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Dear CCF&G Members,

First, let me start by saying thank you to the Board of Directors for giving me the opportunity to serve this club which has been such an important part of my family's life for the last five years. Additionally, I would like to thank Ron Smith for his work as club president and his countless hours of volunteer time over the years.

For those who don't know me, I have been a member of CCF&G for the last five years and have been a member of the Board of Directors in the role of Webmaster for the last three. Prior to moving to Nelson, NH from northern Utah in 2001, I was a competitive pistol shooter with the International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA), participated in 3-gun events regularly and was a Range Officer at the local club. Since joining CCF&G, my family and I have become active in the Highpower and Smallbore rifle disciplines.

The next few years are going to be an exciting time at CCF&G. The Board of Directors recently met to brainstorm new ideas for the club ranging from how to improve the club immediately, to new events and facilities five to ten years out. By establishing a master development plan, in conjunction with a viable financial plan, I know that we can make improvements and additions to the club which will double the current membership level in the next five years.

As I see it, the most important issue on the club's agenda currently is our non-profit tax status. Every effort will be refocused to establish CCF&G as a non-profit group with the IRS. Once this status is in place, we can begin to solicit funding from various shooting sports organizations to make the improvements that will help to grow this club in the future.

I would like to point out that even when the tax status and funding issues are resolved, we will still need our most important resource, you, the CCF&G member. No club officer, board member or volunteer receives any financial or material reimbursement for the work they put in to make CCF&G the largest and best shooting facility in the area. No one gets paid to mow the grass, empty the trash, or run a match. Everything the club has or does is the result of untold hours of volunteer work.

I have dedicated a significant amount of my time to the club over the past five years and will be doing much more now as your club president. I am honored to do this because I know how important it is to provide a facility where we as sportsmen can practice our hobby and pass on the knowledge and skills which are essential to keeping these sports and traditions alive. I am asking that those who enjoy the club volunteer whatever skills you have to help further our growth. You would be amazed at the wide variety of skills required to make the club run smoothly. Everyone has something that they can contribute. I am asking that everyone review the needed positions listed on the webpage. They will be updated on a regular basis. If you want to help and don't think there is a place for you, give me a call and we will find something for you. If you can't make a regular commitment, then help out on range clean up days in the spring and summer or on special project committees. Every little bit of help we get makes the club better.

I look forward to serving as your club president.

Best regards,

Joe Greathouse