

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

Business Meeting - Thursday Nov. 1 at 7:30 PM
Board of Directors – **Tuesday** Nov. 20 at 7:30 PM

Dues Are Due

Your annual dues of \$80.00 for the year 2008 are due on January 1, 2008! As always we give you a 30-day grace period to pay and we ask that you pay by check so you have proof you paid if there are any questions later on. You must pay by the February business meeting or you are dropped from the membership. The business meeting is on February 7, 2008 so you can bring a check to the Sportsman's Show on February 2 and 3 to pay your dues! This is still one of the best bargains around! Just check out the prices for range time at commercial ranges.

Elections

Annual Elections will be coming up in December so we are setting up a nominating committee of Lorna Vasapollo, Ed Souza and Dick McMahon to get ready for the election of club officers and directors for 2008. Remember that John Fabroski will not be running for re-election as President so we need some members to step up and run for office. Any Charter Member is eligible to hold a club office. Anyone interested in running for club officer or director should contact Lorna, Ed or Dick to put your name on the list on the club bulletin board to have your name put on the election ballot. Nominations can also be made at the December business meeting when nominations will be closed so the ballot can be printed.

Kitchen

Thanks to Lorna and Mike Vasapollo for the great clam and corn chowder they made for the last meeting. Also, thanks again to John DiLoreto, Mike Diblasio and George Andrews for continuing to providing dinners for us at the Business and Directors meetings. There is a lot of work involved in preparing, serving and cleaning up after all these meals and these folks never get enough credit. Thanks to Larry Witnauer for the American Chop Suey we all enjoyed recently!

2008 Sportsman's Show

Hugh Hurley and his committee have begun preparations for the 2008 edition of the clubs Annual Sportsman's Show. The show is set for February 2 and 3, 2008, this is the SuperBowl weekend, these dates were chosen to avoid conflicts with the other shows in the area. The show will run from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday at our clubhouse on Burr Lane, off Union St. and route 18 in East Bridgewater. Hugh reported things are going well and we are off to a good start with some vendors' returns in already. There will be over 75 booths displaying and selling all types of hunting, fishing, camping, firearms and marine equipment. To reserve a space or to get more information call Hugh Hurley at (508) 588-9327.

Archery

George Andrews passed out a report on the last 3-D shoot of the year. They had a great turnout of 109 adult shooters, 6 youth and 8 cubs. They had plenty of help on Saturday to setup the course, but not so much on

Sunday for takedown. Thanks to George Andrews, Craig Warmington, Chris Cahill, Jerry Snuffer, Stan Usowicz, Kevin Provost, John Fabroski, Nick Merolli, Walter Potaznick, Mike DiBlasio, John Brennan, Ken Kelley, Ed Souza, Tom Souza, Bill Loughlin, Dick McMahon, Mike Ryan, Larry Witnauer and Mike and Lorna Vasapollo. George announced the dates for the 2008 3-D shoots at Standish. They are : January 6, March 30, May 11 and July 13. Thanks again to George and all the members who worked so hard to give us another successful 3-D season!

The youth and adult archery league has begun shooting on Wednesday nights. Youths shoot from 6:30 to 7:30 PM and adults from 7:30 to 8:30. All are welcome. Members and junior members pay \$1.00 a week to cover costs and to pay for a party at the end of the year. Non-members are welcome and they pay \$2.00 for youths and adults. For anyone who wants to join the Junior Olympic Archery Development (JOAD) program the cost is \$25.00. This is not required to join the league, it is only for those who may want to go on into further competitive archery.

Club Audit

The membership voted to accept the report of the 2006-2007 audit committee. Thanks to Jennifer Laflamme and Chuck Francis once again for all their time and efforts on the audit they recently completed on the club's books. They reported the books are accurate and up to date and made a few recommendations to improve the club's bookkeeping system to make it easier and more efficient. Thanks to our treasurer Bill Loughlin and financial secretary Bob Phillips for all their hard work in keeping our books up to date. The recommendation to have an event financial report was discussed and no action was taken until the form can be revised to simplify it and bring it up for additional discussion.

Around the Clubhouse

Thanks to Bill Ewell for donating the materials for repairing the traphouse roof, also to those who worked on the roof.

Thanks to Jim Powers for all his time and efforts in setting up and running the club website, <http://www.standishsportsmans.com/>. Be sure to visit this site, there is a lot of good information available there!

Work has begun on replacing the overhead baffles on the indoor pistol range. Check the bulletin board for time and date of work parties. Everyone is invited to come down to the club to lend a hand.

Junior membership

We welcomed four new Junior members, Garrett Kane, James Gibbs, James Curtin jr. and Andrew Hicks at the October business meeting.

Contests

Now that hunting season is upon us, don't forget our club's hunting contest for the largest buck and doe, taken by any means in any state. The contest closes December 31, 2007 so don't be late with your weigh-in slips. The fishing contest is still going on. Please make sure to get your fish weigh in slips filled out and signed properly. The fishing contest rules are posted on the wall in the clubhouse.

Sincerely Yours, Tim Santry