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CLUB CALENDAR

MEETINGS

Mon. Jan. 4th – 8:00 pm
Mon. Feb. 1st – 8:00 pm

SKEET

Sun: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Wed: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

TRAP

Sat: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tue: 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

PISTOL

Sat. Jan. 9th – 1:00 pm
Combat Shoot

COWBOY

Brass Monkey Shoot
Sun. Jan. 10th
9:30 am – 1:00 pm

SAFETY COURSE

Tue. Jan. 12th – 7:00 pm
Thu. Jan. 14th – 7:00 pm

RANGE ORIENTATION

Sun. Jan. 10th – 9:00 am

The Scituate Rod & Gun Club holds its meetings at 8:00 PM on the 1st Monday of each month. Members and guests are invited to attend. Call (781) 545-1510.

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News Around The Club

The craziest year in living memory is drawing to a close, let's hope 2021 is a little more sane, but your editor is not betting on it and we could be in for a wild ride before January is out.

Skeet & Trap

Both have been very busy of late, so much so that we are just about out of clays – 57 cases since December 8th – and we'll probably have to buy some from Old Colony to keep us going until we can get an order delivered.

Pistol

The Pistol Committee will hold a Combat style shoot on Saturday, January 9th starting at 1:00 pm.

Cowboy Shooting

The Gunnysackers will hold their annual Brass Monkey Shoot on Sunday, January 10th starting at 9:30 am. Last year's Brass Monkey Shoot turned into a practice as overnight bad weather downed the power line to the club. Hopefully, the cowboys will enjoy a balmy January day, but the money's on it being [Brass Monkey weather](#).

Fly Tying Materials

The club has received a communication from a lady who has inherited a large amount of fly tying materials and is interested in selling some of it, the remainder she will use herself.

If any of you fly fishing aficionados can help this lady, please contact her directly at:

Jennifer Bachman
jenniferbachman11@gmail.com
561-308-9959.

Ammo Shortage Will Last Deep Into 2021

Guy J. Sagi in American Rifleman 12/1/2020



Comments made by Vista Outdoor CEO and Director Christopher Metz during the company's quarterly earnings call last month indicate ammunition will continue to be scarce well into 2021.

"We currently have over a year's worth of orders for ammunition in excess of \$1 billion," he said in his opening remarks. "This is unprecedented for our company. With demand far outstripping supply and inventory levels in the channel at all-time lows, we

see strong demand continuing..."

He cautioned there are notable differences between today's low-cartridge inventories and that of 2016, which may indicate the current situation may be longer lasting. Metz explained the volume of new shooters is one driving factor.

"According to data from the NSSF, there are 6.2 million new shooters in 2020. This

rate is more than twice the number of new shooters in the former surge. Anecdotally, there is no shortage of reports of sold out shooting ranges and backlogged firearm safety classes around the country.”

In addition, the broader demographic of enthusiasts, “...has led to an increase in participation as they learn and enjoy their new purchases,” he said. “Data from the NSSF indicates these shooters are more diverse, with large increases in both women and people of color entering the sport.”

“We have cleaned inventory in all retail and wholesale locations,” Metz said. “Despite us producing flat out for 6 months, there is no buildup of inventory at any of our customers. In fact, every one of them would like significantly more. Simply put, consumer demand continues to outpace our ability to supply.”

The good news is that Vista Outdoor has purchased the ammunition factory in Lonoke, AR—formerly owned by Remington Outdoor—and churning it back toward production at or near full capacity. The Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette reports 300 employees furloughed by the former owner of the plant will soon be recalled to join nearly 400 still working at the facility.

Regardless of manufacturer, demand is heavy and inventory low. The trend began early in 2020 and as early as August—during Olin’s quarterly report (parent company of Winchester Ammunition)—company CEO John Fischer warned investors that, “We expect this elevated level of demand to continue at least until the end of the year.”

Quotes Of The Month

“Gun bans don’t disarm criminals, gun bans attract them.”

~Walter F. Mondale – 42nd vice president of the United States

“The greatest danger to liberty today comes from the men who are most needed and most powerful in modern government, namely, the efficient expert administrators exclusively concerned with what they regard as the public good.”

~ Friedrich August von Hayek – Economist and Philosopher

...And Finally

