

GUILFORD SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC.



CLUB OVERVIEW

The Club was formed on October 11, 1946 as the Guilford Sportsmen's Association Incorporated. (Herein will be referred to as GSA) At the present time the Club owns 330 acres of land that is surrounded by Cockaponsett State Forest and Regional Water Company in both Guilford and Madison.

PURPOSE

- To bond together sportsmen who are interested in hunting, fishing, and shooting sports from a recreational and ecological viewpoint.
- To assist in assuring more abundant fish for our streams and ponds, and game for our fields and forest.
- To secure and maintain, friendly relations between property owners, and sportsmen.
- To educate the young people, in the concerns of future ecological problems.
- To provide education for the younger generations in the areas of conservation, and ecology for the betterment of our total community.
- To assist on strict observance of laws designed for the protection and propagation of fish and game.
- To promote good fellowship among our members and with other sportsmen's organizations.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Guilford Sportsmen's Association is limited to three hundred (300) regular members, and an unlimited number of senior and honorary members.

An application for membership must be presented to the membership chairman. The membership chairman will screen the application and present to the Board of Directors for approval and forwarding to the General Membership for vote.

The spouse of a member has all the privileges of using the club, except has no voting rights.

Each member receives a club key and/or card which opens the front gate and all applicable buildings.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

The Junior Membership committee provides training programs in archery, shooting and fishing and other related activities. The Junior Membership committee sponsors the annual fishing derby and fishermen's breakfast each spring.

Junior membership is available to children between the ages of 12 -18 years. Upon becoming 18 years old a junior member who is a child of a non-member may become a regular member of the association by paying the initiation fee required at the time he or she became a junior member plus other monetary obligations which may be in effect when becoming a regular member. Junior members have no voting privileges.

SAFETY

Safety is of the utmost importance. Safe gun handling is essential to ensuring the safety of shooters and spectators. Unsafe gun handling will not be tolerated. The consumption of alcoholic beverages on club property while firearms are in use is prohibited.

Eye and hearing protection must be worn at all times when on any of the shooting ranges. Observe All Posted Rules!

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

GSA annually holds activities for kids and families such as fishing derby, Easter egg hunt, Halloween and Christmas parties, family picnic and more.

GSA maintains hiking trails for members and guests except during hunting seasons.

GUESTS

Guests are welcome to shoot at the club when accompanied by a member. Guests must sign in to the guest register at each visit. Guests are required to pay the posted rates for the privilege of shooting at GSA. A guest is limited to four times per year. The exception is that a guest shooting in a GSA league is allowed to shoot practice rounds (while accompanied by a member) throughout the duration of that league. GSA does not have any regularly scheduled trap or skeet shooting that is open to the general public.

SCHOLARSHIP

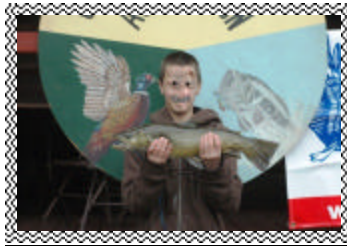
The Guilford Sportsmen's Association annually awards \$1000 in scholarship money to a student who has been accepted into an accredited program of higher education in the conservation sciences. The candidates must be either from Guilford Senior High School or any dependant of a member of Guilford Sportsmen's Association.

ARCHERY



GSA is a member of the Connecticut Archers Association (CAA). The archery committee sponsors a number of 30 station 3-D shoots each year that are open to the public. In addition the club has a practice range with various types of targets at distances out to 50 yards. There is also a field archery course with 25 stations throughout the club grounds.

FISHING



The club has a 3 acre trout pond that is stocked throughout the spring for freshwater anglers. Each spring a fishing derby is held for the kids. Large trophy trout are stocked just to make things a little more interesting!

LEAGUE SHOOTING



Various shooting leagues are held year round.

HUNTING

The club has the following hunting opportunities for the members:

PHEASANTS – During the small game hunting season a generous quantity of pheasants are stocked each week. Members must present their State of Connecticut hunting license to the game stocking chairman to obtain a free back tag to participate in the bird hunting

program. GSA is exempt from the State of Connecticut pheasant tagging requirement. State license is required.

DEER – Deer hunting is allowed on club property. Archery and muzzleloader permits are issued to any member who requests permission to hunt. Shotgun hunting is also available. Permits to hunt deer with shotguns are awarded through a lottery process each year. State license and tags are required.



TURKEY – Spring turkey permits are issued to members through a lottery process each year. State license and tags are required to hunt on Club property.



- SMALL GAME - Abundant squirrels, woodcock, grouse. State license is required.
- DOG TRAINING - A bird dog training area is maintained for use by members who provide their own birds.



- YOUTH HUNTING – The State of Connecticut establishes certain dates for youth hunting. GSA participates in the turkey, deer and pheasant youth hunting programs each year.

SHOOTING RANGES

All shooting facilities are open between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. every day of the week except slightly restricted hours during hunting seasons and special events.

INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE



In the basement of the clubhouse there is a 25 yard indoor shooting range. This range is limited to .22 short, long and long rifle cartridges only.

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE



GSA has a 200 yard rifle range. The range has 7 covered shooting positions. The range is lighted out to 30 yards. The range has its own building which houses a limited number of metal lockers on a first come, first served basis for storage of members' shooting accessories. Guests must sign a logbook when arriving at the range. A nominal guest fee is charged. A siren and flashing light is installed and should be activated any time someone is forward of the firing line. No rapid fire is allowed.

SPORTING CLAYS AND FIVE STAND



GSA offers sporting clays in two formats. The 5-Stand field has 15 clay launching stations including many challenging presentations. The sporting clays course has 10 shooting stations and is set throughout a wooded area. A nominal fee is charged. A minimum of two shoots that are open to the public are held each year. Each spring a Saint Patrick's Day shoot is held and in the fall a 50 bird fun shoot is held towards the end of September.

TRAP & SKEET



GSA has two combination lighted regulation trap & skeet fields. Members can use the fields any time between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Members purchase discount tickets for each round shot. Guests of members pay a nominal fee.

NEWSLETTER

GSA publishes a monthly electronic newsletter for the benefit of its members in keeping them up to date with upcoming events and more.

WEBSITE

GSA has a website that is frequently updated with valuable information for both members and guests. www.guilfordsportsmen.org.

GSA utilizes an email broadcast system for quickly distributing information to the members about upcoming events, newsletters and other information that needs to be communicated to members.

LOCATION

The GSA is located at the end of Hart Road, off Route 80 in North Guilford, between Routes 77 and 79, and convenient to I-95 and I-91.

