

STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 258
East Bridgewater Massachusetts 02333

Business Meeting - Thursday Dec. 6 at 7:30 PM
Annual Election/Dinner - Thursday Dec. 20 at 6:00 PM
Plymouth County League Meeting/Dinner - Wednesday Dec.19 at 6:00 PM
Board of Directors - Thursday Dec. 27 at 7:30 PM

Elections

The nominating committee is still looking for candidates for club officers and directors for 2008. Remember, any Charter Member is eligible to hold a club office. Anyone interested in running for club officer or director should contact Dick McMahon, Ed Souza or Lorna Vasapollo or any club officer to have the nominating committee put your name on the election ballot. You can also add your name to the nominations list posted on the club bulletin board. Nominations can also be made at the December 6 business meeting, when nominations will be closed, so the ballot can be printed. The election on Dec.20 will run from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM and dinner will be served free of charge beginning at 6:00 PM. John is also planning a dinner for the Plymouth County League meeting we host on Wednesday, December 19.

Membership

We are sorry to report the recent passing of member Mike Kristal from Taunton. Our condolences go out to all of Mike's friends and family members.

The club voted to welcome longtime members Don Bissett and Bob Freeman as our newest Life Members. We now have a short form to fill out to apply for life membership; copies will be available at the club entrance.

The chairmen of all committees are asked to prepare yearly reports on their activities, incomes and expenditures for presentation to the membership at the end of the year. We now have a simplified financial report form that committees can use for reporting income and expenditures for different events.

Around the Club

We have various non-members visiting the club for youth archery and trap shooting. Many of these folks are not familiar with the handicap parking spaces at the club front door entrance ramp and are mistakenly parking there. Please do not use the handicap parking spaces at the club front door unless you are handicapped and have the proper plates or placard. Our unpaved club parking lot is difficult to navigate in a wheelchair, so please don't take the handicap space to the right of the entrance ramp unless you need it.

Please remember to clean the outdoor gas grill after you use it. Several members have reported the grill is not being cleaned after being used.

The membership approved a request presented by Jim Havens to use the club on January 18, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:30 pm for a "STAR" party for youngsters from Hope Christian School to gaze at the stars through some telescopes Jim will bring to the club. Members are also invited to attend. Indoor ranges will be closed during this time.

Members also approved a request from Tom Raynard to bring some scouts to the club on December 16 to introduce them to shotgun shooting. The club will provide clays for the youths as we have in the past to encourage more youngsters to enjoy the shooting sports.

New By-Law

A proposed new by-law was read at the November business meeting. The reason for the change is to correct some discrepancies in our clubs annual audit procedure. It will be up for discussion at the December business meeting. The proposal would replace the existing Section 1 of Article XV with the following:

Section 1. The Association's fiscal year shall run from July 1st to June 30th. The President shall annually, thirty days prior to the ending of the fiscal year, by May 30th, appoint an auditing committee of two members, subject to the approval of the Association, whose duty shall be to audit the books and the accounts of the financial secretary, and of the Treasurer, and such other officers and agents of the Association, as may be required by the Board of Directors.

Report of the auditing committee shall be submitted to the Board of Directors at the July Board of Directors meeting and at the following August Business meeting of the Association.

Dues and Keys

Please remember that your annual dues of \$80.00 per year are due January 1st, 2008. If you have not paid by the February 7, 2007 business meeting you will be automatically dropped from the membership. The locks will be changed at the February 7 business meeting. The Sportsman's Show is before the business meeting in 2008 so you may pay your dues at the show! Please remember to pay by check. Any new member must go to the orientation course before they get a key to the club. Call Tim Santry at 508-586-6535 to arrange for orientation.

Our thanks go to all the members who served the club as Officers and Directors in 2007, this great club and all it's facilities would not be available to us without all their hard work and dedication.

2008 Sportsman's Show

The Standish Sportsman's Association will be hosting our 29th Annual Southeastern Mass. Sportsman's Show on Saturday and Sunday, February 2 and 3 at our clubhouse on Burr Lane, off Union St. and route 18 in East Bridgewater. We moved the show to February to avoid conflicts with other sportsman's shows. The show will run from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday. Hugh Hurley, our show committee chairman, reported things are going well and most of the tables are already sold. We are still looking for a few dealers to help round out the variety of dealers at the show. Contact Hugh if you know any dealers who might be interested. The show is also a great opportunity to get your new hunting and fishing licenses for year 2008. Hugh will be looking for help with advertising and with distribution of flyers when

they are printed up. Any member can stop by the clubhouse and pick up a stack of flyers to distribute around the area in your travels. To reserve a space or to get more information about the show call Hugh at 508-588-9327.

Kitchen

Our thanks to John Diloreto, Mike DiBlasio, George Andrews and the other members who have stepped up and provided meals for meetings and club activities. They have put in a lot of time and hard work to try and have a supper before each business and directors meeting this year. Please show up at the meetings and show them your support. We have proved in the past that eating is one thing our members are very good at! This is another opportunity for new members to step up and do something for the club.

Fishing and Deer Contests

The club fishing contest is still going on and there are many categories with no entries yet! You have until December 31, 2007 to turn in slips to Mike DiBlasio for the contest. The contest for the largest buck and doe, taken by any means also goes to December 31, give your deer weigh in slips to John Fabroski.

Happy Holidays to Everyone!!!
Sincerely Yours,
Tim Santry