

THE HUNTING HORN

CHRONICLE & REPORT OF THE SCOTCHESTER SPORTSMEN

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER: A NEW YEAR FOR THE SPORTSMEN

Spring is sprung and a new year of shooting just popped up. I don't know about you, but I always enjoy the early days of Spring and the promise of nicer days to come. This year's been particularly harrowing with the cold and the wind we've had so far. I'm looking forward to some sunny and warm weather, and to getting back on the course with my dear friends.

I'd also like to add a personal note of thanks for the championship trophy for last year. It was a nice surprise to pop over for a drink and be handed an award – especially since I didn't have to do anything to have the award made!

Since we don't have "meetings" (we're not alcoholics), and because I ran out of room elsewhere in this issue, I'd like to propose candidates for membership in our Club. We voted in Joe Burge last year, but it would be better to invite him formally to the banquet and declare him a member. Perhaps he'd like to come shooting? I would like also to nominate Dean Tucker and Robert Small (though many may have only met him once), and Nick Rook mentioned he'd like to start shooting with us since he's free in the evenings now. Are there any other nominations? We can vote on these and any "from the floor" just before

the Derby Party gets started.

I'd like to close with a point of order. Since I will be traveling a lot more this year than last, I expect to miss several shoots. On the positive side, this allows someone else the chance to beat me this year. However it requires that the rest of you lot actually be prepared to keep score! The score sheet is on our website; you link to it from the "Life | Style" page, selecting the "Scotchester Sports" link. So long as two people will be shooting on a Wednesday night, please, one keep score.

Sláinte agus
Iosgadh math!
(good health and good shooting)



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FROM THE EDITOR [TIPLING@SCOTCHESTER.ORG]

Welcome to the inaugural newsletter of the Scotchester Sportsmen. Although it's in rough form, I hope that this provides a good sense of what future issues will include, and that you enjoy the light

reading.

We'll provide a brief on local and world events in every issue, and will provide short articles (ideally from the membership) on areas of interest to gentlemen of "discerning

taste and evolved palate". In the pages that follow, you'll read about the new line of Mortlach Single Malts, be introduced to the Oriental Knot, and read a snippet from the SACS website.

The formatting will evolve as well, as I learn more about editing a newsletter in this format, but you get what you pay for, and we don't charge a subscription fee.

Happy Hunting!

TOWN & COUNTRY

Here in Rochester we've been subject to some strange weather of late. Although significantly less snowy than in recent years, we've certainly had our share of wet. And of course there was the wind storm and the power outage it created affecting over 90K residents in the Greater Rochester Area.

But Spring has finally sprung! In the next few months we'll be enjoying the Lilac Festival (May), the International Jazz Festival (June) and the Corn Hill

Arts Festival (July).

Around town, Spring means construction projects are back in full swing, and that means travel patterns are impacted. 490 Eastbound has extensive bridgework being performed, and the 390 Northbound is also closed to 1 lane, making other routes necessary if you want to get back into the city in a timely manner.

The good news is that, at least for the most part, the cold is behind us and the clay pigeons are flying!



*The weather in Rochester, NY
Grey and snowy...*

HOME & ABROAD

The top headlines of 2017 so far have centered predominantly on Trump's administration, his "First 100 days" in office, and of course, all the controversy that has gone along with the administration's attempts to overturn everything done by a Democrat in the last 12 years.

In Europe, we have been seeing a rise in populism and nationalism. One need only review the

political landscape associated with the French elections and of course we cannot overlook Brexit.

Unrest continues in the Middle East, though ISIL has been badly beaten by Western and Russian/Iraqi forces. But I wouldn't hold my breath that even with the demise of ISIL we'll see any overall change in the stability in that region.

Lastly, North Korea has been ramping up its ballistic missile testing, which has met with harsh words from the U.S. The recent dropping of the MOAB in Syria has been said to be an attempt to discourage N. Korea's displays. I don't think anyone believes that will actually be the result, but politics is politics...

SOMETHING TO GROUSE ABOUT



CASK, FLASK, AND GLASS

There is good news for lovers of Mortlach the distinctive, near-triple distilled Speyside single malt, renowned for its meaty full flavor, with the announcement by Diageo of four new expressions.

Based on a limited tasting of the new expressions, the distinctive meaty, sulfur-influenced taste of Mortlach, with heavy sherry notes, has been evolved to a more elegant and refined style, without compromising the signature power and weight beloved of fans.

These are complex, multi-

layered whiskies with a considerable depth of flavor. While the beefy note has been muted (think roast pork and BBQ juices), the fruit and spice impact has been dialed up through a different balance of casks. Rare Old and Special Strength illustrate this in fascinating detail, being basically the same cask mix but presented at different strengths to draw out varying facets of spirit character. At 25 Years Old, Mortlach offers a dense, layered and extraordinarily rich taste that demands contemplation.



The new range from Mortlach Distillery

While lamenting the loss of the Flora & Fauna expressions, Mortlach drinkers will find much to enjoy in the new range, which will be available more readily, albeit at higher prices, from the early summer.

THE GENTLEMAN'S VALET

The Oriental Knot is also known as the Simple Knot - and for good reasons. It's easy to tie and requires just a relatively small amount of length (or material). You can get it done in under a mi-

"It can get done in under a minute without skipping a beat."

nute without skipping a beat.

And guess what? It's a style that's good enough for business-casual, social or other laid-back types of occasions.

Although it's simple to do, this knot isn't very well-known in the West. It's popular in Asia (particularly China), and one of the reasons for this might be how the West is accustomed to "self-releasing" knots.

It's especially useful when tying a thinker wool or woven tie.

THE SPORTING LIFE

From the Scottish Association for Country Sports website...

Shooting is one of the most popular country sports in the UK, and there are around half a million shotgun certificates in existence in the UK.

The sport takes many forms, and is enjoyed by people from all walks of life. There are countless variations on the way people enjoy shooting, ranging from top

-quality (and expensive!) driven grouse, partridge and pheasant shooting to 'rough shooting', which can simply be one man and his dog hunting for quarry or shooting woodpigeons over decoys.

Shotguns were developed specially for shooting at moving targets, and traditionally, 'side-by-side' guns were and still are most favoured for shooting

game. The 'over and under' style was developed for shooting clay pigeons. In recent years, an increasing number people are using 'over and unders' for game shooting. Both types will do both jobs - it is a matter of individual preference.

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TO ADD TO YOUR DIARY...

May 2017

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Events

- Wednesdays beginning May 3 ~ Weekly Shoot
- May 6th ~ Kentucky Derby Party
- June 24 ~ Spring Banquet
- July 22 ~ Scotchester Fishing Trip

Birthdays

- June 21 ~ Justin Dugan, Fellow