

STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION
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3-D Archery Shoot – January 18 at 7:00 AM
SPORTSMAN’S SHOW –Saturday and Sunday - January 24/25

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! 2008 was a great year at Standish. 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 2008 and wish you all a great and prosperous new year in 2009!

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Nominations for club officers and directors for 2009 were closed at the December 4 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 12 candidates for 8 Directors openings: Al Rohnstrom, George Andrews, Mike DiBlasio, Walter Potaznick, Ed Holmes, Lorna Vasapollo, Mike Vasapollo, Dale Braasch, Paul “Lefty” Kravitz, Dan McNevin, Kevin Provost and Ed Souza. This means we have real election choices for Officers and Directors for 2009. A ballot committee was appointed, Art Cabral, Joyce Francis and Terry Sandstrom, to run the election. It is very 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 2008. A special note of thanks to our new President Bob Phillips who has worked very hard to get club business organized and to bring some sense and order to our meetings!

SPORTSMAN’S SHOW

Our Annual Southeastern Mass. Sportsman's Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 24 and 25, 2009 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 22 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.

3-D ARCHERY

Our next 3-D archery shoot is on Sunday January 18, 2009. Setup on Saturday morning at 8:30 am. Come on over to have coffee and donuts and help put the targets out.

DUES

Final reminder that \$80.00 dues are due January 1st, anyone who has not paid by the February 5, 2009 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 George Andrews in as the club's newest Life Member, although there was some question if he was old enough, we have been assured that George is much older than he looks! We welcomed two new junior members at the December meeting; they are Antonio and Tina Viella. We also had a first reading to move John Dawson from Junior to full Associate membership.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bob Phillips has asked all club members who handle club funds to fill out a simple end of year financial report so that all our bookkeeping will be kept in order. Our goal is to have everyone who handles funds report income and expenditures in the same standard way. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and Bob will be able to stop chasing people!

AROUND THE CLUB

Members are reminded that coffee costs 25 cents per cup, it is not free! Please remember to close and lock the club gate if you are last to leave the property.

Thanks to Paul Clark for running a successful Turkey shoot and congratulations to Ed Blandin, Dale Braasch, Joe McLoughlin and Walter Potaznick for winning prizes!

Thanks to Larry Witnauer and all who helped get the new foam archery backstops installed indoors, and to all the others who are helping 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.

Thanks to Ed Holmes and his grandson Joshua who have volunteered to take over the maintenance of the indoor archery range.

Thanks to Dan McNevin for his excellent work in running raffles at all the club meetings this year. Mike DiBlasio and Paul "Lefty" Kravits have volunteered to take over the raffles for 2009.

Thanks again to Mike and Lorna Vasapollo for the great dinners before club meetings. All members are welcome to come to the dinners before business and directors meetings; the cost is only \$5.00! Thanks also to Mike DiBlasio for his constant help in the kitchen.

We received a very nice thank you letter from Christine Witnauer who was last year's \$500.00 scholarship recipient.

NEW ARCHERY RANGE

The membership voted to appropriate funds to move the earth berm on the old outdoor pistol range to begin creation of a new outdoor archery range. Thanks to Ed Souza and George Andrews for their efforts to get this project rolling.

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. All you need to do to get on the list is send in their name and address, we will get the formal applications filled out later.

RIFLE RANGE RULES

The windows at the rifle range shooting stations are held partially closed by chains and window stops to force you to keep your muzzle down so shots cannot accidentally go off range. Anyone found tampering with or removing the chains or window stops will be subject to having all club privileges suspended immediately and be subject to immediate expulsion from the club by the board of directors. This is a most serious safety violation and will not be tolerated.

FISHING AND DEER CONTESTS

The clubs fishing and deer contests for 2008 end 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 membership voted to cancel the fishing contest beginning in 2009 due to lack of interest and entries.

Sincerely Yours,
Tim Santry