

December 2011 GOAL Submission, Barre Sportsmen's Club

Thoughts from the secretary:

As I start into year two of the submissions to GOAL, and reread page one of the last issue it caused me to stop and think. I type this each month to meet with the 8th of the month deadline, and it tends to stress me a little, however, what stressed me more was to read it might be ceasing. Do you realize how much flack I get when someone is not getting this newsletter like they should? So then I thought a little more, and felt it was important enough to implore the membership, that if you enjoy this newsletter, and the information it brings, that it is very important that you make your opinion be known - let your voice be heard. As we close another year of hard economic times, to lose something that brings enjoyment, information, and connects the world of sporting enthusiasts in our region, would be, in my humble opinion, a tragedy. The paper is at the very heart of the enthusiast, as it allows each to tell their stories, and what would each sports person be without their stories??? Lost. Without the tales of 'the one that got away', and what is happening in clubs around our region, we lose a potential connection with a future sporting enthusiast. With GOAL we have a venue that allows us to educate, empower, entertain and inform. I, for one, hope that GOAL continues to be able to serve all of us, in all the capacities it so adeptly endeavors.

Happy New Year Y'all, your secretary, Meridith

New Members

There was one new adult membership application presented and approved – and this puts us at our 175 member cap. Please give a warm welcome to our new member: **Henry Bennett of Phillipston, MA**. There is now a waiting list. Please don't discourage anyone who might be interested in applying, just be sure they know there is a waiting list, and that when openings occur people will be called in the order their application was received to fill a vacated spot. Renewals occur in March/April timeframe, which is typically when changes in membership become evident.

Pertinent Reports: Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Archery/Trap: Done for 2011 season. Announcements will be made when these are to start up again.

Sporting Clays: Done for 2011 season. Will begin again in January, date TBD. It will be announced as soon as it is known.

Pistol: Pistol shoots are now back to 3rd Saturday at 9am. Any questions, call Bert DuVernay at 413-477-6529.

November Turkey Shoot: While the numbers of shooters appeared down, the enthusiasm and enjoyment was not! The event was able to raise some funds for the club, and sent most away with a turkey, or 2 or 3. And don't let the age of the participant fool you the younger shooters were definitely on their 'game' taking home turkey's for their parents and grandparents!!

Youth Pheasant Hunt: Another successful event this year, with a great turnout. Kuddos to the youth who attended for being such avid learners and for showing the adults that the sport has a definite future. Thank you to all who assisted, and especially to Chris Duggan for organizing the event and arranging for the birds. Fun was had by all who attended.

JANUARY 2012

Thursday, 5th – 7:30pm, Club Meeting
Thursday, 12th – Hunter Safety Course 6:30pm (snow day, 13th)
Thursday, 12th – BOD Meeting – ALTERNATE DATE/LOCATION PENDING
Saturday, 21st – 6pm, Prime Rib & Sea Food Chowder w/Band (POC Fig 978-857-8202)
Sunday, 22nd – 8am, Hunter Safety Course (Snow day is Feb. 5th)
Sunday, 29th – 8am, Hunter Safety Course (Snow day is Feb. 5th)

FEBRUARY 2012

Thursday, 2ND – 7:30pm, Club Meeting
Saturday, 4th – PRIVATE RENTAL BY MEMBER
Sunday, 5th – Snow day for Hunter Safety Course in January
Thursday, 9th – 7:30pm, BOD Meeting
Saturday, 25th – Grand Slam Fishing Derby Banquet (POC Mark Keonig 978-724-0213)

MARCH 2012 (Watch the mail for membership renewals!)

Thursday, 1st – 7:30pm, Club Meeting
Thursday, 8th – 7:30pm, BOD
Week 5th – 9th – Ongoing preparations for Game supper (questions? Call Fig)
Saturday, 10th – 6pm, Game Supper (POC Fig 978-857-8202)
Saturday, 31st – Youth Turkey Hunting Course (POC Pepper Cooley 978-355-6218 & Rick French 978-939-8946)

APRIL 2012

Thursday, 5th – 7:30pm, Club Meeting
Thursday, 12th – 7:30pm, BOD
Saturday, 28th – Meat Raffle (POC Barry Peddle 413-477-8829 & Ed Pollock 413-813-8345)
Saturday, 30th – DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

MAY 2012

Thursday, 3rd – 7:30pm, Club Meeting
Thursday, 10th – 7:30pm, BOD
Memorial Day weekend 26th – 28th – PRIVATE RENTAL

JUNE 2012

Sunday, 3rd – 1pm, Steak & Lobster Dinner (POC Fig 978-857-8202)
Thursday, 7th – 7:30pm, Club Meeting
Thursday, 14th – 7:30pm, BOD
Saturday, 23rd – 6pm, BBQ & Band (POC Fig 978-857-8202)

JULY 2012

Thursday, 5th – 7:30pm, Club Meeting
Thursday, 12th – 7:30pm, BOD

AUGUST 2012

Thursday, 2nd – 7:30pm, Club Meeting
Thursday, 9th – 7:30pm, BOD

SEPTEMBER 2012

Thursday, 6th – 7:30pm, Club Meeting, (ELECTION OF OFFICERS)
Sunday, 9th – 11am, Clambake (POC Fig 978-857-8202)
Thursday, 13th – 7:30pm, BOD

OCTOBER 2012

Thursday, 4th – 7:30pm, Club Meeting
Saturday, 6th – FALL HUNTER'S KICKOFF
(POC Rob 978-771-7013/Meridith 978-434-7932)
Thursday, 11th – 7:30pm, BOD Meeting

NOVEMBER 2012

Thursday, 1st – 7:30pm, Club Meeting
Saturday, 3rd – 9am, Youth Pheasant Hunt (POC Chris Duggan 978-928-5878)
Sunday, 4th – 10am, Turkey Shoot (POC Rob D. 978-771-7013)
Thursday, 8th – 7:30pm, BOD

DECEMBER 2012

Thursday, 6th – 7:30pm, Club Meeting
Thursday, 13th – 7:30pm, BOD