

## **March 2011 GOAL Submission, Barre Sportsmen's Club**

### **In Memoriam**

***A moment of silence was observed on March 3, 2011, at our BSC Members meeting, in fond remembrance of Francis Curci and his contributions to the Club and life.***

### **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 three new membership applications presented and approved. Welcome to our new members: Phil Goodman, Nick Borelli, Jr. and Mark Legrant. Membership totals continue to get closer to capacity, at 167. Our cap on adult membership remains at 175.

### **Membership RENEWAL Time - 2011-2012 Renewals**

Membership renewals are coming due – please grab an application and fill out the details to assure we have the most current information on you (email, phone, address). You will get a laminated 2011-2012 membership card in return, which can be retrieved at meetings. New members (January-February-March inductees) will have their cards available at the April meeting.

### **Pertinent Reports**

Secretary's report from the prior meeting was read and accepted. Treasury report was read for January and February, and both reports were accepted.

Sporting Clays took in \$70 last month, and will be starting up their weekly shooting effective April 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday nights at 7:30pm. Contact Randy Klockars for any questions or details at 978-632-8708.

Monthly pistol shooting took place February 19<sup>th</sup>, with no 'hanging around' due to the cool weather. It will not take place in March, due to the Youth Turkey Hunt training, which occurs on March 19<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 9am is the standard setup for Pistol shooting).

### **Range Work and Update on Progress**

We have the following in front of us to do: final grade, put in runners, retrofit frames, build a couple of tables, move the shed, rake stones under the pavilion, and clean out the back side of the berms by trap, where some debris was offset when the dirt work was being done on the berms. Work committees will begin in the next few weeks. Please remember we all need our hours of service, so this would be a GREAT place to get them, as it also gets our range back up and running faster. Contact Mark Plouffe at 978-355-2778 to volunteer.

**Current Fundraiser: Drawing Date set for March 12<sup>th</sup>, at Game Supper**

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

Watch next month for the LUCKY winner of the above raffle!!! Who knows, maybe it will be you .... hope you bought a ticket!

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

- Pistol – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 9am (excluding March due to scheduling conflict)
- Sporting Clays – beginning April 7<sup>th</sup>, will be Thursdays at 5:30pm
- More events as we move into Spring!!!

**Lamb Dinner & 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Slam Fishing Derby**

Tony Pitisci hosted a lamb dinner in February, with a wonderful onion soup to start. The lamb was tender and cooked to perfection. The meal raised \$290 after expenses. A good evening was had by all that attended.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Slam Fishing Derby event, hosted by Mark Koenig, marked its first year by coming in at a profit of about \$222. The evening was marked with such events as an awards ceremony for largest fish in each category, including the biggest salmon, marked by Bryan Waterman for another year running. The evening included an informational slideshow on fishing and hunting in the Canadian wilderness, and then by a raffle event which had everyone leaving with something in their hands. The highlight to the evening was a song written by Mark, about the various fishermen of the Quabbin Reservoir and their traits. After the song, 'Rocket Ralph' (Ralph Gendron) and Mark, along with assorted other characters assisting, played guitar and sang for us a few more rounds. It was a great evening, and we all look forward to next year!

**Future Fundraiser – Planning Committee**

October 1<sup>st</sup> Sportsmen's 'Kickoff the Hunting Season' Event tickets will be available at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The tickets for \$20 each, will afford the chance to win a variety of guns, crossbow, bow, and muzzleloader.

Thank yous go out to the Ware Gun Shop, Buck Rub Sporting Goods and Fig, for assistance in procuring the items for our raffle tickets.

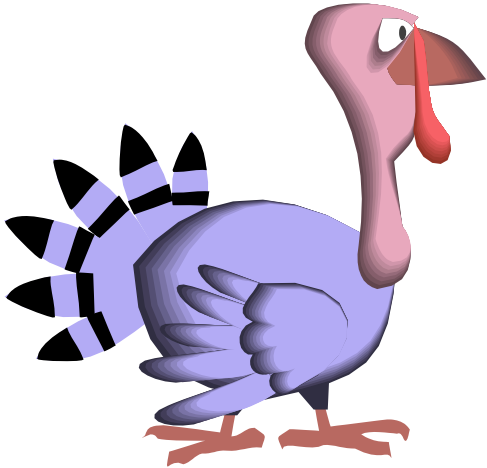


**Blast from the past – February 27, 1971, photo taken by Eugene Kennedy**

**Can you identify anyone in this photo? Hint: the gentleman on the far left is a kitchen regular.....**

## YOUTH TURKEY HUNT

March 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Braised Beef Dinner

March 29<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday at 6pm - \$10/ticket. All you can eat. Only 50 tickets available. Call Tony Pitisci 978-355-4474. Need I say more????

## Members in our thoughts

Please send your well wishes to speedy recovery for June Ahearn and Roger Chouinard.



## Hats 'Off' to You.....

.....And to Rob who decided hats might be in order. They're in and they're nice! Want one? \$15 .... See our President, Rob Deschenes at a meeting or call him at 978-771-7013.

## Calendar of Events

### APRIL

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm, BOD

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

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> – MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

### MAY

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm, BOD

### JUNE

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

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

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm, BOD

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

### JULY

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm, BOD

### AUGUST

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm, BOD

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

**CORRECTION: Sat-Sun, 20-21<sup>st</sup> – Black powder Shoot (POC Butch Brown)**

### SEPTEMBER

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

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm, BOD

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> – 11am, Clambake (POC Fig 978-857-8202)

OCTOBER

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

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm, BOD Meeting

NOVEMBER

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

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

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

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm, BOD

DECEMBER

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> – 1pm, Kid's Christmas Party

**(TENTATIVE – DEPENDS ON GETTING VOLUNTEER ORGANIZER)**

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:barresportsmansclub@gmail.com), or see Meridith at a meeting. All submissions are due the 8<sup>th</sup> 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.