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July 2nd

Member Meeting

*July 16
at 19:00*



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

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OF FREEDOM!**

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SEEKING A NEW CLUB SECRETARY

Secretary Ligouri is bound for a well-deserved retirement from her position after years of incredible volunteer service to Country Pond, and will not be seeking re-election this year.

To facilitate a smooth transition, the Board of Directors is hoping a new secretary will volunteer early to shadow the position, learn the ropes, and take advantage of all the templates that Ms. Ligouri has selflessly created for the club's benefit! *Prospective secretary candidates, please contact the Board of Directors if you are interested in this position!*

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

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American Independence and Firearms, 250 Years Later

250 years ago this July, the Founding Fathers signed America's birth certificate in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Although our Philly brothers hate to admit it, America was born more than a year before the Declaration of Independence in the towns, farms, and wooded hills of New England—and the tumultuous birth of our nation is tied directly to our innate right to arm ourselves.

Since the first ships crossed the Atlantic to establish colonies in the New World, firearms were an essential tool for survival. Except for disease, the two most likely ways for a colonist to die were starvation or meeting a violent end in one of the continent's many struggles for land. Firearms had been used in Asian and European conflicts for centuries, but their design was refined enough by the 1600s that common people were able to arm themselves to both hunt for food and defend their own lives. Guns also became a valuable commodity and a popular trade item with Indigenous peoples in the New World. In less than a century, the shape of combat across an entire continent was changed forever.

To keep up with a growing need for defense in the colonies, men were often required to own a firearm. Regular inspections of the arms were held, usually following church services, and many jurisdictions kept a registry of guns (not to control or limit access to firearms, but to ensure the town had enough weapons to defend itself). In times of particular struggle or while traveling far from town, people could be required to keep a firearm with them. Firearms were an essential part of living and staying alive in early America, and it is this heritage that lives on today among many gun owners.

As the British Crown levied higher taxes and inflicted greater regulations on the American colonies throughout the middle part of the 1700s, colonists began to voice their concerns. Protests were organized in communities throughout the colonies, famously including the Boston Tea Party. Tax collectors were tarred and feathered, British goods were boycotted, and Royal troops stationed in the colonies were harassed. More formal actions were taken as well, including petitions to the British government for representative government and arguments against the imposition of harsh colonial laws. These tensions grew to a boiling point by 1775, when some colonists began to organize armed groups that would resist British rule. To these militias, this was no different than defending their homes against French or Native American attacks. The British government posed a threat to their way of life, and it was their choice to take up arms in defense of their homeland.

Some groups of colonists even captured British military ammunition and powder stores, some of which were hidden in the area of Concord, Massachusetts. When British forces were alerted to the presence of large armed bands of colonists, they set out to seize their weapons and ammunition. It was only when the government at-

tempted to disarm its citizens that shots were fired in anger against Crown troops. British troops departed Boston and advanced toward Concord on the fateful morning of April 19, 1775. They were stopped short by an organized force of militia in Lexington, where the first volley of the American Revolution was exchanged. Facing far greater numbers, the colonial militia retreated and organized a greater opposition at Concord. The British advance was halted at the Old North Bridge, preventing the capture of guns and ammunition that had been stashed nearby. As the British regulars retreated, they were harassed constantly by militia and local armed citizens who had heard the call to war. These citizens-turned-soldiers took up arms in defense of their homes, perhaps not even knowing that their actions would result in the creation of the greatest nation the world had ever known.

Fighting continued in the colonies for more than a year under mixed banners. Some colonial leaders merely wanted fair representation in British Parliament, others talked of something more. In 1776, 250 years ago this summer, the decision was made to cast off British rule altogether. Organized militias of armed citizens continued to fight for the duration of the war alongside the newly formed Continental Army. Militias were still often expected to supply their own arms, and even Continental units were outfitted with weapons purchased with private donations. Private firearm ownership is, therefore, directly responsible for the independence we enjoy today. Had the Concord militia willingly given up their stockpiles, the world would be a far different place.



A military-grade weapon of war circa 1776

As we celebrate 250 years of independence, it is important to remember the rights our forefathers fought for and the rights that we must continue to exercise to secure freedom for the next generations. Voting is a core principle in the American system of government, and it is enshrined in the pages of our founding documents. Peaceful protest, protected by the first amendment to the Constitution, is usually enough to remind our elected officials where their responsibilities lie. Should that fail, the second amendment reminds the government that Americans also have the ability, and the responsibility, to defend what is just. To put the right to bear arms into use is an absolute last resort, worst case scenario. I am sure that if an opportunity presented itself at the Lexington Green or the Old North Bridge to turn the British away without bloodshed, the colonial leaders would have taken it. However, it is our duty as Americans to maintain our rights in the rare, unthinkable event that our previous attempts to voice reason are ignored. Happy Independence Day. Go to the range.

Thank you, Brian Cole, for visiting CPF&G!



Country Pond members were honored by a visit from New Hampshire Congressional candidate Brian Cole at June's monthly meeting. Mr. Cole spoke with members about this upcoming election cycle—an important race for District 1 as Chris Pappas vacated his seat to run for Senate, meaning there is no incumbent.

Mr. Cole noted his experience as business executive and time serving as a state representative in New Hampshire has prepared him for Washington. Cole promised to fight for affordability in the Granite State, secure the nation's borders, and promote innovation in energy and biomedical research. Cole's campaign also hosted a machine gun shoot at nearby Londonderry Fish and Game Club the following weekend, reinforcing his commitment to supporting the second amendment.

No matter who you intend to vote for in the upcoming primary and general elections, events like this help make us aware of the issues so that we can make an informed decision at the ballot box!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>JULY 2026</u>		Range closures are ½-hour before to ½-hour after the event, unless noted	**NOTE: Outdoor Range closed ½ hr prior			
			1 Rock'ham Cnty TRAP League: 5PM-	2 BOD MEETING 19:00 -	3	4 TRAP: 1300- <i>Happy Birthday AMERICA!!!</i> 
5 TRAP: 9:00-	6 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00	7 Trap Summer Evening Seasonal 5-7PM BowlingPin Challenge ** Outdoor Range 5-Dusk	8	9 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed	10	11 TRAP: 1300
12 TRAP: 9:00- PLATES - Centerfire 25yd - 9:00-14:00** ORIENTATION 10:00 - 13:00	13 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00	14 Trap Summer Evening Seasonal 5-7PM PRACTICE PLATES 25yd - 5PM **	15 Summer Doubles TRAP 5pm TRAP Banquet Main Hall 5-7:30 Indoor Range Closed	16 MONTHLY MEETING 19:00- Indoor Range Closed	17	18 TRAP: 1300-
19 PLATES - Rimfire 9:00-14:00 Outdoor range closed TRAP: 9:00-	20 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00	21 Trap Summer Evening Seasonal 5-7PM BowlingPin Challenge ** Outdoor Range 5-Dusk	22 Summer Doubles TRAP 5pm	23 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed	24	25 TRAP: 1300-
26 TRAP: 9:00-	27 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00 CPARG 1830 - 2000 Indoor - AIRGUN ONLY	28 Trap Summer Evening Seasonal 5-7PM PRACTICE PLATES 25yd - 5PM **	29 Summer Doubles TRAP 5pm	30	31	

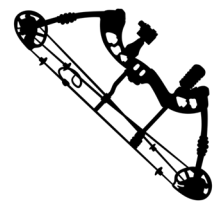
Hunter Education Course

August 5, 15, & 16 at CPFGC

\$5 registration fee – Students must attend all sessions

REGISTRATION IS

OPEN!



Sign-up at:

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