

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

Business Meeting - Thursday Dec. 4 at 7:30 PM
Annual Election/Dinner - Thursday Dec. 18 at 6:00 PM
Plymouth County League Meeting/Dinner - Wednesday Dec.17 at 6:00 PM
Board of Directors - Tuesday Dec. 23 at 7:30 PM

Show Date Change!

We had to change the date of the 2009 Sportsman's Show. The new dates are JANUARY 24 and 25!

The show will be on Saturday and Sunday, January 24 and 25 at our clubhouse on Burr Lane, off Union St. and route 18 in East Bridgewater. We moved the show back 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 2009. 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.

Elections

Al Rohnstrom reported the nominating committee has a candidate for every officer and director position for our December election night. The committee is still looking for additional candidates to make a contest out of it. Remember, any Charter Member is eligible to hold a club office. Anyone interested in running for club officer or director should contact Al Rohnstrom, 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 4 business meeting, when nominations will be closed, so the ballot can be printed. The election on Dec.18 will run from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM and dinner will be served free of charge beginning at 6:00 PM. The club is also planning a dinner for the Plymouth County League meeting we host on Wednesday, December 17.

Sportsmen's Pride

John Fabroski, past president of Standish and current president of the Plymouth County League reminded us all that we should hold our heads high and be proud of all the good works we sportsmen do for our communities. Standish and all the other local clubs expend a lot of time, energy and resources to support our local friends and neighbors. Our youth archery, fishing and shooting programs; elder services seminars and dinners; financial support of local school, sporting, civic, business and charitable organizations all go to show our interest and commitment in our communities. Be proud to be a sportsman!

Membership

The members were very happy to see John DiLoreto and his wife at the club before the November business meeting. John is recovering from a very serious illness and so it's good to see he is getting out and around again. We hope he regains his strength quickly so he can come to meetings and we can start abusing him again!

Our condolences go out to Joe Dutcher for the recent passing of his brother Eric and to John Bukunt on the passing of his brother Francis.

Bob Phillips read a letter from Amy Holmes and her family, thanking the membership for your generous support of the fight against autism.

Dave Singer presented the club with a very nice framed letter and picture in recognition of our support of the Young Marines Birthday Ball. The members also voted to provide \$300.00 to sponsor the membership of a youth in the Young Marines.

The club voted at the November business meeting to welcome Joe Dutcher as our newest Charter member.

Around the Club

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.

Thanks to Chuck Francis, Jerry Snuffer, Joe McLaughlin, George Braddock and Paul Packard for all their work in storing the seven pallets of clays we recently received. Thanks to Chuck Francis for getting all our awards and past member memorial plaques updated. Thanks also to Larry Witnauer for delivering the very large and heavy foam backing blocks for the indoor archery backstop.

Cowboy Action Shooting

Chuck Francis and his committee are going ahead with plans to have some practice sessions to see if Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) will work out as a new activity here at Standish. The membership approved the use of the last 20 yards of the rifle range as the CAS shooting range, with a shooting practice schedule to be worked out with the board of directors. Members also approved making a CAS equipment storage room out of one end of the rifle range shooting station. Thanks go to Paul Clark for fabricating a set of steel practice targets for the CAS shooters.

Dues and Keys

Please remember that your annual dues of \$80.00 per year are due January 1st, 2009. If you have not paid by the February 5, 2009 business meeting you will be automatically dropped from the membership. The locks will be changed at the February 5 business meeting. The Sportsman's Show is before the business meeting in 2009 so you may pay your dues at the show on January 24 or 25! Please remember to pay by check. Any new member must go to the orientation course before they get a key to the club.

Our thanks go to all the members who served the club as Officers and Directors in 2008. This great club and all it's facilities would not be available to us without all their hard work and dedication.

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, 2008 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