TRIGGER TIMES

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BOD Meeting:
November 5

Monthly Meeting:
November 19

Annual Meeting:
December 17

DEER SEASON HAS ARRIVED

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Newsletter Editor



November brings the muzzleloader and regular firearms white tail season to New Hampshire, and 2026 is shaping up to be a productive year. Early scouting has yielded a lot of sign, and several sightings, of quality bucks and freezer-filling does throughout the southern part of the state. A combination of the successful fawning seasons, productive summer forage, and beneficial forest...*(continued on page 3)*

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE DECEMBER 31!

Don't wait, renew your membership today! Renewal forms are available on the last page.

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WHITE TAIL SEASON, 2026

(*continued from page 1)*...management in the area will be a huge help to hunters this year as well. Looking at past years, mild winters have allowed for much higher fawn survival rates. Now that these two- and three-year-old deer are grown, the Northeast has experienced something of a deer baby boom. Deer are plentiful, and reproducing quickly, meaning the herd is much larger as we enter the hunting season.

Deer have also been noticeably bigger this year, and for good reason. A warm, mild summer created perfect growing conditions for wild forage. Deer and other game animals found food in abundance this year, allowing them to pack on weight and continue to grow. While this bodes well for meat hunters, be sure to pack some rope or a sled this season as the drag might be a little more of an ordeal than past seasons!

Forest management projects undertaken by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department have also created some prime hunting grounds in the area. Public lands that were once lousy with trees and brush were cut over the past year. Several Wildlife Management Areas in Zone M now feature clear cuts that offer prime travel corridors for deer – and perfect shooting lanes. Other areas where select-cut harvesting took place cleared brush that could obscure a target white tail while leaving mast-producing oaks and important thermal cover. The local hunting grounds in southern New Hampshire have never looked better for the deer hunter.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, there are also many new and exciting opportunities for deer hunters this season. Pistol-caliber carbines are now permitted in rifle restricted zones in southern New Hampshire, and the calendar has laid out an early Halloween start for the muzzleloader season.

Whether this is your first year hunting or you have already bagged a lifetime of white tails, 2026 should be an exciting season here in New Hampshire; good luck and hunt safely!

WSC Steel Challenge Range Officer Course

Join us at **Westford Sportsmen's Club** on **Saturday, March 27, 2027**, for a Steel Challenge Range Officer Course! Certified Range Officers play a vital role in officiating matches, ensuring competitors follow the rules while promoting a safe environment. Whether you want to officiate or simply deepen your understanding of Steel Challenge rules, this course will sharpen your skills and make you a smarter, safer competitor.

RO Course Requirements:

- USPSA membership
- Have a steel match classification



Registration link: https://uspsa.org/seminars/details/810

For questions, please contact:

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 2026		**Range closures** are **½-hour before to ½-hour after** the event, unless noted	***NOTE**: Outdoor Range closed ½ hr prior	*RENEW NOW!*		
1 TRAP 9:00–	2 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY **ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00** Scouts Main Hall 6-8 PM **Indoor Range closed**	3	4 RIMFIRE Pistol League 17:00-20:00 Indoor Range Closed	5 BOD MEETING 19:00 -	6	7 AIRGUN Metallic Silhouettes Main Hall 10:00-13:00 TRAP: 1300–
8 ORIENTATION 10:00 - 13:00 Trap Turkey Shoot 9am PLATES - Centerfire 25yd - 9:00-14:00**	9 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY **ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00**	10	11 *Thank you, VETERANS* RIMFIRE Pistol League 17:00-20:00 Indoor Range Closed	12 Centerfire PIN SHOOT 19:00-21:00 Indoor Range Closed	13	14 TRAP: 1300–
15 PLATES - Rimfire 9:00-14:00 Outdoor range closed TRAP 9:00–	16 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY **ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00** Scouts Main Hall 6-8 PM **Indoor Range closed**	17	18 RIMFIRE Pistol League 17:00-20:00 Indoor Range Closed	19 MONTHLY MEETING 19:00-20:30 **Indoor Range Closed** ***RENEW NOW!***	20	21 AIRGUN Metallic Silhouettes Main Hall 10:00-13:00 TRAP: 1300–
22 TRAP: 9:00–	23 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY **ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00**	24	25	26 *Happy THANKSGIVING* OUTDOOR RANGES CLOSED	27	28 TRAP: 1300–
29 TRAP: 9:00-	30 MONDAY PM WORKPARTY **ALL Ranges Closed 17:00-19:00** CPARG 1900 - 2000 **Indoor - AIRGUN ONLY**	***RE***	***NEW -***	***NOW***		

REMINDER TO HUNTERS!

Written permission is ***required*** by NH Fish and Game to hunt on CPFGC property. All members are entitled to a permission letter which can be obtained by contacting the CRO Jim Lacefield at: *rso@cpfgc.com*

* A note from the editor *

The *Trigger Times* looks a little different! To spare you the technical details, I have changed the publishing program that I use to put these newsletters together. I tried to leave the important sections in their usual place, but please bear with me while I update the layout, formatting, and design. If you have any suggestions for the updated newsletter, please feel free to reach out at: *lacefieldjm@gmail.com*

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2027 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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A National Rifle Association Affiliated Organization

☐ Individual ..... **$220** ☐ Discounted Individual **$176**

☐ Married Partner ..... **$110** ☐ Discounted Married Partner **$88**

You must attach your approved Work Log to obtain the discounted rate.
Married Couple Members must complete a separate form for each person.

☐ Military ..... **N/C** ☐ Senior ..... **N/C** ☐ Life Member ... **N/C** ☐ Honorary ..... **N/C** ☐ Officer/Director ..... **N/C**

☐ Change: Individual to Individual Life *(under 40)* ..... **$2,750** ☐ Change: Individual to Individual Life *(40+)* **$2,200**

☐ Change: Married Partner to Partner Life *(under 40)* ..... **$1,375** ☐ Change: Partner to Partner Life *(40+)* **$1,100**

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. APPLICATIONS THAT WE CAN'T READ WILL BE RETURNED UNPROCESSED.

MEMBER #: _____ NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different): _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

DOB: _____ E-MAIL: _____

The Club communicates with its Members primarily via email. If your email address is entered incorrectly, you will receive NO messages or notices concerning Club issues.

Are you a member of the NRA? ☐ NO ☐ YES MEMBERSHIP #_____

NRA Certified Instructor? ☐ NO ☐ PISTOL ☐ RIFLE ☐ SHOTGUN ☐ (other)_____

THIS IS A TWO-SIDED FORM. IT MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED ON THE OTHER SIDE.

FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS: ☐ **VISA** ☐ **MasterCard**

Card Number: |__|__|__|__|-|__|__|__|__|-|__|__|__|__|-|__|__|__|__| Expiration Date: _____

Name as it appears on card: _____ 3-Digit Security Code: _____

(All Credit Card information will be removed and shredded after payment is processed.)

As a Club Member, participant, official, volunteer, or spectator at Country Pond Fish & Game Club, I acknowledge that I am fully aware of the risks involved in any activity at the Club in which I may choose to participate. I hereby agree to assume all risks involved in participating or watching others participate. I do hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Club, its Officers, Directors, members, and all individuals participating or working in these, or any other activities taking place in or around the Club and Club grounds, against and from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages, and all other liabilities, of whatever nature, arising out of, in any way connected with, or resulting from these activities, including without limitation the manufacture, selection, delivery, possession, use, and operation of any equipment, and any conditions of the natural environment.

I agree to participate in these activities in accordance with whatever rules, instructions, and regulations presented to me.

I understand that still, audio/video, and/or motion picture photography may occur during my presence on Club property and, as long as I am in the general area, I may be incidentally included in such photography. Should I wish to be excluded from such photography, I understand that it is my responsibility to be aware of photographic activity and remove myself from the area or event being photographed or recorded. Absent such action on my part, I hereby grant the Club, its agents, volunteers, sponsors, beneficiaries, heirs, and assigns the right to use my photographic and video image(s) in the promotion of the shooting sports or the Club in general as it chooses in its sole discretion without compensation.

I hereby agree that jurisdiction for any action pertaining to this release shall lie exclusively in Rockingham County, in the State of New Hampshire, and shall be governed exclusively by the laws of the State of New Hampshire, without reference to conflict of laws' provisions. If any portion of this release is found to be invalid, the offending portion shall be stricken and the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

I hereby certify that I am not prohibited from possessing, selling, owning, or transferring firearms under state or federal law: I (A) have not been convicted of a felony that has not been annulled or expunged; or (B) have not been convicted of a violation of 18 USC § 922 that has not been annulled or expunged; and (C) am not a member of an organization that advocates the violent overthrow of the United States Government, and that I am not barred by any law from the possession, use, or control of firearms.

I further affirm that I have read and understand the CPF&G Club Constitution, current Club Bylaws, and all Rules.

(signed)_____ (date) _____

Make checks payable to: **Country Pond Fish & Game Club**
and mail to: **Country Pond Fish & Game Club PO Box 124 Newton, NH 03858 Att: Membership**

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After 31 December, a "New Membership Application" will be required and New Members will be required to follow the sponsorship process New Memberships will be assessed an orientation Fee.

For questions or more information: **shootinlady655@aol.com**