

STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION  
P.O. Box 258  
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Business Meeting - Thursday, May 7 at 7:30 PM  
Board of Directors - Thursday, May 28 at 7:30 PM

#### MEMBERSHIP

We welcomed a group of 21 new Temporary Associate Members at our April 2 business meeting. An additional four new member applications were read, they were; Jonathan Mosher, Christopher Perry, Edward Bonia Jr. and Jeffrey Anderson. The membership also voted in Joshua Holmes as our newest junior member. Last but not least, the membership voted in Chuck Francis as our newest life member! Congratulations to Chuck and thanks for all the work he has been doing around the club.

#### RANGE RULE BOOK

Thanks to Chuck Francis and his committee for reviewing and updating all of our ranges rules. The rules have been updated to include some new requirements and to remove outdated material. The new Range Rule books are available at the clubhouse and all members are required to abide by the rules, so pick up a copy and read it! This new book is dated 2009 and has a red cover.

#### ORIENTATION

All new members of the Standish Sportsman's Association must attend an orientation training session and tour of the club grounds and ranges before they are given a key to the club. Bill Ewell and Jerry Hartman are the new orientation committee and can be contacted to get a schedule of orientation sessions. Check the club bulletin board or website for details. Thanks to Chuck Francis for also updating the entire Orientation Manual for 2009. The orientation manual is given to all new members as an introduction to our club. It contains all the range rules plus the administrative information about how the club works, committees, dues, keys, etc. The Orientation Manual has a blue cover and is dated 2009. Copies are available at the clubhouse for those who would like to read one.

#### CLUB WEBSITE

Our club website is at <http://www.standishsportsmans.com>. Thanks to Jim Powers for all his help in setting up and running this website. This site is regularly updated with new information and photographs of club activities. Let us know what features and information you would like to see on this website so we can keep improving it for all the members.

#### KID'S FISHING DERBY

Our annual Standish Sportsman's Association Kid's Fishing Derby, held in the memory of Edna and Ernie ("Bones") McNevin, will be coming up on Saturday, June 6, on the license free weekend. We are hosting the fishing derby at Burrage Pond off Elm St. in Halifax, again this year. We thank the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife for permission to use the property. The club provides worms for bait and we decided that bait would be limited to the use of worms or artificial bait, no shiners or other types of bait, which might give an unfair advantage to some. Remember this Fishing Derby is for the kid's and especially to introduce fishing to youngsters who have never fished before. Jeff Sampson, Sandy Rogers and the committee will be looking for members to help setup and run the fishing derby on that Saturday morning. Members can show up at the clubhouse, or go directly to Burrage pond early on Saturday June 6 .

## ARCHERY

The new outdoor archery range construction is well under way. The area of the old outdoor pistol range has been excavated and the berm pushed way back to give us plenty of room to shoot. The next step is to put in a four inch layer of crushed stone to give us good drainage, since this area was always a little wet. Thanks to George Andrews, Ed Souza and the others who got this project up and running. Thanks also go to Joshua Holmes, Ed Holmes and Jerry Snuffer for all their hard work in replacing all the indoor archery range cube targets. Please remember to use the cardboard backing pieces when you pin your archery targets to the backstop. We also ask that you try to move your targets around on the backstops so the center area of the cubes does not get shot out too quickly.

## AROUND THE CLUB

Thanks to Bill Ewell, John Fabroski, and Jerry Snuffer for all the work they have been doing around the clubhouse and grounds to make things a little better for all of us to enjoy!

Keep an eye on the club bulletin board and website for a notice about Goal Executive Director James Wallace coming to Standish for a presentation on gun law reform legislation. John Fabroski is trying to make arrangements for Jim to visit Standish, possibly on June 18, to give us a public presentation that all of us will find of great interest.

John Brennan mentioned a special note of thanks to Larry Witnauer for all his work to support the youth archery program every week.

## TRAP AND SKEET

Walter Potaznick reported the trap folks are very busy shooting every Sunday, but the skeet field is down until some repairs can be made. They are hoping to get the repairs done quickly and skeet may be running again by the time you get this newsletter!

Walter is also preparing to have a new training course on the safe and proper use of our trap machine. Any member who wants to get their own key to the trap machine must take this training. Watch the club website and bulletin board for future info.

Walter is still trying to make arrangements to have some type of BBQ or other event on June 28. Watch the club website and bulletin board for details. Remember that youngsters get to shoot trap for free as an introduction to shotgun shooting! All shooting is under adult member supervision.

## BY-LAW CHANGES

The proposed By-Law change on the ages for life membership was voted on at the April 2 regular meeting and did not pass so there was no change to the life membership requirements. We had the second reading and discussion about a proposed By-Law change to Article XI that would change how the Board of Directors operates. This change proposal will be voted on at the May 7 meeting and needs a 2/3 majority vote of the charter members present in order to pass. We also had a first reading of a new proposal from Bob Phillips on changing the By-Laws Article XI on the Board of Directors. The new proposal would replace Section 2 of Article XI in its entirety as follows: "The Board of Directors shall exercise such authority that is vested in them by this constitution and shall perform such duties that may be required of them by vote of the body and to make all contracts necessary for the proper transaction of all business."

Respectfully,

Tim Santry