

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

Business Meeting - Thursday, March 5 at 7:30 PM
Board of Directors - Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 PM

SPORTSMANS SHOW

We had a good turnout for our annual Sportsman's Show the weekend of January 24 and 25, in spite of the poor economy. The crowd on Saturday was just slightly smaller than last year, while the Sunday turnout was much better than last year. The overall profit for the show was only a couple of hundred dollars less than last year.

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; Dave Feight, Terry Sandstrom, Richard Sandstrom, Dick McMahon, Sandy Rogers, Paul Kravitz, Lorna and Mike Vasapollo and Jim Hardy 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, Bo Vodicka, Bob Phillips, Al Rohnstrom, George Braddock, Larry Witnauer, Bill hart and Tony DiBlasio.

The kitchen crew were the busiest people again, as usual. Thanks to Ed Lowe, Ed McElroy, Chip Brearley, Jeff Sampson and George Andrews, 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, Mike DiBlasio, Tony DiBlasio, George Braddock and Tim Santry. The overnight guards were John Bukunt, Larry Witnauer, Jim Burke, George Gowland and John Brennan. Thanks to all those working the raffle tables: Terry Sandstrom, Joe Dotcher, Mike and Lorna Vasapollo. Thanks to Club officers Bob Phillips, Dick McMahon 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 2009. Thanks also to Past president John Fabroski who helped out wherever needed and who behaved himself for most of the weekend.

JR CONSERVATION CAMP

The members voted to send Antonio Viella, Tina Viella and Andrew Diprete to Junior Conservation Camp this year. Late word from GOAL is that the camp is in jeopardy this year because the town of Chesterfield has ordered the scout camp to cease renting the facilities to outside groups and to cease shotgun shooting.

MEMBERSHIP

We voted in Richard Sandstorm and Robert Burns as our newest life members. Dick McMahon reported we have 28 openings for new members this year and we will be contacting folks on the waiting list to get the process going.

DIRECTORS

We had a very long and animated discussion at the February business meeting about the Board of Directors authority and the processes they follow. The membership voted to request the Board of Directors to reconsider a recent decision on disciplinary action and to make a recommendation to the membership.

AROUND the CLUB

The membership approved a request from the "Young Marines" to use the clubhouse and grounds on Wednesday and Thursday, April 22 and 23, for a sleepover and other activities.

We received a nice thank you letter from Matt Shea who was a recent recipient of one of our \$500.00 scholarships.

YOUTH ARCHERY

The youth archery program on Wednesday nights, run by John Brennan and Larry Whitnauer continues to do very well. New archers are continuing to show up and everyone is invited to come down to the club to enjoy the fun. The club can provide the loan of archery equipment for those who would just like to try out the sport to see if they like it.

FUNDRAISER/DINNER/FLEA MARKET

The club will be hosting an archery fundraising event and dinner on Saturday, April 11, starting at 10:00am. The archery event will consist of 15 targets indoors (5ends, 3 arrows per end) and 30 outdoor 3-D targets. A dinner is included and starts serving at 4:00pm. The cost for this event is \$20.00 per person. You may attend the dinner only and bring family members and guests for only \$5.00 per person. Please call George Andrews at 508-328-7327 if you would like to attend the dinner so he can get an approximate head count for the kitchen.

We will have a flea market/swap meet on Sunday, April 12. All types of dealers are welcome. Buy, sell or trade anything! Tables are \$15.00 each for non-members and \$10.00 for members. For information or to make reservations for tables, call Jerry Hartman at 508-378-7388.

3D ARCHERY

George Andrews reported that our 18 January 3-D archery shoot had a small turnout of 34 adults, 2 youths and 3 cub shooters. Once again we owe a great big thank you to the loyal 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, John Brennan, Richard Sandstrom, Al Rohnstrom, Ed Souza, Jerry Snuffer, Mike DiBlasio, Everett Hanson, Tom Souza, Mike Souza, Frank Burke, Bob Phillips, Bill Loughlin and Kevin Provost. Thanks also to the kitchen crew who provided great food for everyone. Thanks to Mike and Lorna Vasapollo, Ed Holmes, Mike DiBlasio and John Brennan. The next 3-D archery shoot is Sunday April 12.

HAM SHOOT

Walter Potaznick reported that we have a Ham Shoot coming up at 10:00am on Sunday April 5. Thanks to Paul Clark for setting up and running all our special shoots. The kitchen will begin serving breakfasts at 8:00am. Come on down to the club for a great breakfast and a lot of shooting fun!

RANGES

The indoor pistol range new baffles are showing signs of abuse. Anyone found deliberately abusing any range is subject to immediate suspension or removal from the club. 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.

Thanks to Ed and Josh Holmes for their repair work on the indoor archery range. They will be looking into getting new cube targets to replace the ones that are showing signs of wear.

NEW KEY NOTICE

The club has changed the keys to the front entrance gate and clubhouse. As of the February 5 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