

FIRST

PRESIDENT

BRUNO FINDEISEN

ORGANIZED

1925

INCORPORATED

April 28, 1934

AFFILIATIONS

Middlesex County League of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.

State Rifle and Pistol Association of Massachusetts, Inc.

National Rifle Association, #C-7156

Merrimack Valley Pistol Leagus

PAST PRESIDENTS

Fred Hofeman

Raymond Cox

Clarence Chaff

Gustave Hering

Thomas Gebo

Vernon Mackie

Gustave Hering

SEE PLAQUE IN
CLUB HALL FOR ALL
PAST PRESIDENTS

METHUEN ROD & GUN CLUB

— 1925 —

A small group of men met at Findeisen's Farm, on Lowell Street, Methuen, and organized the "Methuen Rod & Gun Club." The purpose of this club was to organize sportsmen to assist in the control of fish and game laws and to stock the covers with game, and ponds and streams with game fish. Meetings were held at Findeisen's for eleven years.

1925 — 1931

These formative years spent in organization and creating a public interest laid a solid foundation, on which we have built. Some skeet and trap shooting was done at the Burnham Estate on Haverhill Street and at Young's Farm on No. Lowell Street.

— 1932 —

The first Bird Dog Trial was run under the direction of Raymond Cox and the late Louis Bowker.

— 1933 —

A wooden clubhouse was built on North Lowell Street.

— 1934 — *April 28*

In June the club was incorporated. The Charter was presented by Attorney John A. Costello, the present Judge John A. Costello.

CHARTER MEMBERS

BRUNO M. FINDEISEN	WALTER H. STOLWORTHY
WILLARD A. TOMPKINS	FRANCIS M. MACMILLAN
RAYMOND A. COX	ARTHUR LE PAGE
FRED HOFEMANN	LOUIS BOWKER

On December 28, 1934, the clubhouse was totally destroyed by fire.

— 1935 —

Through the efforts of John McDonald, retired Methuen Police Officer, a large chimney was obtained from the Lee Chemical Co. This was demolished by Patrick Jennings and the bricks used to build a new clubhouse.

— 1936 —

New clubhouse completed. First meeting and dedication held.

— 1937 —

The club became affiliated with the Middlesex County League of Sportsmen's Clubs, to further help the sportsmen.

1938 — 1941

Regular skeet and trap shoots and pistol target practice as well as Field Days and picnics were held.

— 1941 —

In December one hundred members volunteered, to Police Chief Cyril Feugill, for the Methuen Auxiliary Police. Regular drills and police school sessions were held. This unit is still active under the direction of Chief Feugill. Meetings and instructions keep this organization active so that they may be called upon by Chief Feugill to assist in any emergency that might arise in Methuen.

*There were sixty of our members in the Armed Forces in World War II.

— 1945 —

The clubhouse on North Lowell Street was lost to us due to land difficulties.

1946 — 1947

We met in the old Bartlett School on Sawyer Street. Activities were curtailed because of the War. Approximately forty acres of land was purchased on Tyler Street, with plans to build, in the near future, when restrictions were removed.

— 1947 —

The school where our meetings were held was taken over by the Town of Methuen, to be made into apartments for Veterans.

— 1948 —

Ground was broken and our present clubhouse was started by club members.

— 1949 —

Several nights each week as well as many Saturdays and Sundays were spent, by interested workers, to complete the club.

— 1950 —

The building committee and members, under the capable direction of Gustave Hering, completed the clubhouse which is a credit to all who spent their time and labor in erecting it.

1925 ——— PRESIDENTS ——— 1950

Bruno M. Findeisen	1925-1934	Fred Hofemann	1935-1936
Raymond Cox	1937-1938	Clarence Chaff	1939-1950

*Approximate number of game and fish liberated during the past twenty-five years is as follows:

Pheasant	12,000	Quail	1,500	Trout	100,000
Perch	9,000	Pond Fish	40,000	Rabbits	5,000

LOCATION

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CLUB FACILITIES

METHUEN ROD & GUN CLUB, INC.

240 TYLER ST., - P.O. BOX 175

METHUEN, MA. 01844

Gustave C. Hering, Pres.

Paul Lacharite, Sec.

Arthur Brox, V. Pres.

Raymond, Potvin, Treas.

Accessible from routes 93, 110 and 113.

Grounds consist of 34 acres, of which 26 acres are in Methuen, Essex County; 8 acres are in Dracut, Middlesex County. Our third clubhouse is built on the Methuen acreage.

CLUB HOUSE

Description:

68 feet long X 25 feet wide

comprises main hall, kitchen, bar, check room, rest rooms

4 place pistol range in basement

oil centralized heat

outdoor trap range

outdoor rifle range being developed

Meetings held first and third Tuesday of the month

Dues, \$12.50 for new membership; \$10.00 for renewal

Lifetime membership for members over 65

Junior members, \$3.00 (12 to 16)

ACTIVITIES

Host to Boy Scout activities

N.R.A. registered shoots

Three 8 men pistol teams shoot in competition during winter months.

Summer pistol league

Monthly dance (Last Saturday of each month)

Annual banquet (April)

WOMENS AUXILIARY

Antoinette Hering, Pres.

Margaret Benner, Sec.

Rachel Drouin, V. P res.

Ida Bailey, Treas.

Denise Hering, Pub. Dir.

Monthly meetings

Five Ham and Bean Suppers a year

Christmas Bazaar

Serve meals at N.R.A. registered matches

Provide lunches for dances

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

IS A CREDIT

TO MAN

Gustave C. Hering

PRESIDENT

METHUEN ROD & GUN CLUB INC.



METHUEN, MASSACHUSETTS

May 4, 1945

Mr. William H. Ridings
Ass't Sports Editor
Eagle-Tribune
Lawrence, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In 1925 a small group of men met at the home of Bruno Findeisen on Lowell St. Methuen and organized the Methuen Rod & Gun Club. The purpose was to organize Sportsmen to assist in the control of Fish & Game laws and to restock covers with game and stock ponds and streams with game fish. The first few years were devoted to organizing and some skeet and trap shooting were done at various places, including the Burnham Estate and Young's farm on No. Lowell St.

In 1932 first Bird-dog field trials were run under the direction of Raymond Cox. These trials have been run with great success every year, except the last two years due to war conditions.

In 1933 a club house was built on No. Lowell St., the ~~present address of the club.~~ *The present address of the club.*

In 1934 the Club was Incorporated June 18. The Charter was presented to the officers by Attorney John A. Costello. The Charter members are:

Bruno M. Findeisen
Willard A. Tompkins
Raymond A. Cox
Fred Hoffman

Walter H. Stolworthy
Francis M. MacMillan
Arthur LePage
Louis Bowker

Mr. John Elliot was the first man to break 25 straight on the Club's new skeet field. On December 28 1934 the club was totally destroyed by fire.

In 1935 the Chimney of the Lee Chemical Co. was taken down by Patrick Jennings, the well known steeple Jack, and the bricks were used to build a new club house.

In 1936 the new club house was completed and the first meeting was held. The first rabbit-dog trial was held on the club grounds with good results and trials have been held every year since.

METHUEN ROD & GUN CLUB INC.



METHUEN MASSACHUSETTS

In 1937 the club became affiliated with the Middlesex County League of Sportsmens Clubs to further help the sportsmen.

In 1938 permission was given the club by the Directors of Fisheries and Game to hold over Hen Pheasants until the gunning season was over. In this way the club felt the birds would increase in number the following spring. This proved to be true and now it is being done by most clubs and also by the State Dept. of Fisheries and Game.

In 1939 the club started a bowling league which was enjoyed for a few years.

In 1940 a woodcock field trial was run off as an experiment. The dogs had a good workout but birds were hard to find.

On December 15, 1941 one hundred men volunteered to Chief Cyril Feugill for the Methuen Auxiliary Police. Chief Feugill gladly accepted as he felt these men were capable of handling firearms if necessary during an emergency. The men drilled and attended Police School and are still active as a unit under the direction of Chief Feugill. The men intend to stay organized so that they can be called out by Chief Feugill if an emergency should arise in Methuen.

There are 60 members in the Armed forces. Due to the war there hasn't been as much target, skeet, or trap shooting but the club still liberates game and fish as usual in cooperation with the State and Federal Hatcheries. The approximate number of game and fish liberated during the last 20 years is as follows: Pheasants, 10,000--quail 1,000-- Trout of all varieties, 75,000----Perch 3,500----Pond fish 20,000. Up until two years ago the State matched a bird for every bird the club bought but this has been discontinued.

The Presidents of the Organization have been:

Bruno Findelson	1925-1934	Fred Hoffman	1935-1937
Raymond Cox	1937-1938	Clarence Campbell	1938-1940

Monday, May 7 is to be membership night. Every member attending the meeting is to try to bring a new member. After the meeting, lunch will be served by Ray Atkinson and his committee and sound movies will be shown.

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TRAP SHOOTING HISTORY

- 1967 --- Started Trap Range. Carmen and Mayrice Grasso were recruited by Pres. Gus Hering.
- 1968 --- Carmen and Maurice Grasso started active trap shooting program, open to public, every Monday night.
- 1969 --- Range lights, donated by Ray Potvin. Introduced Annual Field Day, started by Carmen and Maurice Grasso.
- 1970 --- Purchased electric trap machine. Trap shooting catching on real good.
- 1971 --- Summer Public Trap League started by Carmen and Maurice Grasso. This League was 1st in the area, and was very successful.
- 1976 --- Carmen Grasso initiated the Annual Methuen Rod & Gun Club Invitational Trap Shoot. Seven local clubs participated.
- 1978 --- Methuen Rod & Gun Club entered two teams A&B into the Greater Lowell Trap League.
- 1979 --- Both Methuen teams win Greater Lowell Trap League Championships. Methuen "A" team established record of 244 out of 250.

Members of "A" team: Mike Jutras
Roger Cloutier
George Kenyon
Art Jowett
Andy Artimovich
Roger Hamel
Carmen Grasso

1980 --- Methuen Trap Team wins "Methuen Rod & Gun Club
Invitational Trap Shoot." Total turned in to
club by Trap Range, \$2,741.00, far cry from 1967
when Trap Range turned in \$50.00. New cement pads
installed on range.

METHUEN ROD AND GUN CLUB, INC.

1941 THE CLUB AND ME FOR 40 YEARS 1981

by

Gustave C. Hering

The Methuen Rod and Gun Club, established in 1925, and incorporated in 1934, was sixteen years old when I joined in 1941. It was already a growing club, with trap, skeet and rifle shooting, but, let me take you back before my time.

Bruno Findeison, Willard Tomkins, Raymond Cox, Fred Hoffman, Walter Stolworthy, Francis McMillan, Arthur Lepage and Louis Bowker, all these men were instrumental in the formation of this club and what eventually took place.

After serving as its president for many years, Bruno Findeison went on to become State Representative, serving this district, while Arthur Lepage and Louis Bowker, avid dog hunting sportsmen both, ran dog field trials on the Locke estate, (east side of Methuen's Reservoir Hill).

In those early days, the club held meetings in many places. Finally, they located on the Burnham farm, a large tract of land, stretching from Haverhill Street to Riverside Drive. Here, in what is now the location of the Riverside condominiums, they set up a trap shooting range and small wooden building.

Many crack shots, Harold Kent, Vernon Sanborn, (Methuen Town Clerk), and Fred Hoffman, to name a few, contributed to the long list of trophies won by the pistol and rifle teams of those early years. Kent, who also participated in many competitions held in Europe, once shot a perfect score of 400 in a 50 foot gallery prone match.

When the Burnham farm building later burnt, the quest began all over again. On the Bragdon Farm, with land from the Lowell Boulevard to route 113, they acquired the use of 18 unused acres.

The once booming mill industry began moving south, and Ashton Lee, owner of Lee Chemicals, (Chelmsford Street, Methuen), a large part of whose business this industry had formed, put his property up for sale. Included was a large industrial chimney, 80 or 90 feet tall, there for the taking, was too good an opportunity to resist, so, the club members, with the help of a steeplejack to topple the structure, appropriated its bricks, which they then moved to their new location.

Walter Stolworthy organized a party of men to assist in cleaning the bricks. With his wife supplying sandwiches for the entire weekend, the crew fell to work putting up walls and setting in windows. Fred Hoffman and his helpers contributed a roof and other wood trimmings. When completed, they had a fine fireproof building.

Joining in 1941, I discovered that, by simple verbal agreement, they had permission to use the land with the provision

that they would pay the taxes on the 18 acres. In addition, it was their custom each Christmas, to give the Bragdon's a gift. When I inquired if the club had an option to buy the land, Bruno Findeison assured me there was no need. Meanwhile, Clarence Chaff had succeeded Raymond Cox as president.

In November, 1941, the club witnessed the birth of the Methuen Auxiliary Police. Organized by Chief Cyril Feugill, the club members were the first auxiliary policemen. Our new building here, has since being built, been registered with the Civilian Defense for use in case of disaster.

Not long after, alas, things began to go wrong again. A member had the misfortune of shooting the cat belonging to Mrs. Morrison, a neighbor. Since this estimable lady had no great love for the club anyway, this was the last straw. Offering the Bragdons more money to buy the land than we could afford, she then initiated eviction proceedings. Unable to move our homey little club, she paid us \$400.00, and we then gathered what could be moved and our odyssey began again.

We held our meetings at the White Horse, and then at the vacant Sawyer Street school. When the town decided to revamp this building as apartments for returning veterans, we found ourselves, once more, in search of new headquarters.

This task, Earl Strauss and I took upon ourselves. Town records offered us no help at all. One Sunday, while driving down Tyler Street, we came upon a woodchopper's shack, with the woodcutter walking around outside. I signaled Earl to stop,

which he did, and inquired who owned the land. Learning it was a Mr. Richardson, I pursued, "How can he be contacted?"

"He's on the land now, checking what I cut," I was informed.

So we waited. Mr. Richardson finally emerged from the woods. I introduced myself and Earl as members of the Methuen Rod and Gun Club, and asked if he might be interested in selling the land. Mr. Richardson, it seems, knew the club already by reputation. "I don't really know how much land I own," he confessed, "but I'll have my lawyer look it up."

Since he was then cutting wood off his lot, I instructed him to price it both with lumber on and lumber off, with assurances we would allow him time to remove as much as he wanted. When we met the next Sunday as agreed, we learned that he owned 34 acres, 27 in Methuen and 7 in Dracut. He specified the price would be \$625.00 with wood and \$425.00 without.

"I'll have to take this back to a club meeting," I said. "I'll let you know next Sunday."

In 1942, we purchased the land for \$425.00. As building chairman, I got Paul Garabedian to bulldoze a cellar. When he found it impossible to get down to grade level on the street side, I had George Blanchard, the town blaster, mud pack and blast the shale rock.

Meeting nights and weekends turned into work parties. I soon discovered that members who did not wish to work, made it a practice to arrive late at the meetings, (then being held in

the woodcutter's shack). This scheme I foiled, by getting President Chaff, who was an electrician, to obtain some weather sockets, and string them between 2X4's. I then borrowed a 1500 Watt generator.

"Look at that," late comers groaned, "they're going to work all night."

That autumn saw the cellar completed and floor joists in place, with matchboard flooring. That winter I found it necessary to shovel 3 or 4 times to prevent the matchboards from warping.

Come spring, we poured a foundation cap. By summer, the hall walls were completed.

About this time, power lines crossed the land and the \$800.00 we received for right-of-way, were a great help with the cost of the building. We sold the road stone wall for \$50.00 and the logs left on the property for \$80.00. In addition, wastepaper drives, netting \$75.00 made us ready that fall for the roof and rafters.

Since he was a carpenter, Fred Hoffman became my good right arm in these matters. I turned to him many times on lumber orders. When these materials finally arrived, we worked weekends. Emile Bernardin, Donald Marsh and myself, completed in one morning, all the cuts on the roof rafters, which Fred had marked out. (Each requiring 4 cuts). That afternoon, when more workers arrived to put them in place, Fred declared that he had seen many a professional carpenter who couldn't make these cuts as well as we had. When we departed late that day, the rafters were in place.

By the next Sunday, more lumber had arrived, and nail pounders were hard at work installing roof boards. Phil Cole, then Methuen building inspector, stopped to congratulate us. "You're doing a good job!"

The following Sunday saw the roof shingled. Granted, we were still in a raw building, but at last, we were under cover. Ted Gaumond, who worked for Durso, was able to get us oak flooring at a good price. This it took a couple of weekends to install. The ceiling lights and exhaust fan were the contributions of Clarence Chaff and George Emmett. Next, ceiling furring was in place and homosote ceiling installed. We acquired a hot air furnace from the Sawyer School for \$35.00. On meeting nights, Donald Marsh and I made it a practice to arrive early and cut wood, thus assuring a heated club.

Lack of cooperation caused the loss of some workers and even members, but I and so many others, however, had joined to help the club.

"Thanks so much to you, both living and deceased for your efforts! We will never forget you!"

At last in 1945, the clubhouse was in meeting shape. Fred Hoffman said proudly, "I have belonged to the club since it was organized, and everytime it made a move over the years, it became bigger and better.

President Chaff would remain in office for 17 years, with me as vice-president. During his tenure were instituted the annual banquet, (now discontinued), and the yearly fall outing. Held at Eaton's Grove, this was the scene of games, raffles, and

delicious refreshments, highlighted by a roasted suckling pig, cooked by Ray Atkinson.

In 1959, I assumed the presidency for 5 years, to be succeeded by Tom Gebo in 1964, (2 years), during which time I again served as vice-president. We managed to pay off what we owed on the club, and then borrowed again from members and friends to enlarge the hall, add kitchen, toilets and bar. A women's auxiliary was organized, but lasted only one year.

Re-elected president in 1966, I asked my wife to reactivate the women's auxiliary. She did, and a group of about 18 wives, daughters and friends of members proceeded to run silent auctions, Christmas fairs, style shows, and that biggest of money makers, the "Family Bean Supper."

They succeeded, not only in paying off the mortgage on the club, but also installing our well equipped kitchen, revamping the ladies room, financing a new floor, giving money to the shooters for a backstop in the indoor pistol range, furnishing gravel for the front of the club, refrigerator, grill, curtains, pictures, chairs, coffee urns and many other needed things. Don't forget also all the dishes and silverware, incidentally stolen and replaced. Alas, as inflation reared its ugly head, food prices began to escalate, their membership dwindled and the few remaining called it quits. They sure were an asset to the club and are sorely missed.

I organized monthly dances with a D.J. At these well attended and enjoyable events, the women's auxiliary served a lunch. The bar which had been installed was well patronized

during these dances. With many rentals, our little club prospered. In 1967, when Carmen Grasso asked if he might reactivate the outside trap range, which had been installed by Leon Azadoorian, I told him, "Go ahead!" This stimulated a great deal of shooting activity.

Vern Mackie replaced me in 1971, but in 1973 I again served as president. 1976 saw Ed Bailey as president. His term of office was, for the club, a period of relative inactivity. Two years later, Alan Albee took over, but due to an injury incurred at work, after completing his one year term, declined to run again.

In 1979, Joe Moffatt was chosen to run the club. He remained in office two years. During his tenure, the organization went ahead. An artisian well was installed, shooting activities escalated. I was appointed manager of a then sagging bar, which proceeded to flourish and has done so to the present day. Bean Suppers were reinstated to wide public acclaim, 45 games instituted, and for the accomodation of members and visiting shooters, a lunch program was added, staffed by Frank Schrigley, Joe Moffatt, Leo Jutras, Bob Powell and Charles Rapa.

Field days and trap shooting were organized by Carmen Grasso, who, in o981 became our president. Thanks to Carmen, the outside range had been greatly improved and can now be enjoyed by many. The rifle range is the next project of improvement.

The club boasts two trap teams, active all summer. In the winter months, our indoor pistol range plays host to other clubs in league competition with our own two pistol teams.

George Berube and Kevin Lemieux have installed an archery hunting course on our land.

This building has just been newly painted and shutters applied against the vandalism which seems to plague so many today.

In addition, the club has played host to the Boy Scouts, Methuen High School shooting squad, and in accord with our civil duty, conducted safety meetings.

WE'VE SURE COME A LONG WAY, BABY!

Granted, I'm no historian, but with the help of my wife Toni, and daughter Denyce, who graciously put up with my many expeditions to my 'second home', I have set down this saga for our information and I hope enjoyment.

Gustave C. Wering

A simple meeting of sportsmen led to Methuen Rod & Gun club

In 1925, a small group of Methuen hunters disappointed in the lack of game in this area, gathered together at the home of Bruno M. Findeisen. This simple meeting of sportsmen was to be the beginning of the Methuen Rod and Gun Club presently located on Tyler Street in Methuen.

Historically, the Methuen club is one of the oldest in the area. Since that first meeting, the club has overcome a series of setbacks that is a credit to its founding fathers. First led by Findeisen, who became the first president and maintained that office for many years, the club began hunting dog field trials as early as 1932, with many of these events being held in the area of Pie Hill. By 1933, the first clubhouse was established at Burnham Farms. And, by 1934, the club was incorporated.

The Burnham Farms facility was not to last however, as it burned to the ground, forcing the Methuen sportsmen to look elsewhere for a new home.

The quest for new quarters finally brought the members to the Bragdon Farm where they constructed a "fire-proof" building built with bricks purchased from the Lee and Blackburn Chemical Company. The bricks were from the chimney of a building destroyed by fire in 1885. All of the work from cleaning the bricks to putting the finishing touches on the interior was done by the members.

However, once again the local sportsmen found themselves searching for a new home. The Bragdon land that housed the clubhouse was sold and the club was required to sell their building. Club members then began meeting temporarily at the White

**Roger
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Horse Cafe, and the Sawyer School.

During the early years, club members raised pheasants both on their own and in co-operation with the Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife Department. Many of the birds were reared at Eatons Farm and stocked for the general public. These birds were the basis for a native population, since the conservation minded club members often stocked birds out of the gunning season. Additionally, snowshoe hare were occasionally stocked.

Trap teams were formed in those early years with perhaps the best known shooter being Harold Kent, now of Andover, who is a world renowned gunsmith.

Shooting sports, dog trials, and conservation were the foundation of the club.

After moving from the Bragdon farm, Gustave C. Hering began a search for land on which to build a new clubhouse. One day, while driving on Tyler Street in Methuen with Earl Strauss, Hering spotted what seemed to be an ideal location. This was in 1941 and by 1942, the club members purchased 34 acres of land on this site. Of this, 27 acres is located in Methuen and 7 acres in Dracut. It is on this land that the present clubhouse now stands.

Since joining the Methuen Rod and Gun Club in 1941, Gus Hering has been one of the most active of mem-

bers holding the presidents chair for a total of 13 years. He is presently the club historian and a director.

In 1967, the Methuen Club reactivated its trapshooting range under the guidance of Carmen Grasso who is the present day president. Trapshooting is open to the public each Monday evening between 6-10 p.m. from April through November.

The present club grounds now encompass 42 acres and includes an excellent 14 station field archery range. The club's 200 members have access to trapshooting, archery, an indoor pistol range with four stalls, and a 100-yard big-bore rifle range.

Each year, trapshooting courses are offered as well as a Hunter Safety Course, both of which are open to the public. The club sponsors bean suppers, trapshooting and handgun competitions and a highly fouted field day.

On September 11, the club will sponsor a Bean Supper. This is an all you can eat affair between 4-7 p.m. The price is \$2.75 for adults and \$1.50 for children. And on Sunday, September 26, the club will hold its annual field day beginning at 10 a.m. The next regular meeting is slated for Tuesday, September 7.

Club Notes: The Pelham Fish and Game Club will sponsor a four week eight session Hunter Safety Course. Registration will be held on September 13 and 17 at 7 p.m. Classes will be held two nights per week and a fee of \$2 will be charged to cover cost of materials. A hunter safety certificate is necessary for youngsters and new hunters in New Hampshire. This course is set to enable hunters to participate in the coming season.

SEPT. 1982

BIRTH OF METHUEN ROD AND GUN CLUB

Hunting and fishing has the following article regarding the Methuen Rod and Gun club in the September issue, under the caption "Game Restoration—An Example of Merit" by Henry P. Davis.

"Five years ago a couple of enthusiastic sportsmen went gunning in the country adjacent to their home town, Methuen, Massachusetts. They had well trained dogs, good equipment, and the courage to tramp through large areas of heavy cover. They returned empty-handed. Two days later they tried again, but without success. Notes were compared with other gunners, who also reported poor luck.

"One night an interested hunter asked a few friends over to discuss the situation, and then and there was born the Methuen Rod and Gun club, a thriving sportsman's organization of nearly a hundred members, which has been most instrumental in restoring good hunting conditions in Essex County.

"The history of the Methuen Rod and Gun club is not dissimilar to the chapters written by hundreds of other organizations in this country. But Methuen sportsmen are proud of their accomplishments and believe the sporting world should know what a group of really interested men can do, with little funds but willing hands, to improve hunting conditions in home covers. The officers of the association follow: Bruno Findeisen, president; Ray Cox, vice president; Cyril Piper, secretary; Wilfred A. Tompkins, treasurer.

"Soon after the organization of the association, individual members began to raise quotas of pheasants in their own backyards. It was not possible for all members to engage in this activity, so arrangements on a more extensive scale were made with George Eaton, a commercial poultry farmer, who lives on the outskirts of Methuen. Eaton, a practical poultry expert, is also an enthusiastic gunner and took up the propagation of pheasants as an accommodation to the club.

"Each year he raises from 600 to 800 ringneck pheasants and the club purchases his surplus for liberation. There are four bird dog field trial clubs running events in Essex county, and through the Methuen Rod and Gun Club these organizations are enabled to secure pheasants from Eaton, provided that they are released in Essex county covers.

"The Rod and Gun club maintains a number of rearing pens at Eaton's farm. In these, each year, go not only the birds which are the property of the club, but scores of pheasants donated by the State game farm of Massachusetts. The state birds are received when three months old, and are wintered in the club's pens, Eaton acting as gamekeeper. These birds are carried past the gunning season and are liberated when they reach an age of ten months. Careful methods of liberation are exercised, and the actual releasing is under the supervision of a game warden, co-operating with the club's committee on liberation of game, which is composed of George Eaton, James Robinson, Walter Boyhen, Arthur Heiman and Carl Grass. The club expects to receive 100 young pheasants from the State at an early date. This number will constitute the organization's allotment for the year 1932. In addition to the state birds the club has released close to 900 pheasants within the past five years.

"The Methuen Rod and Gun club is strictly an 'action' organization. Its overhead is practically nil. The dues are small, but every cent received by the club treasurer from any source is spent for the purchase or care of game. Hugo Findeisen has generously fitted up a room at his establishment which is used as club headquarters, and regular meetings are held on the first Monday of each month.

"Off season interest is maintained by staging moving picture shows, trap-shooting tournaments, and 'get-together suppers.' Each event is made self-sustaining, with the surplus going into the game fund. Tidy sums are realized in this manner, every cent going toward the betterment of hunting conditions. The investment in pens and equipment has long since been absorbed and the club is now on a firm financial basis. In addition to the hundreds of pheasants, a number of quail and white rabbits have been purchased and liberated.

"Each member has provided himself with a handsome gunning coat emblem, in the form of a red, white and blue shield, bearing the words 'Methuen Rod and Gun Club.' This shield is a familiar sight in the covers of Essex county during the gunning season and has come to be known as the mark of a sportsman."



White Horse
Sawyer Street School





Trap Shoot Range



Reservoir Hill, Methuen
Where first "Dog Field Trials"
were held. Looking east at Pie
Hill.

RABBITS LIBERATED BY METHUEN CLUB

Many important subjects were acted upon at a meeting of the Methuen Rod and Gun club last evening. President Bruno M. Findeisen presided and communications were read and approved. The liberation committee reported the liberation of twelve cotton-tail rabbits.

The suburban club members voted to incorporate, to hold a chicken pie supper and to hold two meetings a month from now on. The turkey shoot held last mnth was voted a decided success. Willard Tompkins and Ray Cox were named as a committee on the incorporation act. Places were chosen for the liberation of fish and game for the present year. The committee chosen for the supper is comprised of William Nealey, chairman; Samuel Westwell, Henry La-Liberty, Joseph Noel and Ray Cox.

Harold Kent has issued a call for candidates for his revolver team and anybody interested in this event are



BRUNO M. FINDEISEN

requested to communicate with him at Atkinsons.



BRUNO M. FINDEISEN

First President

RAZE CHIMNEY TO BUILD CLUBHOUSE

The Methuen Rod and Gun club won't have to worry about bricks for their new club house.

Ashton Lee, president of the Lee Chemical company, has donated to the club the old chimney of the Lee and Blackburn Chemical company, which now stands near the corner of Lawrence and Chelmsford streets.

Saturday the chimney will be razed, and with its fall will disappear a familiar landmark to almost three generations of Lawrence and Methuen residents.

RAZE CHIMNEY TO BUILD CLUBHOUSE

(Continued from Page One)

in which an artificial rubber compound was manufactured, a mass of flame.

Meanwhile, Tiger 3 company, on its long run from South Lawrence, collided with a telegraph pole when a defective tire on the wheel broke, and the engine was out of service for several days afterwards.

Fireman James Keegan of the Atlantic company was holding a hose in the vitriol plant when in some way he fell off the ladder into a boiling vat of acid. Pulled out immediately by his comrades, he was rushed to the hospital where he died two days later, maintaining consciousness to the end.

At his funeral, held in the old St. Laurence's church, the entire department of the city, then largely a call and volunteer system, turned out to pay their last respects.



The last remaining vestige of the Lee and Blackburn Chemical company fire of 1885, this brick chimney, will be razed Saturday in order to provide bricks for the new clubhouse of the Methuen Rod and Gun club.

New Home of Methuen Gun Club



(Staff Photo)

Burnham Farms

Location of first clubhouse



FRED H. HOFEMAN



WILLARD A. TOMPKINS



RAYMOND COX



Bragdon Farms
Second clubhouse



As it looks today

METHUEN CLUB TO STAGE FIELD TRIALS

1934 AUG.



RAYMOND E. COX

A field trial for setters and pointers will be conducted by the Methuen Rod and Gun Club, Inc. Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26. Ray E. Cox of the club looks forward to a big entry list for the coming afternoon.

The purpose of the field trials is to find the nearest to perfection in either breed so that in later weeks the Association of New England Field Trials clubs may find the champion of New England.

Who would not like to own a New England champion bird dog. In other years a champion has been made who would only handle puffed grouse, but last year the champion was a real champion, a dog that would handle all four of New England's game birds, namely, the grouse, woodcock, pheasant and the quail.

New England is blessed with fine clad hills and rocky fields. One of the choice corners of the earth but a hard place for the bird dogs. If as is supposed the dog loves the scent of game his happiness should be fourfold as he has the four different game birds to treat his nostrils on. Where else in this land is a bird dog so favored. But that is just the trouble. In other sections some men think a dog's life is none too long to teach him the handling of one kind of game bird. We easy to teach four. Is it possible? Yes, for it's been proven. So it easy! No.

Turn him, if you will into the long wet meadows, thick with growth where the pheasants run. Scent is

poor, going is heavy. He runs blindly unable to see his handler to the limits of the cover. Can he find a needle in a haystack for you. Then swing him up into the uncut corn. There is no bottom here, just the opposite from the meadow.

A bold dash, an exercise of caution, yes, and more, an exhibition of instinct plus brains. Can the same dog adjust himself to the change between the meadow and the cornfield? Then shy him off into the weed fields uncut where quail may be feeding here. The dogs run high and wide here. He quarters less but keeps in the feeding zone recognizable to the average quail dog. Here is running changes to the extreme. He must cover as much ground as possible in the shortest time.

Not like the pheasant, who runs and must be scared in order for the dog to make him lay to point, then over the hill and down to the alder swale here lies a queer bird, a woodcock. He hasn't moved five yards all morning. In comes the dog. Now again he changes his pace and quarters his ground most closely testing the scent in every square yard of cover lest he pass his quest. He points the particular bird at a few feet, yes inches sometimes. Is this the same dog that pointed the running pheasant or the covey of quail at a rod or two?

But wait, we are not finished yet for we must test him on the king of New England game birds the Ruffed Grouse. You may hunt him in the thick bottomed runs, in the big oaks, in the rims of big woods and in the birch pastures and apple orchards. Who knows where he may be or whether he be feeding or dusting. Wherever you find him he is wisest and craftiest of all. Here you test the bird dog in full all his senses and instinct and knowledge are none too good and find and handle this old New England in his cover and moods.

Now that you have tested your dog on all four game birds you realize what a thrill it is to own a dog who handles all for you. The ideal New England bird dog, the goal of all New England sportsmen.

In New England there should be no distinction between a field trial dog and a shooting dog. The former is in reality the latter on display to a gallery of sportsmen and sports-women who gather at a field trial to see the would-be champions.

-:Many Pheasants at Eaton Farm-:



Top—Cock breed in special quarters
Bottom—Hens in roomy and airy pens.

(Staff Photo)

The Methuen Rod and Gun club, as part of its winter activities, takes care of the housing and feeding of large numbers of pheasants and rabbits, to be used for the purpose of restocking the covers in the Spring.

In the club's spacious pens at Eaton's farm, off North Lowell street, Methuen, the members are wintering 70 hen pheasants and 50 cock pheasants, the birds to be liberated early in March. In addition, the club is also feeding about 50 wild pheasants, which are wintering in the woods nearby and gather at the pens at feeding time. A shipment of 36 snow shoe rabbits

is momentarily expected, and these will be housed and fed until late in February, when they will be released. The club members purchase the rabbits, but the pheasants are received from the state division of Fisheries and Game.

The next meeting of the club will be held Monday evening, February 3, when all sportsmen interested in better hunting and fishing, including the restocking of covers and brooks, are invited to attend.

The present officers of the club are: President, Bruno M. Findeisen; vice-president, Raymond Cox; secretary, Fred C. Hofeman; treasurer, Willard A. Tompkins.

ROD AND GUN CLUB WILL MEET TONIGHT

To Complete Plans for Visit of Essex County League Thursday Night

The Methuen Rod and Gun club will hold its regular meeting in the club house, North Lowell road, tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The Essex County League of Sportsmen's Clubs will visit with the Methuen club Thursday evening in Red Men's hall, to start at 7:30 o'clock.

There are 16 club in the league now, and there is a possibility of three more coming in at the Methuen meeting, according to word received by the secretary of the league. The Methuen club will entertain in its usual manner after the meeting.

Methuen's membership is advancing rapidly since the building of the club house and skeet houses will be built on a skeet field laid out in preparation for the annual spring field day.

Harold Kent, chairman of the rifle and revolver team is seeking candidates for his teams and expects to take a team or two to Boston to compete in the rifle and revolver matches of the hunting and fishing show and guides tournament at the Boston Garden, to be held from April 12 to 21 inclusive, 10 a. m. to 11 p. m. daily.

Mr. Kent is an instructor in the National Rifle Association and has been giving some shooting exhibitions of revolver shooting to a number of groups in this city who have taken up revolver shooting. Among these was the local postoffice group and according to reports was in tip top form, making 140 straight hits on the postoffice targets.

Re-elected to Office at Meeting Last Night— Hofman, Tompkins and Cox Honored by the Members

Re-election of officers for the ensuing year featured the supper and regular meeting of the Methuen Rod and Gun club held Wednesday evening at Redmen's hall, Methuen.

All current officers namely, Bruno M. Findeisen, president; Raymond Cox, vice president; Fred H. Hofeman, secretary and Williard A. Tompkins, treasurer, were re-elected unanimously last evening.

Members of the Fish and Game committee including Alfred Findeisen, chairman; George Eaton and James Robinson were also re-elected. Those that will serve another term on the Distribution committee includes Louis Bowker, Arthur Hyman and Carl Grass.

Bruno Findeisen, Hofeman and Tompkins incidently, were re-elected for their fourth consecutive term while Cox was re-elected for his second term in office.

Following the election of officers discussion was heard on matters pertaining to the club. President Findeisen presided while Fred Hofeman, secretary, read the minutes of the preceding meeting which were accepted.

It was voted unanimously by the

club members to order 200 birds for liberation this season from the Conservation Department of the State and also to order as many rabbits as was possible to secure.

The matter pertaining to delegates for the Essex County league of Sportsmen's convention was left standing until the next meeting. Discussion arose as to whether or not the club would again be a member of this association and it also was laid on the table until a future meeting.

Preceding the meeting members and friends numbering approximately seventy were served a bean supper which

was prepared by Raymond Cox, vice president of the club. Harry B. Call entertained the members during the latter part of the evening with interesting motion pictures of wild life in the woods. Hunting of various game were shown which proved unique and interesting to the members. He also described how the motion pictures were prepared and made relating the various ways of showing the pictures.

Henry J. Moore, popular local sportsman and So. Lawrence athletic manager, gave a brief but interesting talk on duck hunting on Buzzards Bay.

Among those present last night were John W. Manning, Henry J. Moore, Charles Harrison, Ernest Glover, Frederick W. Schlapp, Arthur Findeisen, W. H. Atkinson, Harold Kent, Walter Hersey, J. M. MacMillan, Paul R. Hammond, Louis Zieba, Leo Orlando, Stanley Bleczenski, Frank J. Dolan, Walter H. Stolworthy, William P. Hainsworth, Robert Cowburn, Walter Davis, Bruno Findeisen, Fred Stoehrer, Carl Grass, Kenneth C. Hef-

ernan Jr., Carl Grass Jr., Y. Hofeman, Otto Hofeman, Victor Warcup, Charles Edwards, R. H. Greene, Alfred Miller, Emile Bernardin, S. J. Hebsch, J. A. Dion, R. E. Erdel, George Belanger, John Garrish, Leonard Cox, Irving M. Archibald, Andrew M. Morrison, Arthur Heiman and William Hughes.

A representative body from the Merrimack Valley Hunt club of this city was also present. Included in the party were Joseph Beaulieu, president; Fred Flathers, Edward Durgin, George Holmes, Timothy Dolley and Harry Fallon.

METHUEN ROD AND GUN GIVEN CHARTER

The Methuen Rod and Gun club held a successful shoot at its skeet field with nineteen shooters taking part in an interputed program. At 7.30 o'clock Attorney John A. Costello presented the charter to the officers and directors.

Later the meeting was called to order and a short business session was held and a buffet lunch was served by the refreshment committee and

the losing team in the membership contest which ended June 4. President Bruno M. Findeisen and his team were the guests of honor. About 65 members were present. The results of the shoot:

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W. Tmopkins 11 14 11; W. Stolworthy
14 10; H. Kent 24; F. Hofeman 13 10;
Eaton 8 9; Randall 9 7.

BUSY DOINGS AT THE ROD AND GUN CLUB

A large and enthusiastic number of sportsmen were present at the regular monthly meeting of the Methuen Rod and Gun Club held last night at Findersen's Farms, Methuen. The meeting was presided over by Vice President Everett Sunderland in the absence of President Bruno Findeisen.

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The report of the entertainment committee showed that the supper held recently was a decided success both socially and financially. The report of the progress of the membership drive committee was also submitted and the results are very gratifying and a record membership is indicated.

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The members were favorable to the purchasing of jack-rabbits and it is expected we will release a good number in the near future.

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This week will be a busy one for the members and committees. A delegation composed of Bruno Fin-

deisen, Willard Tompkins and Louis Bowker will represent the club Wednesday at the Sportsmen's Show in Mechanics Building, Boston. Also on Wednesday another committee consisting of Raymond Cox, Louis Bowker and George Eaton will attend the meeting of the New England Field Trials Association in Boston to vote for in the interests of the club.

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The membership drive is nearing an end and the members are making a strong bid for new members. The Methuen Rod and Gun Club again wishes to call the attention of the local nimrods to the splendid work of game restoration as being carried out by this club, and extends an invitation to all sportsmen to attend its meetings and social functions and to join a real live club devoted exclusively to promoting the sports of hunting and fishing. Application blanks may be secured at Atkinson's Sportsmen's cabin and Tread Tardware Corporation.

Methuen Rod and Gun Club

ANNOUNCING

~~Special Meeting at Findeisen's Farm~~
Trap Shoot at Burnham's Field ³/₄ Field Day

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METHUEN TEAM--THE TRAP SHOOT WINNERS



Left to right—Joseph Pitman, Harold Kent, (captain); Harold Sutcliffe, Harold Hargreaves, Irving M. Archibald.
(Staff Photo)



Gustave C. Hering
1942 Building Chairman for present club
Vice-President - 20 years
President - 13 years
Second Chief of Methuen Auxiliary Police


To Harold Kent, my sincerest thanks
for all the early newspaper clippings.
To Carmen Grasso, for the early history
of Trap Shooting and photos.



Front and rear view
of present club.

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June 30, 1983

To the Officers and Members of the Meekness
Rod and Gun Club, Inc.

Words alone cannot express my
heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all
the club has done for me.

Once again, you have honored Gus! Your
flowers were beautiful and your kindness too
in allowing us to return to the club after
the funeral.

To have his last meal here with you
I'm sure pleased him. As you all know, the
club was Gus' second home — second wife —
second child, and for that reason, I look on
you as family.

Thank you again for the comfort and
help you gave Denise and me.

Sincerely,
Loni Hering

JUNE 17, 1983

Gustave C. Hering

Former garage foreman

METHUEN — Gustave C. Hering, 78, 18 Lincoln St., active member and past president of the Methuen Rod and Gun Club, died today at Bon Secours Hospital after a short illness.



Gustave C. Hering

He was born in Lawrence and was educated in the Lawrence schools. He was a resident of Methuen for the past 50 years. Mr. Hering was formerly employed as a garage foreman at Cross Coal Co. in Lawrence

for 41 years prior to his retirement in 1969. He attended Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. He was a member and served as president for 13 years of the Methuen Rod and Gun Club and was also official historian of that club and was a member of its Board of Directors. He was also a member for 40 years and was a former chief of the Methuen Auxiliary Police Department. He was a member of the Stripers Club.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Antoinette (Ricard) Hering; a daughter, Miss Denyce M. Hering of Methuen; brothers, Kurth of Sarasota, Fla., and Harold of Biggs, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass will be celebrated Monday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway.

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SUNDAY EAGLE-TRIBUNE, Lawrence, Mass.—



Eagle-Tribune Photo by Roger Aziz

Methuen Rod and Gun Club President Carmen Grasso, left, and Gustave Hering on the trapshooting range



Michael Jowett

Captain of "B" team Champs
Captain of Methuen Summer Trap
League

Club Representative for the

Youth Waterfowl Hunt

We deeply feel his loss, and will
never forget him.



1981 Officers
Roger Cloutier, Vice President
Carmen Grasso, President
Robert Buskland, Treasurer
Dana Buyck, Secretary



Directors

Standing: Dan English, Bob
Broadley, George Kenyon.

Sitting: Leo Jutras, Gus Hering



1979 Trap Team
L to R - Danny English, Art
Jowett, Carmen Grasso George
Kenyon, Mike Jutras.



1980 Methuen Rod & Gun Club
Invitational Trap Shoot CHAMPS
L to R - Carmen Grasso, George
Kenyon, David Grasso, Andy
Artimovich, John Arthur.

Canobie trap shoot team wins first Methuen trophy

The Canobie Fish and Game Club's new trap shoot team has started out in a big way.

The team won the first annual Methuen Rod and Gun Club Invitational trap shoot competition, beating Haverhill, Mass. by one bird in a shoot-off after the two teams had tied in the regular shoot.

The trophy was presented to Team Captain Roger Hamel and his four associates by Conservation Officer Brian Howe Monday night during the annual Canobie Fish and Game Club game supper.

Salem selectmen, Town Manager William Kelly and Chief of Police John Ganley were guests of honor during the annual supper.

Dean Ellis was master of ceremonies. He thanked the visiting selectmen for their cooperation during the recent negotiations in which the Town of Salem purchased land across Lowell Road from the club headquarters. The site, with a six-acre pond, will be used for a public park as the result of action

by voters during Town Meeting.

Other teams competing in the Methuen Invitational were: Pelham, Methuen, Andover, Mass., and Lawrence, Mass.

Salem's winning score was 231 birds out of a possible 250. Captain Hamel shot a perfect 50. The others on the local team did as follows: Wilfred Hamel, 45; Bob Little, 46; Fred Rapisarda, 45; and Jim Sweet, 45.

Winners in the club's annual fish and game derby for 1976-77 were:

Largest buck deer, Joe Mowson, 209 pounds; largest doe, Bill Ahie, 129 pounds; brown trout, George Despres, four ounces; rainbow trout, Charles Moore, two pounds, eight ounces; lake trout, Fred Rapisarda, five pounds 13 ounces; land-locked salmon, Ken Lanouette, three pounds, 14 ounces; large mouthed bass, Roger Hamel, five pounds, six ounces; chain pickerel, Louis Gagnon, three pounds, four ounces; striped bass, Al Godin, 40 pounds, two ounces; largest cod, Warren Graichen, 37 pounds even.

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The Methuen Rod and Gun Club was the site of the Greater Methuen Invitational Trapshoot last Sunday. Seven area clubs competed for the four foot high travelling trophy, with the Andover Sportsmen's Club shooters won the honors. A margin of only two targets separated the winners from the rest of the competitors.

Last Sunday, six Greater Lawrence sportsmen's clubs competed in the annual Team and Public Trap Shoot sponsored by the Lawrence Rod and Gun Club. The competition was keen with some of the areas best shooters vying to win the club trophy. This year, the honors went to the Methuen Rod and Gun Club. Each team member shot at 50 clay targets and the highest team total determined the winners. The members of the winning team and their individual totals are as follows: George Kenyon 47, Mike Jutras 47, Kevin Lemieux 45, Jack Kay 43, and Carmen Grasso 42. The team total was 224 hits out of a possible 250. The Canobie Fish and Game Club of Salem, New Hampshire



OUTDOORS

By Roger Aziz

Andover's total score out of a possible 250 targets was 227 hits, followed by the Canobie Fish and Game Club, last year's winners, with 225 and the Pelharr Sportsmen's Club and Methuen both scoring 224 hits. Lawrence hit 213, Centralville 210, and the Haverhill Hounds 208. For Andover, Andy Artimovitch scored 47 hits out of a possible 50, John Shea and Whit Haselton hit 46, Ronnie Hajj 45, and Chuck Fleming 43.

Top gun of the day was Mike Jutras of the Methuen club. Jutras tied with Steve Kolios of the Centralville Club with 49 hits out of 50 targets, and a 25 target shoot-off was necessary to determine the winner. Jutras then scored 23 hits to Kilios' 22 to win the top honor. The winner for the longest straight run of hits was Steve Kilios who hit 43 straight targets before he missed. Kolios then went on to bust 49 out of 50 birds.

The Andover Sportsman's Club Annual Ken Wade Field Day was a whopping success. Some of the winners of this day long sporting event are as follows. In the club trapshooting event, first place went to Whit Haselton and second to Andy Artimovitch. The difference between first and second was decided by a chip. In the non-club trap event, first place went to Carmen Grasso and second to Kit Fox. This event was also close requiring a shoot-off to decide the winner. The winner of the lucky target shoot was Patty Langtry and in the 22 caliber competition it was a tie between Jim Barendborin and Peter Haselton. More than forty prizes and trophies were awarded throughout the day. Many thanks to the many members whose efforts helped to make this the best field day ever, and to a courteous and sportsmanlike public for their participation.

The Greater Methuen 2nd Annual Invitational Trapshoot will be held Sunday, October 16, on the Methuen Rod and Gun Club grounds on Tyler Street, Methuen.

The Canobie Fish and Game Club will be defending its title against teams from Lawrence, Methuen, Andover, Haverhill, Dracut and Pelham. A large circulating trophy is awarded the winning team. Each five-man team will shoot at a total of 250 targets and the team with the highest score wins the Oscar.

As a spectator sport, trapshooting is a top-notch event. This particular shoot-off will feature some of the areas best shooters to add to the suspense and excitement of the sport. The public is welcome to come and watch this highly competitive event. Starting time is 1 p.m., and there is no charge.

was second with a total of 217. Andy Artimovich of the Andover Sportsmen's Club was high gun for the day with 48 hits out of a possible 50.

In the public shoot the winners for the four classes are as follows: Class A, 1st place, Andy Artimovich 46, 2nd, Jack Fitzgerald 45. Class B, 1st, John Talcott 45, 2nd, Ronnie Hajj 42. Class C, 1st, Arthur Jowett 35, 2nd Mike Jowett 32. Class D, 1st, Wellman Wright 40, 2nd J.B. Fitzgerald 38.



1981
Bob Broadley and Tom Butler
painting the club.



1981
Building shutters for the club.



1981

Roger Cloutier - Trap Shooting
Class



1981

Carmen Grasso - Introduction
to Trap Shooting Class.



1981

Leo Jutras in kitchen



1981

Carmen Grasso - 1st introduction
to Trap Shooting for public.

MARCH '81

Safety class set for local hunters

A hunter safety class for Methuen and Lawrence residents will be held Thursday at Methuen Rod and Gun Club at 7 p.m.

Graduates of the course, sponsored by the Division of Law Enforcement of Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, are given a Certificate of Competency in the handling of firearms. This allows persons between the ages of 15 and 17, after purchasing a hunting or sporting license with parental permission, to hunt in Massachusetts woodlands without being accompanied by a licensed adult.

Applications for participation in the program should be sent to the Division of Law Enforcement, 100 Cambridge St., Boston, 02202.

The class will be opened to residents of Methuen and Lawrence.

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Junior Trap Shooting Class





Clarence Chaff

President - 15 years
First Chief of Methuen
Auxiliary Police





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