

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

Business Meeting - Thursday Nov. 6 at 7:30 PM
Board of Directors – **Tuesday** Nov. 25 at 7:30 PM

Dues Are Due

Your annual dues of \$80.00 for the year 2009 are due on January 1, 2009! 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 5, 2009 so you can bring a check to the Sportsman's Show on January 31 or February 1 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 to get ready for the election of club officers and directors for 2009. Any Charter Member is eligible to hold a club office. Anyone interested in running for club officer or director should put your name on the list posted 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.

2009 Sportsman's Show

Hugh Hurley and his committee have begun preparations for the 2009 edition of the clubs Annual Sportsman's Show. The show dates are tentatively set for January 31 and February 2, 2009, 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 announced the dates for the 2009 3-D shoots at Standish. They are: January 18, April 12, May 24 and July 26. 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 leagues have begun shooting on Wednesday nights. Youths shoot from 6:30 to 8:00 PM and adults from 8:00 to 10:00 PM.

Ed Souza brought up a suggestion to use the area of the former outdoor pistol range for an archery range. The plan would be to move the existing berm back about 30 yards. They will look into getting some more specific layout information and a cost estimate for an excavator to move the berm and do any other required work.

Club Audit

The membership voted to accept the report of the 2007-2008 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 clubs bookkeeping system to make it easier and more efficient. Thanks to our treasurer Bill Loughlin and financial secretary Dick McMahon for all their hard work in keeping our books up to date. The new "green sheet" financial report forms make tracking expenditures much easier so the forms are to be used by all groups spending club funds.

Around the Clubhouse

Ed Holmes daughter Amy gave the membership a presentation on the upcoming Suffolk Downs walk to benefit research into Autism. The members voted to donate \$200.00 to sponsor Amy and her family.

Dave Singer gave us a presentation on the Young Marines program and the Birthday Ball they sponsor in October to benefit the program. The members voted to sponsor a table at the Ball and to have Bob Phillips and his wife attend to represent the club.

Our good friend John DiLoreto is now home in Bridgewater and on the way to recovery from his recent illness. We all wish him well and hope to see him at the club soon.

The club entrance road has been repaved, graded and rolled so please keep your speed down to keep the road in good shape for the winter.

Thanks to all those who helped clean out the trap trailer so we can store up to seven pallets of clays. Thanks to Joe McLaughlin for his work painting the trailer and entrance gate and thanks to Ed Souza for donating new display cases for the youth archery league.

Membership

The club voted in Jennifer Laflamme and Dale Braasch as our newest Charter members and we welcomed two new Junior members, Joshua Lutts and James Scanlon at the October business meeting.

Contests

Now that hunting season is upon us, don't forget our clubs hunting contest for the largest buck and doe, taken by any means in any state. The contest closes December 31, 2008 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