



The Andover Fish & Game Club's annual Beef Barbeque at AE/MS was a great success again this year. Photo: Charlie Darling

Free Talks On Hunting

By New Hampshire Fish & Game

Get the inside scoop on hunting from New Hampshire Fish and Game staff and local hunting experts at a series of free evening talks through September 26 at New Hampshire Fish and Game Department headquarters on Hazen Drive in Concord. The talks will be from 7 PM to 8:30 PM on Wednesdays. No pre-registration is required.

September 5: Ducks 101. Find out how rewarding waterfowl hunting in New Hampshire can be! Learn the basics of calling ducks and geese, decoy setup, duck identification, retriever training, basic use of a dog, necessary equipment, and game preparation from Buck-Gardener Calls pro-staff member and avid waterfowler Ray Jackson along with New Hampshire Hunting Guide Garret Booth.

The session will go over methods of hunting, such as field and water hunting, in addition to pass and jump shooting. Jackson has pursued waterfowl for more than 30 years and enjoys bringing waterfowl hunting to new hunters and children. Booth is a licensed New Hampshire Hunting Guide and owns Grey's Outfitting, a guiding service based in southern New Hampshire. For fifteen years, Booth has guided both upland and waterfowl hunts, as well as training hunting dogs.

September 12: Bird Dog Basics. Explore puppy basics to finished hunting dogs, with David Trahan of On Point Kennel. Trahan will cover the finer points of the "whoa" command, "steady to flush," and retrieval, demonstrating with his newest canine companion, along with his seasoned hunting partner. Topics include flushing dogs and pointing dogs. Trahan runs a busi-

ness selling versatile premium-quality dog training equipment. He works the dogs every day, using the equipment they sell; he also provides training for hunting dogs.

September 19: After The Shot. Successful tracking depends on being prepared for any situation. Join local hunter and Blue Star representative Don Boisvert as he shares his family knowledge, skills, and tools for tracking downed game. Try out the latest in high-tech tracking technology, including tools to help recover a wounded animal. You'll have to see it to believe it.

September 26: Wild Turkey Habits And Fall Hunting Tactics. New Hampshire hunting guide John Asseng shares some tried-and-true tactics for fall turkey pursuits. He has years of experience with the "second season" for turkeys, since he has hunted spring and fall turkeys in New Hampshire and Vermont for over 15 years.

Asseng is the president of the New Hampshire Guides' Association, and also works as a US Army Corps of Engineers Park Ranger. He spends countless hours in the woods chasing various quarry, but his love for eastern turkey hunting still tops his list.

New Hampshire Fish and Game Wildlife Biologist Mark Ellingwood is equally enthusiastic about turkey hunting and brings a vast knowledge of the habits and habitats of this wonderful game bird. Together, these two experts can provide you with a valuable edge if you decide to tackle the tough, but rewarding pursuit of New Hampshire's fall turkeys.

Find more information on hunting in New Hampshire, and online license sales, at HuntNH.com.

It's Time For Hunter Education

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It's prime time to take a hunter education class. If you're looking to purchase your first hunting license in New Hampshire, you must complete a hunter education course before you can hunt. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department offers hunter and bowhunter education classes around the state, as well as trapper education. To find a class, visit HuntNH.com or call 271-3214.

"This is the busy season for hunter education. Don't put it off - if you want to go hunting this fall and need to take a hunter education class, you better sign up soon," said Tom Flynn, Hunter Education Coordinator for Fish and Game.

The basic Hunter Education course averages about 16 hours of classroom instruction and field experiences, often including firing on a shooting range. Courses are taught by trained, certified volunteer instructors according to national guidelines and state standards. They cover safe firearms handling; wildlife ID; game trailing, recovery and care; hunter ethics; outdoor safety and survival skills; hunting laws; and map and compass skills.

Each year, Fish and Game holds about 130 classes for basic hunter, bowhunter, and trapper education around the state, taught by more than 550 trained volunteer instructors. About half of the classes for 2007 have already

been completed. More than 3,000 people participate in hunter education each year in New Hampshire.

Hunter Education instruction and course materials are provided free of charge; instructors may charge up to \$5 per student to cover the use of facilities. To receive a certificate of completion in basic hunter education or bowhunter education, participants must be at least 12 years old by the end of the course.

Learn At Home

In addition to traditional classes, Fish and Game offers a home-study option for completing the hunter education requirement. This option takes about the same amount of time as a classroom course, but preparation is done at home, then participants attend a required field day involving a written exam and field skills testing.

There are specific deadlines for signing up for the home study option, and space is limited. For a list of home study sessions, call 271-3214 or visit the Fish and Game Web site at wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter_ed_homestudy.htm.

"Over the years, New Hampshire's Hunter Education Program, coupled with the voluntary use of blaze-orange clothing, has dramatically reduced the number of hunting-related firearms incidents in the field," said Flynn.

For more information on hunter education in New Hampshire, visit wildlife.state.nh.us/Hunting/hunter_ed.htm.

It's Time For Our Annual GUN & HUNTING OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Sept. 15 - 8 am - 4 pm

Get pumped for Fall Hunting success at the Barn Store of New England's Gun & Hunting Open House! Check out all the latest models of firearms, handguns, ammo, clothing, scopes, & accessories. If we don't have it - we'll get it for you! See you there!

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