

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

Business Meeting - Thursday, March 6 at 7:30 PM
Board of Directors - Thursday, March 27 at 7:30 PM

SPORTSMANS SHOW

The Patriots Superbowl weekend turned out much better for the Standish club than it did for the Patriots. We had a huge turnout on Saturday for our annual Sportsman's Show the weekend of February 2 and 3 as the weather moderated and lots of folks were out and about. Sunday was a little slower than usual as a lot of folks were getting ready for parties and the much anticipated big game. We had a wide variety of vendors and displays as usual and everyone was very happy with the results.

The Sportsman's Show is our largest fund raising event of the year and once again we owe a great deal of thanks to Hugh Hurley and his committee members; Jerry Snuffer, Dave Feight, Terry Sandstrom, Richard Sandstrom, Dick McMahan, Sandy Rogers and Paul Kravitz, Lorna and Mike Vasapollo, Jim Hardy and Walter Potaznick for all the time and effort they put in to making the show such a great success.

Thanks also to the many members who put in so much time and effort to help set up, run and take down the show. In the parking lots we had Jerry Snuffer, Harold Johnson, Dale Braasch, Mike Evans, Bo Vodicka, Ken Kelly, Dan McNevin, Matt Sass and Joe Sass.

The kitchen crew were the busiest people again, as usual. Special thanks to Mary and Kitty for the great chili and to Bill Hirst for the eggs. Thanks to Ed Lowe, Ed McElroy, Jerry Hartman, Chip Brearley, Jeff Sampson, Ed Holmes, Bill Ewell and Dan McNevin. Who all came through as always with great food for everyone.

Thanks to the other members who made the show a success. On the door we had Al Salvador, Dave Feight, Walter Potaznick, Mike DiBlasio, Tony DiBlasio, George Braddock, Nathan Phillips and Tim Santry. The overnight guards were Ray Lizotte, Kevin Provost, John Bukunt, Larry Witnauer, Nick Meroli, Bill Slack and John Brennan. Thanks to all those working the raffle tables: Sandy Rogers, Terry Sandstrom, Dick McMahan, and Lorna Vasapollo, Rebecca provost, Joe Dutcher and Rebecca Swanson. Thanks to Club officers Bob Phillips, Dick McMahan and Bill Loughlin for spending the whole weekend at the show to make it easy for club members to pick up their new keys and badges for 2008. Thanks also to Past president John Fabroski who helped out wherever needed and who behaved himself for the whole weekend.

Thanks to Walter Potaznick who once again arranged for the Lions Club van to be at the show to provide health screenings free of charge to all visitors. Thanks also to all of Walter's medical students and staff who volunteered to do all the health screenings.

MEMBERSHIP

I am sorry to report the recent passing of our longtime friend and club member Russ Keane, who passed away at the end of January after a long illness. Russ was a very active sportsman and club member who was always willing to help out wherever needed. Russ was an avid fisherman, especially saltwater, and anyone who has any of his handmade custom lures is a lucky person. Our condolences go out to Russ's wife Grace and all his family.

We voted in Ed “Chip” Brearley as our newest life member and had the first reading of the charter membership application from Paul “Lefty” Kravitz. We also had the first readings to move Joseph P Sass II and Anthony M DiBlasio from junior to full associate membership. The club also voted in Jonathan Barber as our newest junior member.

Thanks to Dan McNevin for stepping up to take over the raffle committee for this year and thanks to James Burke for agreeing to keep track of all the building and land projects for the board of directors. This is a great example of members stepping in to fill a need, which they will probably regret later when the abuse starts!

AROUND the CLUB

Jim Havens read a letter of thanks from the Hope Christian School to the club expressing their appreciation for the use of the club grounds and clubhouse to hold a STAR party in January. This was an opportunity for youngsters of all ages to learn something about astronomy and to view the stars through real telescopes. The weather cooperated and everyone had a great time.

YOUTH ARCHERY

The youth archery program on Wednesday nights, run by John Brennan and Larry Whitnauer is doing so well that they had to request to shift the archery league shooters to move to Thursdays so they will all have a chance to get 30 arrows in the allotted time. All the other youth archers will continue on Wednesday nights as they have in the past

3D ARCHERY

George Andrews reported that our 6 January 3-D archery shoot had a great turnout of 87 adults, 5 youths and 7 cub shooters. They had a great group of members and friends who helped setup, run and take down the 3-D course on Saturday and Sunday. Thanks go to George Andrews, Craig Warmington, Kevin Greiner, John Brennan, Terry and Richard Sandstrom, Al Rohnstrom, Ed Souza, Jerry Snuffer, John Fabroski, Chris Cahill, Mike and Dominic DiBlasio, Mike and Lorna Vasapollo, Everett Hanson, Tom Souza, Matthew Cahill, James Burke, Frank Burke, Bob Phillips, Andy and Peter Sacchetti, Dan McNevin and Ken Kelly.

RABBIT SHOOT

Walter Potaznick reported that we have a Rabbit Shoot coming up on Sunday March 16 where all the targets will be thrown low to simulate a rabbit running across the ground. There will be a work party afterwards to repaint and repair the trap house after we get through shooting it up. Special thanks to Jerry Snuffer for shoveling all the snow at the trap shooting stations and for repairing the stairs to the trap house.

INDOOR PISTOL RANGE

The indoor pistol range is finished and ready for use now! You can shoot jacketed ammo indoors now and any caliber pistol, also .22 cal rimfire rifles are allowed. Remember to roll all targets all the way out to 50 foot distance and to clean up your brass after shooting.

NEW KEY NOTICE

The club has changed the keys to the front entrance gate and clubhouse. As of the February 7 business meeting you will need your new key to get in the club. The easiest way to get a new key is to come to the club on Sunday mornings and get any officer or director to get your new key and membership card from the director's storeroom.

Respectfully,
Tim Santry