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The Monthly Newsletter of the Scituate Rod & Gun Club

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## CLUB CALENDAR

### MEETINGS

Mon. Jun 1<sup>st</sup> – 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

### PISTOL

Nothing at this time

### COWBOY SHOOTING

Sun. May 31, 9:00 – 2:00

### SAFETY COURSE

Tue. June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 pm

Thu. June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm

### RANGE ORIENTATION

Sun. June 7 – 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.

## News Around The Club

The COVID-19 situation continues, see explanation of the various reopening phases below. ☺☺☺

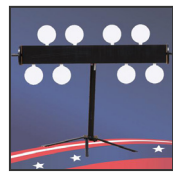
### Meetings

We will hold our first meeting in several months on Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 pm. It is, most probably, going to be held outdoors so we can all Social Distance properly. Bring your face mask and bug juice for the mosquitoes and ticks.

### Safety Course and Range Orientation Class

The June Safety Course will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> with the RO class on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Pistol



We held an informal steel plate pistol shoot on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate our esteemed Governor allowing gun clubs to re-open.

The highlight of the shoot was a revolving plate rack containing eight plates. When the first plate was knocked off, the beam holding the plates started to revolve. Needless to say this infernal device was a nemesis for most shooters with many rounds being expended into the berm.

### Cowboy Action Shooting

The Gunnysackers will holding a shoot on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. The 50 yard range will be closed for general shooting during this period.

## Phases of Reopening Massachusetts

Phase 1) Vague at best, continue to trample on the Constitution.

Phase 2) Still vague with no real plan, Constitution still at risk.

Phase 3) No clue; except that Epstein didn't kill himself and our rights are still ain't ours at the moment.

Phase 4) OK, #\$\$@&%\*! it, we can all continue to drink because, maybe, it might make the four-stage plan more clearer.

Phase 5) Wait! How many phases were this "plan"?

Phase 6) 99 bottles of beer on the wall, 99 bottles of beer (you know you just sang that in your head).

Phase 7) You're gonna need a bigger boat!

## The Streak Continues: April Sets NICS Record

*Sourced from NRA-ILA*

April 2020 set another record for background checks conducted through the FBI's National Instant Criminal Check System (NICS). The FBI NICS office conducted 2,911,128 background checks last month – a nearly 25% increase from the previous April, which had been the previous record high for the month of April.

April 2020 is now the fourth-busiest month in the history of the NICS office. Moreover, the week of April 13th through the 19th is the 9th busiest week in NICS history.

The more than 2.9 million checks run last month included: 984,872 checks related to the transfer of a handgun; 508,122 checks related to the transfer of a long gun; 68,746 checks related to “other” transfers; and, 34,779 checks related to multiple transfers in one transaction. There were also 311,568 permit checks and an additional 888,385 permit rechecks.

To be blunt: Americans set another record for background checks last month because we are a nation of law-abiding gun owners intent on keeping ourselves and our loved ones safe. Nearly three-million background checks to purchase a firearm or obtain a permit were conducted in just the thirty days of April. That is not a small group of “super gun owners” stockpiling thousands of firearms or some small subset of the general population.

Gun owners include all, from every race, gender, and creed. We – the gun owning community – reflect the overall population because we are a significant part of the overall population. [Read complete article.](#)

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## Despite Confiscation, New Zealand Sees Most Gun Crime in a Decade

*Sourced from NRA-ILA*

On April 5, 2019, three days after New Zealand’s Arms Amendment Act 2019 advanced from its first reading in parliament, NRA-ILA noted that “[g]iven the abundant research on Australia’s similar gun confiscation efforts, New Zealand officials can expect that their gun control measures will do little more than trample the natural rights of gun owners...” This week the first evidence vindicating this position came in when Radio New Zealand (RNZ) published figures it had obtained from the government showing that for last year crime involving firearms was the highest it had been since 2009.

According to an RNZ article titled, “Rates of gun crimes and killings using guns at highest levels in a decade in 2019,” last year “there were 3540 occasions where an offender was found with a gun.” The report went on to note that “in both of the last two years, the rate of deadly incidents involving a firearm was the highest it had been since 2009” and that “[t]he number of guns seized by police is also on the rise, up almost 50 percent on five years earlier at 1263 last year.” Making clear that the figures cited in the article were not skewed by the horrific shooting in Christchurch, the report noted that “[t]he 15 March terror attacks were listed as two separate firearms-related incidents.”

On March 21, 2019, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern targeted New Zealand’s law-abiding gun owners by unilaterally halting the sale of semi-automatic centerfire firearms that utilize detachable magazines to normal gun owners. The Arms Amendment Act 2019 was passed into law on April 10 and received royal assent the following day. The key provision of the legislation outlawed possession of all semi-automatic centerfire rifles and their magazines.

[Read complete article.](#)

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## ... And Finally

