

February 2011 GOAL Submission, Barre Sportsmen's Club

Scheduled Meetings

Please see our new and improved *Calendar of Events* section for the dates of the meetings for this year.

New Members

There were two new membership applications presented and approved. Welcome to prior members who are rejoining us: Tom Graves and Neil Churchill. Membership totals continue to get closer to capacity in the past few months. Our cap on adult membership remains at 175.

Any new members, who have NOT received a gate key or a copy of the Bylaws, please see Chris Duggan.

Membership Cards and 2011-2012 Renewals

Membership cards were printed and are being handed out laminated. They have your name, the year it is good for, and on the backside the 2011-2012 years events with date and event title. The catch – you must pay your 2011-2012 renewal fees to get them. This challenge was put forth and a flurry of payments ensued at the meeting, thank you to all who have already renewed for 2011-2012 year. Unfortunately the membership card printing had only made it to the 'P' in the alphabet, so apologies from the Secretary for those who have to wait (although they paid anyhow) for their cards until March. We never expected such a wonderful response! The full alphabet will be set and available in March.

Pertinent Reports

Secretary's report from the prior meeting was read and accepted.

Range Work and Update on Progress

We will have several work parties this Spring to get it all in order, but the snow must diminish before we can do anything. It will NOT be completed and ready for organized shoots (black powder and the like) until about May time frame. Please watch for requests for assistance on the setup so we can get our range back to 100% operational!

Current Fundraiser: Drawing Date set for March 12th, at Game Supper

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	Barre Sportman's Club		
			Wild Boar Hunt		
			to be held at	RAFFLE	RAFFLE
			Wild Hill Preserve		
			Fairlee, VT		
			WINNER TO PICK DATE OF HUNT		
			ONLY 200 TICKETS SOLD		\$20

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

Interested in buying a ticket or wish to sell tickets? Email barresportsmansclub@gmail.com with what you need (# of tickets for hog raffle). **Or you may call Mark Belliveau directly at 774-261-0133.**

Archery, Pistol, Trap, Sporting Clays, .22 Shoots

- Pistol – Saturday, February 19th at 9am
- Sporting Clays – starts up Sundays at 10am

Prime Rib & Seafood Chowder Event in January

The event was a resounding success, raising over \$900, with good food and fun had by all. The band, The Bad Tickers, played music before, during and after dinner. Attendance was great, and the usual ‘rush’ for any possible leftover chowder ensued, attesting to its ‘delectableness’. Next events to test your taste buds (by the time this newsletter reaches you) the Game Supper on March 19th ! We can use volunteers at the event always so check in with the point of contact (POC) and get your volunteer hours in.

Future Fundraiser – Planning Committee

Our committee for the October 1st Sportsmen’s ‘Kickoff the Hunting Season’ Event is actively planning. The tickets for \$20 each that which will afford the chance to win a variety of guns, crossbow, bow, and muzzleloader, are in the design process. These will be made available no later than the April meeting.

Thank you go out to the Ware Gun Shop, Buck Rub Sporting Goods and Fig, for assistance in procuring the items for our raffle tickets. Down payments are required for the Ware Gun Shop and Buck Rub Sporting Goods, which the club motioned, voted and approved to have reviewed and handled at the next board meeting February 11th.

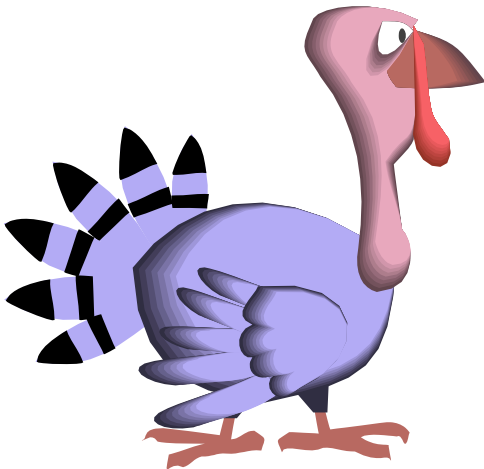
Fundraising Committee Meeting on 11th at 6:30pm, next meeting will likely fall just prior to the board of directors meeting in March, should anyone be interested in attending.

Hunter Education Class a SUCCESS

The Hunter’s Education Class drew 60 students, which kept instructors on their toes. Rick French indicated it was a smooth class overall. A big ‘thank you’ and kudos to the kitchen volunteers for food even amidst some personal adversity. The kitchen made \$150.

Club Spring Cleaning

Like the range, this will have to wait for less snow, which many are joking may be until August. While it may seem that way now, I'm sure it will be sooner however as the amount of snow in this photograph of a yard in Barre suggests, it will be a very, very wet Spring thaw. Note: In the foreground are blueberry bushes, which look like shrubs, but stand over 5' tall!



YOUTH TURKEY HUNT

March 19th we have the training class for the Youth Turkey Hunt. We need kids to attend and volunteers to be their mentors. If you are interested in either, please contact Rick French (978-939-8946) or Pepper Cooley (978-355-6218). This class is mandatory in order to participate as a youth, so please don't miss out!

Do you qualify to participate as a youth? 'Young men and women ages 12-17, who have successfully completed the Massachusetts Hunter Education Program are eligible to participate in the program. An FID, hunting license and turkey permit are also required for all young hunters between the ages of 15-17; they will receive a certificate allowing them to hunt on the youth turkey hunt day, after the pre-hunt workshop is completed. Participants ages 12-14 will be given a turkey permit after completion of the pre-hunt workshop. They do not need a hunting license or an FID card.' There is no cost to the program for participation, and appropriate hunting safety materials will be provided without charge.

Snow Plowing

We arrive for a meeting and we have a place to park. We come to an event and we don't have to shovel our way in. Things we may take for granted ... but please don't. We have someone to thank, who has plowed, and plowed, and plowed areas for parking and access to the shooting range this season. Please

thank Barry Peddle when you see him. With the amount of snow, the number of storms, and the size of our area to plow, he has logged many man hours to everyone's benefit. Thank you Barry.

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!

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

Saturday, 19th – Lamb Dinner (POC Tony Pitisci 978-355-4474)

Saturday, 26th – Grand Slam Fishing Derby Banquet (POC Mark Keonig 978-724-0213)

MARCH

Thursday, 3rd – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Thursday, 10th – 7:30pm, BOD

Saturday, 12th – 6pm, Game Supper (POC Fig 978-857-8202)

Saturday, 19th – Youth Turkey Hunting Course

(POC Pepper Cooley 978-355-6218 & Rick French 978-939-8946)

APRIL

Thursday, 7th – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Thursday, 14th – 7:30pm, BOD

Saturday, 23rd – Meat Raffle (POC Barry Peddle 413-477-8829 & Ed Pollock 413-813-8345)

Saturday, 30th – ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

MAY

Thursday, 5th – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Thursday, 12th – 7:30pm, BOD

JUNE

Thursday, 2nd – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Sunday, 5th – 1pm, Steak & Lobster Dinner (POC Tony Pitisci 978-355-4474)

Thursday, 9th – 7:30pm, BOD

Saturday, 25th – 6pm, BBQ & Band (POC Fig 978-857-8202)

JULY

Thursday, 7th – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Thursday, 14th – 7:30pm, BOD

AUGUST

Thursday, 4th – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Thursday, 11th – 7:30pm, BOD

Saturday, 20th – Pork & Beef Dinner (POC Tony Pitisci 978-355-4474)

Fri-Sun, 19-21st – Black powder Shoot (POC Butch Brown)

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, 1st – 7:30pm, Club Meeting, (ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS)

Thursday, 8th – 7:30pm, BOD

Sunday, 11th – 11am, Clambake (POC Fig 978-857-8202)

OCTOBER

Saturday, 1st – FALL HUNTER'S KICKOFF EVENT (POC Rob D. 978-771-7013 & Meridith 978-434-7932)

Thursday, 6th – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Thursday, 13th – 7:30pm, BOD Meeting

NOVEMBER

Thursday, 3rd – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Saturday, 5th – 9am, Youth Pheasant Hunt (POC Chris Duggan 978-928-5878)

Sunday, 6th – 10am, Turkey Shoot (POC Rob D. 978-771-7013)

Thursday, 10th – 7:30pm, BOD

DECEMBER

Thursday, 1st – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Sunday, 4th – 1pm, Kid's Christmas Party

(TENTATIVE – DEPENDS ON GETTING VOLUNTEER ORGANIZER)

Thursday, 8th – 7:30pm, BOD

Comments, Suggestions, Ideas and Our Website

Would you like to see something special about our Club in the GOAL publication The Outdoor Message? Do you have a story, anecdote (reasonable, publishable items please!), or informational item that you feel would be well suited for our page? Then submit it to us at barresportsmansclub@gmail.com, or see Meridith at a meeting. All submissions are due the 8th of the month prior to the printing, so think ahead if it's time sensitive! We continue to improve our website – thanks to Gary Pearson for his continued efforts.