

December 2010 Submission, Barre Sportsmen's Club

Scheduled Meetings

Membership meetings are the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the club. Our next meeting is January 6 at 7:30pm.

Board of directors meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the club. Our next BOD meeting is January 13 at 7:30pm.

REMINDER: There is an organizational meeting for the October 1, 2011 fundraiser at 6pm on January 13, BEFORE the BOD meeting. Any and all interested parties are welcome.

New Members

There were five new members and three junior members accepted for this meeting. Please be sure to give a warm welcome to: Warren Farnham III (with 3 grandchildren as junior members), John & Mary Allen, Dan Beauvais, and Greg Devine. Our membership totals are now at 160 adult members and 25 junior members. Our cap on adult membership remains at 175.

Any new members, who have NOT received a gate key, please see Chris Duggan at the next meeting. We are working on an improved format for the Bylaws, incorporating the changes we've passed in the last few months, and will be providing these, as well as getting membership cards out for after the first of this year. In order to obtain either, you will need to attend a meeting (***look forward to seeing you there!!!***).

Website

Our website is undergoing positive changes on a nearly weekly basis – so watch out! You may not recognize it! And that's a GREAT thing. There's an awesome interactive mapping link where your friends and relatives can put in their address and it will map them how to get to our Club have you seen it?

We are still looking for more pictures and more ideas, so don't be shy! Email your 'stuff' to barresportsmansclub@gmail.com and we'll get it posted on the right page (appropriate content only, of course). Thanks again to our website guru, who continues to tweak the website and enhance the Clubs web presence.

Approved Bylaw Changes, Effective January 2011:

- **New members fees** from \$60 to **\$100** in their entry year
- **Active members renewal fee** from \$30 to **\$40** per year
- **Inactive members renewal fee** from \$60 to **\$80** per year
- **Life Membership fee** from \$500 to now **\$1,000 one-time fee**
- **ACTIVE members** only are able to **sponsor new members** (not inactive).

Please note that all these Bylaw changes are meant to enhance the Club and its membership. The increases in fees are simply required for our budget in order to attempt to cover a larger portion of the fixed overhead that exists to operate our club, with these membership fees. In looking at what we get for our fees, which is full use of a club facility for recreational/sporting shoots, target practice, and the network of folks who are interested in similar pursuits, it's a relative bargain. These Bylaw changes passed with membership approval, after three postings and votes, as per Bylaw requirements.

Range Work and Update on Progress

Evidence of progress on the dirt-moving front should happen this month, and after the first of the year, we'll be asking for volunteers again to get the range fully operational for our April black-powder shoot, which is typically the first range event of the Spring season. Come to one of our meetings in January and/or February and see how you can help out so our range is operational for all ASAP in the Spring.

Current Fundraiser

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	<p>Barre Sportman's Club Wild Boar Hunt</p> <p>to be held at Wild Hill Preserve Fairlee, VT</p> <p>WINNER TO PICK DATE OF HUNT ONLY 200 TICKETS SOLD</p> <p style="color: green; font-size: 1.5em;">\$20</p>
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Other details:

- ✓ Want to check out the location – www.huntwildhill.com
- ✓ Private land – no license to required to hunt
- ✓ \$20/ticket
- ✓ 1 Person hunt
- ✓ \$750 value
- ✓ Only 200 tickets/chances will be sold for this raffle
- ✓ Ticket sales will end and winner will be drawn upon sale of last ticket
- ✓ We are over half way there get the word out, get your ticket and hope yours is the lucky #!!

Interested in buying a ticket or wish to sell tickets? Email barresportsmansclub@gmail.com with what you need and your information will be forwarded to Mark Belliveau to get you tickets to purchase or to sell. **Or you may call Mark Belliveau directly at 774-261-0133.**

Archery, Pistol, Trap

- Archery will start back up in the Spring, watch for notices in GOAL or on the website.

- Pistol will be the 3rd Saturdays of the month at 9am, until further notice.
- Trap has ended for 2010. It will start again around May, watch for details on website or in GOAL.
- Sporting Clays – call Randy Klockers, 978-632-8708, for shooting dates/times.

Future Fundraiser – Planning Committee

Our new event has a planning meeting – January 13th at 6pm, prior to the January BOD meeting (yes, you are reading this twice, good catch!). If you are interested in being involved in the organizing, please attend. We expect that ALL members will be helping with the ticket sales for the '14 Guns & A Bow' raffle, but we are looking for a 'few good men (and women!)', to be in on the itty-bitty details to make it as successful as possible.

SAVE THE DATE – FALL Fundraiser SPECTACULAR: October 1, 2011

Calendar of Events

DEEPEST APOLOGIES FOR ANY AND ALL INCONVENIENCE THE LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION OF THE DECEMBER 5th KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY. Due to circumstances beyond the Boards control, the event could not take place this year.

January 16 – Prime Rib & Seafood Chowder, Dinner & a Band – 6pm, tickets \$20/ea

Tickets or questions – call John 'Fig' Neri 978-857-8202

Coming in February – Lamb Feed & Grand Slam Quabbin Fishing Derby Banquet, details to follow with the 2011 Calendar

Full 2011 Calendar will be posted next month, as this publication of GOAL due date comes BEFORE our meeting to compile the Calendar of Events. See our website for the calendar, as it will be up there before another publication of GOAL comes out.

Hunter Education Classes in Barre – to register CALL 978-772-0693

Thursday, January 13th (Friday, January 14th is the snow day), 6:30pm – 9pm

Sundays, January 23rd & 30th (Sunday, February 6th snow day), 8am – 3pm

Youth Turkey Hunt Training Course

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2011

Registration & questions: Rick French 978-939-8946, Pepper Cooley 978-355-6218

- *Interested youths should have an adult call for them, and pre-register them with Rick or Pepper so that we can be sure we have sufficient supplies for the training, and that we line up enough mentors, as well.*
- *Mentors are needed as well, so if you are interested, please contact Rick or Pepper ASAP to sign up.*

Volunteer STILL Needed

We need a member to volunteer to be the liaison to the Worcester County League of Sportsmen's Clubs. The commitment involves attending one dinner meeting a month, which is held at varying participating club locations. It is the third Friday of the month, dinner at 7:30pm and the meeting starts at 8:00pm. Please see one of the board members if you are interested or email us at barresportsmansclub@gmail.com so we can get you set up to attend!

Turkey Shoot, November 7, 2010

Our shoot grossed over \$800, and after expenses, net just over \$500 to the Club. Not a bad deal for a blustery, cold day. Thanks again to all who made the event a success. See ya'll at it next year!

Youth Pheasant Hunt, November 6, 2010

There were six attendees and the event was considered a complete success by the organizers. The first portion of the event was spent going over gun handling and gun safety issues. A 'continental shoot' style for the pheasants, partridge, and a dozen or so quail followed. All who participated learned from the experience, and enjoyed it immensely. Thank you to all that helped out.

Stelmokas Family Benefit – January 1, 2011

There is an event at the Club, on January 1, 2011 at 2pm, which is a fundraiser for the Stelmokas family of Barre. Many of you may know them, but if not, they were the family on Spring Hill Road, just up from the Club at the Stelmokas Farm, whom had over \$75,000-\$100,000 damages due to a chimney fire in their home. This farm has been in their family for the past 99 years, and the farmhouse is over 200 years old itself. Fortunately no people or animals were injured in the fire; however the cost to replace is entirely on them (no fire insurance coverage). Organizers of the event are looking to bring some hope and neighborly good will, in the form of financial help, to the Stelmokas family by having this event. Donations can be made to the Smokeyfield Relief Fund at Barre Savings Bank, 56 Common Street, Barre, MA, 01005, or to inquire about tickets to the event (\$20 donation per ticket, dinner is included with the ticket price), you may contact the following people: Sarah Woodis 978-257-5571 (or sarahwoodis@hotmail.com), or Lori Crevier 978-355-6232.