



Hamilton/Wenham Rod & Gun Club



Newsletter – January 2025

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The Hamilton Wenham Rod and Gun Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month.

**Monthly Membership Meeting will be held Tuesday January at 7:30 PM – Hamilton Legion Hall
Meetings are Always Held on the 3rd Tuesday of Each Month**

Visit our website for club news and to see updates to the club calendar:

**** Club Website ** - www.hwrclub.org**

**** 2025 Club Calendar ** <https://www.hwr.org/calendar/HWRG2025Calendar.pdf>**

Inside This Issue

President’s Message:

- Greetings and Happy New Year to all Club members, I hope it finds everyone well.
- Just a few quick notes and ideas for everyone seeing as I will not be able to make the January general meeting.

I’d like to start off by thanking past President Bob Young and past Vice President Bill Terry for their years of work for the club. Enjoy your retirement gentlemen!

I’d also like to thank Mr. Tom Berube Sr, the recipient of the 2024 President’s Award, for his and his son, Tom Berube Jr., for their work in always having the club snowplowed in the winter.

VP Dave Perinchief and myself would like to thank everyone for their support and we are both excited to see what we can do for the club moving forward. We have a number of ideas and goals for the future of the club, both near and far. We would very much like to hear from the membership on some of your ideas on what the members would like to see done. VP Dave and I want to hear what the members have to say in

what they would like to see done; range improvements, building improvements, new projects, etc.

Dave and I are all ears and pretty open to ideas for requests, so please feel free to speak your minds.

The Christmas Party was a great time again and I'd like to thank the E-board and the club volunteers whom helped set it up. Kudos and well done.

- The Kielbasa Classic shotgun shoot which was held a few days late due to weather and other extenuating circumstances, was also a blast as usual. I'd very much like to thank Kalil Boghdan for another amazing shotgun event spread that he so kindly put together for Club camaraderie. As always, the kielbasa sandwiches were second to none!
- In other news, we have the 3rd Annual Game Dinner on February 18th prior to the monthly membership meeting. John Chiavacci and myself have already been making plans for a couple months now and I hope it is well attended.

This year will be the third one in a row and I hope it continues to be an enjoyable Club tradition that we've brought back after being dormant for a period of time. Any and all game dishes will be welcomed that anyone would like to bring.

The plan at this time is to start serving from 6:00 PM on, but John and I will have the hall open no later than 5:30 PM. We will have a bartender again and all members are encouraged to bring a guest(s) if they would like to.

- I'm also planning on doing some fancier raffles for the February meeting as well, seeing as it's more of a special club occasion.
- In closing, I'd also like to thank Mr. Kevin Street for his many years of doing the Newsletter, calendar and e-mails for the club. I hope you get to enjoy a little more shotgun shooting and fishing now that you've passed the torch. For those that don't know, this is Kevin's last month on that duty.

Mr. Chris Colby will be taking the helm on those tasks from here on out so please make sure your

contact information is correct with either Club Secretary Ms. Cory Daras or with Chris.

- I hope this month's President's Message wasn't too drawn out for most of you, but there were some notes and mentions and that had to happen.
- I'll leave you in the capable abilities of VP Dave Perinchief for this coming February General Membership Meeting, but I will be at the following Saturday's work party to lend a hand where I can and also give orientation to new members and be available for anyone who needs anything.

Best Regards,

Patrick Cullen, President

General Meeting Report of December 17, 2024:

- Meeting came to order at 7:30 PM. In accordance with Custom, the Annual Christmas meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence to honor all our deceased members and for all men and women who have served in the armed services.

Secretary Meeting Report:

- No Report

Treasurer's Report:

- No Report

Range Officer Report:

- No Report

Range Construction Officer Report:

- No Report
- January Work Party: Saturday January 25th / 9 am – 12 noon

Chief Instructor Report:

- No Report
- The next Firearms Safety Class will be February 9th.

- There is no fee for the Firearms Safety Class for club members or their immediate family when taught at the Club by our Chief Instructor.

Immediate family of Club members, please contact Mike Pelonzi at 978-993-3337 to reserve a spot for all classes, rather than signing up on the website.

- Skill Builder Class – February 18th 9 AM to 12 Noon.

Environmental Stewardship Report:

- No Report

Call for New Members:

- No Applications are processed in December.

New Business:

Board Member Election of Officers:

Annual elections for Board members occurred at the Annual Christmas Party. Four positions were uncontested for this year's annual Board Member election.

A motion was made, and seconded, to elect the following positions.

- Patrick Cullen, President
- David Perinchief, Vice President
- Mike Pelonzi, Chief Instructor
- Dan Marchand, Range Construction.

Old Business:

- No Report

Good of the Order:

- Be sure to keep your contact information up to date with the Club Secretary or email to bulletin@hwrclub.org or info_update@hwrclub.org
- If your contact information changes and we do not have it, we may not be able to get your annual renewal application to you.

Essex County League Report:

- No Report

GOAL:

- Please consider making a contribution to GOAL to help them with legal costs to fight the recent gun regulations.
- Check GOAL website for training opportunities, and GOAL podcasts.
- Consider Signing up for the GOAL weekly Friday Newsletter!
<http://goal.org/>

Meeting Adjournment:

- No Report

Annual Holiday Party:

- No Report

Annual Membership Renewals:

- Keep an eye to your email inbox for updates and to your USPS mailbox for physically mailed paperwork.

It is the Members responsibility to have their renewal paperwork returned No Later than March 18th at the very latest.

News from the Hollow / 5 – Stand / Shotgun:



**THERE WAS NO TURNING
BACK AFTER THIS**

** Due to the significant cost increase for clay targets And their delivery the Club will be raising the cost for a round at the Shotgun Range to \$5.00. This increase will go into effect as of February 1st. **

- Regular Sunday morning Shoots begin at 10:00 a.m. and it is appreciated when members arrive early to help setup as well as remaining afterward to help close up.

Punxsutawney Phil Spam & Egg Open:

Calling all Junkyard Dogs and Other Strays; The 14th Annual Punxsutawney Phil Spam and Egg Open will be held on Sunday, February 2, at 10:00am in the Hollow.

We'll have to wait for that rascal, Punxsutawney Phil, to come out of his burrow on February 2, to learn whether or not we have six more weeks of winter!

With Punxsutawney Phil's emergence in several weeks, he's getting the Spams to be released from their confines.



In the meantime, the Spam and the Eggs are being guarded closely!



Phil is requesting that you come to the Hollow to shoot five-stand and enjoy some Spam and Eggs on an English muffin with a side of hash, pastries, and hot coffee. Even if you don't wish to shoot, he hopes to see you there.

Yours in the Pack,
Kalil B.

Member Trap:

- Members that have received Safety Training and a key to the Member's Trap are welcome to utilize this equipment at any time that the club is open for range hours. Remember, you must provide your own Bio-Degradable Clays.
- If you would like to get a key for the members trap, you will need to complete a safety training at the shotgun range. Please call, text or email Shotgun Coordinator Michael Giardina to arrange for a Safety Meeting appointment.

email: mrgiardina@msn.com or mobile & text: 978-578-1169

Carry In, Carry Out:

- Please help us keep the Dog House and the grounds neat by carrying out all of your trash.

There are no trash barrels in the Hollow on purpose. Remember, Carry In, Carry Out! Do not leave your empty shell boxes and other trash behind.

- Reminder: The barrels at next to the warming hut at the shotgun range are for expended shotgun shells only / not trash!!!!!! If you contaminate the barrels with trash the

company that recycles the spent hulls will no longer take them away.

The Brass Factory / News from the ~ The Pistol House & Rifle Shed:

- Remember – Members always have priority at shooting stations over guests.

Always Post the Range Flags When Shooting:

Alert other shooters when you intend to go down range to look at or collect your targets. Shooters at both ranges are to “cease fire” at both sites “before any shooter travels down range”.

Please, collect /sweep up your brass after you finish shooting.

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife



Mass. Wildlife for January:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/masswildlife-monthly-january-2025>

Guide to Mass Fishing & Hunting Regulations:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/2024-massachusetts-fishing-and-hunting-guide/download>

Mass Wildlife Zone Map:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/wildlife-management-zone-map>

Mass Hunt/Fish –Licensing website:

Purchase your 2025 Licenses here -
<https://massfishhunt.mass.gov/>

Give a gift of Mass Wildlife Magazine:

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/massachusetts-wildlife-magazine>

~Member Classifieds – For Sale & Wanted ~

By publishing items For Sale or Wanted in this newsletter, the Club does not warranty, guarantee or endorse any sale that may result. Buyers must do their own due diligence.

Firearms for Sale:

A long-time member and friend has passed away leaving a large collection of rifles, pistols, and shotguns.

Anyone interested in seeing the list can call Carl Anderson at 508-843-3347

Club Clothing with the HWRGC Logo:

Club clothing is once again available through Mike Pelonzi at: <https://www.bigshotlogos.com/shop-1>