hour after the event, unless noted	**NOTE: Outdoor Range closed 1/2 hr prior			1 2 OUTDOOR WORKPARTY 8:00 - 16:00 CLUB IS CLOSED
3 TRAP: 9:00-- PLATES - Centerfire 25yd - 9:00-14:00**	4 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 Scouts Main Hall 6:30-8 PM NO CLOSURES	5 Merrimack PD Outdoor Range 9a-5pm	6 Rock'ham Ctry TRAP League: 5PM-	7 Merrimack PD Outdoor Range 9a-5pm BOD MEETING 19:00 -	8 Merrimack PD Outdoor Range 9a-5pm	9 TRAP: 1300--
10 TRAP: 9:00-- ORIENTATION 10:00-13:00	11 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 Salisbury PD Quals Outdoor Range closed 9am-5pm	12 PRACTICE PLATES 25yd - 5PM **	13 Rock'ham Ctry TRAP League: 5PM-	14 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed Salisbury PD Quals Outdoor Range closed 9am-4pm	15 Salisbury PD Quals Outdoor Range closed 9am-4pm	16 AIRGUN Metallic Silhouettes Main Hall 10:00-13:00 TRAP: 1300--
17 PLATES - Rimfire Canceled Outdoor range closed TRAP: 9:00--	18 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 Boy Scouts Main Hall 6-8 PM Indoor Range closed	19 RlmFire PinShoot ** Outdoor Range 5-Dusk	20 Rock'ham Ctry TRAP League: 5PM-	21 MONTHLY MEETING 19:00-- Indoor Range Closed	22	23 TRAP: 1300--
24 TRAP: 9:00--	25  MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00	26 PRACTICE PLATES 25yd - 5PM **	27 Rock'ham Ctry TRAP League: 5PM-	28 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed	29	30 TRAP: 1300--
31 TRAP: 9:00--						

Hunter Education Course

August 5, 15, & 16

at CPFGC



\$5 registration fee — Students must attend all sessions

Registration opens May 4th

Sign-up at:

<https://www.wildlife.nh.gov/hunting-nh/hunter-education>