Outing and Skeet Clubs Will Merge To Permit Joint Use of Facilities

Joint membership in the Skeet and Outing Clubs was made possible at a recent meeting of the officers of the two organizations. Students will be able to use the facilities of both clubs at a cost less than the combined admission fees of the two groups.

Officers and membership will remain separate, although club advantages will be pooled. At present the membership fee for the Outing Club is $3, with the Skeet Club fee at $5; joint membership will cost $7.

Chief purpose of the combination is to encourage hunting among students next fall. Plans are already under way to purchase duck decoys and boats, and arrangements are being made for the use of suitable hunting spots.

The Skeet Club began in January of 1940, at the inspiration of Nelson Boyce and Howard Ingels, both 1943, who are now respectively the president and secretary of the club. Bob Lyman is treasurer. Boyce and Ingels arranged with Mr. Perkins, keeper of the grounds of the University golf course, to have some land given by the A.A.

When the space was allocated, the two Freshmen cleared the land of trees and began the construction of houses and traps. During the time this work was going on, meets were held at the New Haven Gun Club.

The new field was first put into use in May, 1940. About twenty members were enrolled then, and the list has since grown to thirty. The skeetmen have turned in a good record for their two years of existence, placing second in the Intercollegiates twice. They were beaten both times by Army.

The Outing Club has an older history, having started in 1928. The present membership numbers between forty and fifty.

Russ Monroe and Bill Harvey are president and secretary of the Club at present, and the members have a clubroom in 804 Branford. They are planning a week’s trip to Mount Katahdin in Maine after examinations.