

STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 258
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Business Meeting – January 3 at 7:30 PM
3-D Archery Shoot – January 6 at 7:00 AM
Board of Directors - January 24 at 7:30 PM

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! 2007 was a very good year at the Standish Sportsman's Association. We had a very successful Sportsman's Show, lots of members enjoying trap and skeet every week, a very active and growing youth archery program, very well attended 3-D archery shoots and many, many great breakfasts, lunches and dinners! We also had many work parties both large and small to improve our facilities. All of this due to the efforts of our members, who make this a great club! We hope you all had a great year in 2007 and wish you all a great and prosperous new year in 2008!

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Nominations for club officers and directors for 2008 were closed at the December 6 business meeting. Nominations were President – Robert Phillips, Vice-President – Chuck Francis, Treasurer- Bill Loughlin, Financial Secretary- Richard McMahon, and Recording Secretary-Tim Santry. We had 8 candidates for Directors: Al Rohnstrom, George Andrews, Mike DiBlasio, Walter Potaznick, Ed Holmes, Lorna Vasapollo, Mike Vasapollo and Ray Lizotte. This means there are no contested slots for Officers or Directors for 2008. Therefore this will be your new slate of Officers and Directors, unless we have write-in candidates who win an office. It is still important for charter members to show up and vote on election night, not to mention the free roast beef dinner for all members who attend. We would like to thank all the officers and directors who did a great job working for the club in 2007. A special note of thanks to our outgoing President John Fabroski who has served the club for many years. John has always worked for the best interests of the club and sportsmen in general and I'm sure he will continue his efforts as the President of the Plymouth County League.

SPORTSMAN'S SHOW

Our Annual Southeastern Mass. Sportsman's Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 2 and 3, 2008 at our clubhouse on Burr Lane, off Union St. and route 18 in East Bridgewater. The show will run from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday. Our show committee chairman, Hugh Hurley, reported things are going very well, with almost all the tables sold already. There will be booths displaying and selling all types of hunting, fishing, camping, firearms and marine equipment and we are pleased to announce The reptile Lady will be with us again. There will also be sportsmen's videos, raffles, refreshments and much more. To get more information call Hugh Hurley at (508) 588-9327.

We are looking for all our members, but especially new members to pitch in and help setup, run and take down the show. We need help on Thursday evening, January 31 to begin the setup and then Friday night and all day Saturday and Sunday. Hugh is still looking for a few more members to sleep over at the club on Friday and Saturday nights to guard the merchandise. Kitchen help is also needed on both days.

Come over to help for an hour or two or to spend the day, all help is appreciated! We need to get as many members as possible to turn out to support our club. The Sportsman's Show is an excellent place to get to know other club members, especially for people who are new members.

Thanks to John Diloreto, the DiBlasio family, George Andrews and the others who have provided the excellent meals over the last few months.

DUES

Final reminder that \$80.00 dues are due January 1st, anyone who has not paid by the February 7, 2008 business meeting will cease to be a member of the club. Please note that our Sportsman's Show comes before dues are due to be paid, so you may pay at the show. We once again request that you pay by check only, no cash, so it is easier to keep track of who has paid.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership voted Joyce Francis into the club as an Honorary Member in recognition of her ongoing support of many club activities. We welcomed two new junior members at the December meeting; they are James Boyle and Ryan Burns.

AROUND THE CLUB

Thanks to Paul Clark for running a successful Turkey shoot and we hope he has as good a turnout for the Duck shoot he is planning for December 23. Thanks to John Brennan, Larry Witnauer and all the others who are helping them with the youth archery league. This has been one of the most successful activities at the club with 20 to 25 youngsters showing up each week. Congratulations to Joe Peluso, Jennifer Laflamme and the Young Marines for the pancake breakfast they put on at the club in honor of our Veterans.

STAR PARTY

Members have been invited to come down to the club and bring their youngsters on the evening of January 18 from 7:00 to 9:30 pm for a "STAR" party to look at the heavens through some telescopes member Jim Havens will bring to the club. Cross your fingers and hope for clear skies!

JUNIOR CONSERVATION CAMP

Please submit names of any youngsters from 13 to 17 years old who you would like to have the club sponsor to Junior Conservation Camp this coming August 10 to 22.

PISTOL RANGE

Our thanks to Al Rohnstrom, Frank Burke, Jerry Snuffer, Jeff Sampson, Mike Evans, and Chuck Francis, Joyce Francis, Terry and Richard Sandstrom, George Braddock and all the others who have put a lot of time and effort into working on our outdoor and indoor pistol range renovations.

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 was discussed at the December business meeting and the membership wanted some changes made in the dates the audit reports are due. Therefore a new proposed By-Law change was submitted with different report dates. This new proposal must go through the entire three meeting procedure, so it was read at the December meeting and is presented here for members to review for discussion at the January 2008 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 2 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 August Board of Directors meeting and at the following September Business meeting of the Association.

FISHING AND DEER CONTESTS

The clubs fishing and deer contests for 2007 ended 31 December, but a short grace period is allowed to get your deer weigh-in slips in if you got your deer on the last day or two of the year.

The new contests for 2008 start in January and we would like to try and encourage more members to participate. The fishing contest is not limited to just Massachusetts, but is now open for fish caught in any of the New England states. The contest is open to junior members, so we encourage the youngsters to enter. We are keeping the weight minimum limits as posted on the rules list in the clubhouse and we still require an official weigh-in slip that is also signed by a witness. We have done away with awarding second prizes, so there will only be one winner in each category.

Sincerely Yours,
Tim Santry