Town Manager's Office

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March 31, 2015

Board of Selectmen
10 Front Street
Exeter NH 03833

Dear Honorable Selectmen:

As required by Paragraph 13 of the Lease Agreement between the Town of Exeter and the Exeter Sportsman's Club, Inc. (here in after referred to as ESC), please find below an annual report of club activities which were of civic benefit.

ESC physically completed the earthen side berm, on the Water Works Pond side of the range, as required by the lease agreement. The town Health Officer and NHDES accepted the completion of Phase 1 of the Town's remediation plan by using lead (Pb) containing soil in the berm construction. Although CRS testing did not indicate a substantive reduction in sound, there is no doubt that improved public safety was a beneficiary.

The "children's fishing derby" continues to be popular spring activity drawing in excess of 200 children again in May 2014. The 2015 fishing derby is scheduled for May 9th.

Four Hunter Education classes were conducted in 2014 graduating 79 students qualified for both archery and firearms licenses under new NHFG guidelines.

ESC provided NRA certified training in Basic Pistol, Basic Rifle and Personal Protection in the Home (PPIH) to a total 58 students. All of these programs place particular emphasize on firearm safety as the first priority! Basic safety rules are:

ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

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ESC has expanded our new member orientation to two full hours with special emphasis on new members being "range safe". All new members are interviewed to determine their shooting experience and those judged to be lacking are assigned a mentor to improve their safety skills.

ESC continues to provide free shooting rights to all members of the Exeter Police Department so they can sharpen their shooting skills, whenever they feel it is necessary. This is in addition to the time required under the provisions of the current lease agreement.

ESC continues to provide NRA certified training officers and/or NRA certified range safety officers to youth groups (CAP, BSA, 4H, etc.) seeking firearms qualifications.

ESC continued to provide free membership to members of the armed forces who are on active duty. Some members of the USCG continue to use the range to hone their shooting skills.

Collectively all of the ESC programs (NRA Certified Programs, Hunter Education, New Member Orientations and etc.) train several citizens in the safe handling and storage of firearms each year. These types of programs significantly contribute to the continued decline in unintended firearms fatalities. According to the NSSF unintended firearm fatalities were less than ½ of one percent (0.5%) in 2013, which is an all time low!

Best regards,

Timothy Copeland
President

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Exeter Sportsman's Club Membership Information

This is to certify that the following information regarding the membership of Exeter Sportsman's Club is true and correct as of this date.

Of our membership, 28%, are residents of the town of Exeter NH. This fulfills the requirement of our lease that at least 20% of members be residents of Exeter.

Of our 15 Board of Directors, 9 are residents of the town of Exeter NH. This fulfills the requirement of our lease that at least 2 members of our Board of Directors be residents of Exeter.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Wharton Jr
Vice President, Exeter Sportsman's Club

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 8, 2019
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