

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

Business Meeting - Thursday Nov. 2 at 7:00 PM
Board of Directors - Thursday Nov. 16 at 7:00 PM
Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot - Sunday, Nov. 19 at 10:00 AM

CLUB DUES FOR 2018

Well once again it is time to begin reminding everyone to pay his or her yearly dues of \$125.00 for January 1, 2018.

Some members who put in ten hours of club work parties, over the last year, are eligible for a dues reduction of \$45.00 for 2018, your names are posted on the club bulletin board. This is the last year of the dues reduction program.

The membership voted to cancel the work party dues reduction program because the program was not getting enough new or younger members to put in work hours, so it was not worth the time and effort to keep the program going. The club work parties have continued to be supported by the same group of dedicated members who are always working for the good of the club. We hope everyone continues to be generous with their time and efforts for the club. We still encourage all new members to help out whenever they can at the club.

You may pay your \$125.00 dues at our 2018 Sportsman's Show, on January 20 and 21, 2018, to make it easier on yourself! You must pay your dues by check before the February 1, 2018 business meeting or at the Sportsman's Show so there will be a record of your payment. Members who do not pay are automatically dropped out of the club. We always have a few members who forget to pay each year and they have to go back on the waiting list and start all over with the initiation fee to get back in the club. Your Standish membership is still one of the best deals around when you consider all the facilities you have available here at the club for about \$10.00 a month!

Trap and Skeet

The trap committee is sponsoring a "Turkey Shoot" trap shoot on Sunday, November 19, at 10:00 am. Walter will be giving both trap and skeet orientations for members on Sunday October 29 at 9:00 am. Reminder that the evening trap shooting begins on Friday November 10, at 6:00 pm.

Halloween Party

The club will be hosting our annual Halloween Party on Saturday night, October 28 at 6:00 pm. The committee has been working very hard on preparations for a kids Halloween party to be hosted at Standish Club. The party will be for youths 12 years old and younger. The children of our members, youth archery and rifle courses and their friends are invited. It will not be open to the general public so we can control the situation. There will be all kinds of activities, games, hay rides, contests and prizes for the best costumes. The committee will need a lot of help setting up for the party. Members will be at the club all day Friday October

27 and Saturday the 28th so any time you could stop by and give him a hand for a few hours would be greatly appreciated! Trap and skeet ranges will be closed on the 28th to setup for Halloween!

Membership

Scott Blood did three new Junior member readings and we welcomed in Brett Peterson, Emily Kelliher, and Matthew Kelliher as our newest Junior members.

The membership voted in James Fruzzetti as our newest Charter member and Bill Doherty as our newest Life member. Bill Doherty mentioned that Joe Butler will be taking over the junior rifle program from him.

Junior Membership Policy

The club voted to make a small change to our junior membership policy number May 1993-1. Previously the policy was for junior members to be between 12 and 17 years of age. The new policy is that junior members be between 12 and 16 1/2 years of age.

Elections

Annual Elections will be coming up in December so John Fabroski set up a nominating committee of Art Cabral, Frank DelPrete, and Ed Souza to get ready for the election of club officers and directors for 2018. 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 7 business meeting when nominations will be closed so the ballot can be printed.

2018 Sportsman's Show

Hugh Hurley and his committee have begun preparations for the 2018 edition of the clubs Annual Sportsman's Show. The show dates are now set for January 20 and 21, 2018. The show will run from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM to 2:00 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. Hugh is looking for additional help, especially from new members, to get the show organized and get the advertising out. To reserve a space or to get more information call Hugh Hurley at (508) 588-9327.

3-D Archery

We are having our last 3-D archery shoot of the year on Sunday October 22. We need help setting up the course on the Saturday morning before the shoot at 8:30 am and taking it down Sunday afternoon around 1:00 pm. A reminder that youngsters under 18 years get to shoot free.

Junior Conservation Camp

Please submit the names of any youngsters between 13 and 17 years of age who would be interested in attending Junior Conservation Camp next August at the clubs expense. We usually send one or two youths to the camp each year, but would consider sending more if there is enough interest. All we need now are the names of any youngsters who want to go to the camp, the formal applications are filled out after the club selects who they will sponsor.

Sunday Breakfast

Art Cabral and Josh Fournier are putting on Sunday morning breakfasts now and for as long as there is sufficient interest. They could really use a little help to keep this breakfast going!

Tuesday Night Archery League

The Tuesday night archery league is going along very well again this year. This is a fun league for any level of archery shooter and beginners are welcome to come and get advice from some very experienced shooters. Warm-ups begin at 6:30 pm and the league starts at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per week for members and \$7.00 for non-club members. This fee goes to pay for targets and a big banquet at the end of the league.

Women's Sunday Archery

Scott Fournier is continuing the Women's Archery program on the fourth Sunday of each month, from 4 to 6 pm. The cost is \$5.00 and the club provides all equipment and supplies!

Girl Scout Archery

The Girl scouts (or Brownies?) will be using our indoor archery range for an introduction to archery on Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 am to about 1:00 pm.

Youth Archery

The youth archery league is shooting on Wednesday nights and more and more youngsters are showing up each week. Youths shoot from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Thanks to Mike Scanlon, Joe Duncan, Andrew DelPrete, John Brennan, Larry Witnauer, and all the other members who show up regularly to support the youngsters.

Youth Rifle Class

Bill Doherty reported he will be turning the youth rifle program over to Joe Butler, since Bill is moving to South Carolina. Bill said we need to do more to get the word out about the rifle program because attendance has been going down lately.

Around The Club

Ed Souza and Jerry Snuffer get a big round of thanks for all the work they have done mowing and weed whacking the club road and property. Thanks also go to them for working on the latches on the new conex box. Thanks to Josh Fournier for cutting down the workbench to fit into the conex box.

Thanks to Art Cabral and Hugh Hurley for all their time and efforts in putting up "POSTED" signs around the club property.

Thanks to Larry Witnauer for fixing up and replacing all the target frames and wood backers on the outdoor pistol and rifle ranges.

Tim Santry