

STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 258

East Bridgewater Massachusetts 02333

Business Meeting - Thursday, April 5 at 7:30 PM
3-D Archery Shoot – Sunday, April 15 at 7:00 AM
Board of Directors - Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 PM

CLUB WEB SITE

One of our members, Jim Powers has very generously volunteered to set up and maintain a web site for the Standish Sportsman's Association. The web site will contain up to date info about club activities and items of interest for everyone. Members can give info to John Fabroski and Bob Phillips to have it posted on the web site. Pictures of club and members activities can also be posted on the web site. A sample site has already been set up at <http://www.standishsportsmans.com>. Thanks to Jim Powers for this great opportunity for the club!

ELDERLY SAFETY INFO

The club has agreed once again to host a presentation on Elder Safety for all the senior citizens of East Bridgewater. The presentations will be held from 10:00AM until 2:00PM on Wednesday April 4. All club ranges will be closed during this time.

HOMESTEAD ACT

Thanks to Lorna Vasapollo for all the information and help she provided to club members at the March business meeting on the Massachusetts Homestead Act.

COYOTE ISSUES

John is looking into setting up a presentation by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife on the coyote issues in Massachusetts. Let John know if you would be interested in attending this presentation so he can try to get it scheduled. The tentative date right now is our social night on may 17 if we get enough interest to make it worthwhile. The public will also be invited.

JUNIOR CONSERVATION CAMP

The club will be sponsoring two youngsters, Anthony White and Mathew Sass, to the Junior Conservation Camp this year. They are the only ones who applied to go to the camp.

AROUND the CLUB

Thanks to Jerry Snuffer for his hard work and generosity in gathering up all the used brass around the club and cashing it in to donate for the use of the youngsters trap shooting.

The outdoor pistol range is available for use again. All types and calibers of handguns are allowed as well as .22 cal. rimfire rifles only. The range will have a 21 foot "combat shooting" target frame installed in the future, but you can bring in your own target frame for the time being. Work on the shooting station tables and a covering for the shooting stations and target traps will continue when the weather improves.

Please remember that no type of jacketed ammo is allowed on the indoor pistol range! You may use jacketed ammo on the outdoor pistol and rifle ranges.

Thanks to Ed Lowe for "being volunteered" to work on improving the ventilation at the indoor pistol range shooting stations!

MEMBERSHIP

We welcomed a new Junior Member, James Gibbs at the March business meeting. We also had 31 first readings for new Temporary Associate Members at the March 1 business meeting. The applicants are: George Abramson, David Beusley, Edward Blandin, Chris Boujoukos, Rick Bowen, James Boyle, Rose Brown, Shane Butterfield, William Carpenito, Robert Clough, Phil Collins, Richard Gill, James havens, Paul Packard, Nancy Wainor, John Dawson, Len Francis, Lucian Pravati, Brian Perry, Robert DiFazio, Peter Massaro, Janies Hardy, Paul Sullivan, George Cullen, Anthony Figveivedo, Charles Ledoux, Michael Ryan, Cheryl Duelllette, James Bates, Dean Tildon and Eric Amico.

A reminder to all members on the three ways to pay your dues: (1) Mail a check to the club PO box. (2) Give your check directly to the Financial Secretary, Bob Phillips. (3) Drop your check into the slot in the front of the club safe.

SPORTSMAN'S SHOW

The February 2007 Sportsman's Show was a great success! Despite the windy, cold weather we had an excellent turnout of visitors and everyone had a great time. Hugh Hurley gave a detailed financial report for the show, you can see a copy at the clubhouse, and he thanked the many members who pitched in to work on our largest fundraising effort of the year. We had many positive comments from the dealers and customers. Everyone was impressed by the friendliness of our members and their willingness to help out wherever needed.

Hugh asked for special mention of his committee members who worked many months putting this show together and making it a success. Committee members are: Hugh Hurley, Chairman, Jerry Snuffer, Dave Feight, Terry Sandstrom, Richard Sandstrom, Russ Keane, Dick McMann, Sandy Rogers and Paul Kravitz.

Thanks also to the many members who put in so much time and effort to help set up, run and take down the show. Special thanks go to the folks in the parking lot. It was hard to tell who they all were because they were so bundled up against the cold, but we think they were: Jerry Snuffer, Harold Johnson, Dave Feight, Dominic DiBlasio, Paul Clark, Larry Witnauer, Dale Braasch, John Brennan, Mike Evans, Bo Vodicka and Bruce Minot..

The kitchen crew were the busiest people again, as usual. Ed Lowe, John Diloreto and Ed McElroy came through as always with great food for everyone. Thanks to, Bill Ewell, Jeff Sampson, Mike DiBlasio, Gene Cloutier, and all the other folks who helped out with the kitchen. Special thanks to Ed Lowe's wife and mother in law for the great chili they made!

Thanks to the other members who made the show a success. On the door we had:, Russ Keane, Dave Feight, Walter Potaznick, Mike DiBlasio, George Braddock, John Brennan and Tim Santry. The overnight guards were Ray Lizotte, Kevin Provost, John Bukunt, Larry Witnauer and John Brennan. Lastly, thanks to all those working the raffle tables: Sandy Rogers, Terry Sandstrom, Dick McMann and Lorna Vasapollo. Thanks to Club officers Bob Phillips and Bill Loughlin for spending the whole weekend at the show to make it easy for club members to pick up their new keys and badges for 2007. A special note of thanks to Bill Ewell, Andy Brearley, John Brennan, Frank Burke and John Fabroski for quickly fixing a problem with the drain lines that could have ruined the weekend for everyone.

Thanks to Walter Potaznick who once again arranged for the Lions Club van to be at the show to provide health screenings free of charge to all visitors. Thanks also to all of Walter's medical students and staff who volunteered to do all the health screenings.

FISHING CONTEST

It's time to get the fishing gear out and oiled up again so we can get rolling with the clubs fishing contest.

Anyone with entries for the fishing contest can drop them off at the club or give them to Mike DiBlasio. The rules let you enter a fish caught in any New England state, not just Massachusetts. We will be giving out \$25.00 gift certificates for largest fish in each category. You still need to turn in an official weigh in slip, signed by a witness, to enter the contest.

TRAP AND SKEET

Walter reported that once again Paul Clark and the trap folks would be sponsoring a Turkey Shoot (actually a Ham shoot) on Sunday April 1.

ARCHERY

The next 3-D will be Sunday April 15 with setup of the course at 8:30 AM on Saturday April 14. As usual, George will need help on Saturday morning for the set up and again on Sunday to run the shoot and take it down after lunch. George hopes to get some new members involved in the 3-D to help support the regular crew that always shows up. The more members that show up make it much quicker and easier for everyone! will have a few work parties to get the new lanes cleared.

The club gave approval to buy four new Rhinehart 3-D targets for the 3-D course. They are getting a cougar, browsing buck, broadhead buck and a six point "Jackalope". George hopes to have them in time for the April 15 3-D shoot.

Respectfully,
Tim Santry