

## November 2011 GOAL Submission, Barre Sportsmen's Club

Happy Holidays and welcome to Deer season!!!!!!!!!!

2012 CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEB SOON! WE ARE still AWAITING CONFIRMATION ON HUNTER SAFETY COURSE REQUESTS FROM MA WILDLIFE (see [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov), Dept of Fish & Game, Hunter Education Program) - Check their website frequently for the posting of 2012 classes so you can reserve a spot through them!!

Tentative dates if approved by MA Wildlife:

January 12<sup>th</sup> (January 13<sup>th</sup> snow day)

January 22<sup>nd</sup> (January 29<sup>th</sup> snow day)

February 5<sup>th</sup>

### New Members

There was one new adult membership application presented and approved. Please give a warm welcome to our new member:

Scott Trottier of Hubbardston, MA

With him come 3 future adult members, and now junior members, in his children, Ryan, Erin and Kara.

This puts our membership totals at 174 members, with 2 applications for adult membership and 1 junior membership in the pipeline. Our totals are at 174 and will be at 175 with the next accepted application. 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 order of their application to fill a vacated spot. Renewals occur in March/April timeframe, which is typically when changes in membership become evident.

### Pertinent Reports

Treasurer and secretary's reports were read and accepted.

**Archery:** Done for 2011 season. Good luck to all out there testing their target skills in the woods!

**Trap:** Done for 2011 season.

**Sporting Clays:** Done for 2011 season. Will begin again in January, date TBD in December.

**Pistol:** Pistol shoots are now back to 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 9am due to daylight changes. Any questions, please call Bert DuVernay at 413-477-6529.

### **Range Updates**

Some notes on the range:

- 50 yard issues are to be resolved, as well as raising of the target setups so they line up appropriately for shooting
- Signs are nearly complete and will be posted once received.
- UPDATED range rules to be drafted and issued by the range master and the board, by the end of year, for both signage on the course as well as for posting and delivery to new and existing members. For current rules see the website.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS for the NOVEMBER of 2011:**

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> - Youth Pheasant Hunt – starts 9:30am, all are welcome**

*This is the 7<sup>th</sup> year for this event, organized by Chris Duggan. There will be 30 pheasant of 4-1/2 lbs plus, and it will be a continental style hunt. All are welcome! There is training and safety guidelines prior to the actual hunt. Dogs welcome.*

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Turkey Shoot – 10am, all are welcome, Gun requirements:**

- **Open site shotguns and muzzleloaders**
- **No scopes, slug and bird shot, 20 people per round, 15 rounds and 2 grand prizes (winner of each round gets to participate in the shoot off for grand prizes)**

**KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY IS ON FOR DECEMBER!! If you are interested (you have a child that will attend) please notify our member Mary Allen, at 978-355-6395, so we can get the perfect information to make this event special!!**

### **Calendar of Events**

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

**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> – 1pm, Kid's Christmas Party, volunteer Mary Allen, contact number 978-355-6395**

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

**Coming in January: Prime Rib & Seafood Chowder, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm**

**Coming in March: Youth Turkey hunt, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Thinking ahead:*

*Renewals are due in April and will be sent out March 1<sup>st</sup> to the membership. Keep that in mind if you have any changes to address or information, or even if there are no changes, we will be sending the application for you to fill out and return with your 2011-2012 dues.*

#### **VOLUNTEERING TIME AND HOURS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

Remember that part of your membership requirements include volunteer hours for the club. This can be by volunteering at an event that is club sponsored, helping out with the range, or any of the organized shoots throughout the year.

Another good way is to assist with the snow plowing in the winter. The truck is up and running, and stays on site, all it needs is a few good folks to drive it in the snow and clear our parking areas. We are in need of volunteers for this – and it makes sense that if we could get 3 or 4 people, a reasonable rotation could be agreed upon amongst the volunteers so that no one person is there every snowstorm. So if you are interested, please contact one of the board and let us know! Once we receive sufficient interest, we will contact the parties who have volunteered and give them each others' respective numbers to allow the coordination between our members. Thank you very much in advance for all each and every one of you do to make our club a success.

**HOLIDAY SEASON IS HERE –  
and time to give THANKS for  
each of you, our members,  
who make our club!**

**Have a safe and peaceful  
holiday season, from our  
'house' to yours!**

