

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

### **Congratulations to our Sportsmen's Classic Gun Raffle winners (not in attendance):**

Dan Grenier, Christopher Caron, Doug Tolman, Ernie Langelier, John T. Fantozzi, Todd Stuart, Steve Fritscher, Chloe Wozniak, Peter Fillion, John Scheeler

*Those winning who were in attendance pictured L to R: Keith Parker (for wife Charity), Bill Fletcher, Paul Varney and Anthony Nicolazzo.*



2012 CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEB SOON! WE ARE JUST WAITING CONFIRMATION ON HUNTER SAFETY COURSE REQUESTS, AND THEN IT WILL BE POSTED!!

### **New Members**

There were four new adult membership applications and one junior membership, presented and approved. Please give a warm welcome to our new members:

Rick Delaney of Hubbardston

Carl Silkey & Ryan Silkey of Hubbardston

William Burnett of Barre

And our new junior member Jack Moore of Hubbardston

This puts our membership totals at 173 members, with 3 applications for adult membership and 1 junior membership in the pipeline. After November's meeting, our totals will be at our cap of 175, with 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.



Figure 1 Prepping food @ Sportsmen's Classic

### Pertinent Reports

Treasurer and secretary's reports were read and accepted.

**Archery:** Done for 2011 season. Targets will be up for a few more weeks, until they will be put away for the season. Folks are still welcome to shoot on Mondays. Questions, call John 'Fig' Neri at 978-857-8202.

**Trap:** Trap Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Still getting great turnouts – so they'll continue for a little longer. The machine, a Winchester Laport (purchased 1995), is in need of servicing – it is dropping two birds at once. We will be looking into options on repair or replacement, but will limp along for the last few nights of shooting for 2011. Contact Mike Klawitter with any questions at 508-867-8667.

**Sporting Clays:** Done for 2011 season. Sporting Clays will begin in the Spring (watch for the start date in GOAL) and it will likely be on Sundays. The two club shoot went well, with Barre and Petersham splitting the proceeds, and a total of 42 shooters. Thank you to Barre for breakfast and Petersham for dinner, and to all participants as well. Contact Randy Klockars for any questions or details at 978-632-8708.

**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 Work and Update

Some notes on the range:

- Status on signs completion being checked
- UPDATED range rules to be drafted and issued by end of year, for both signage on the course as well as for posting and delivery to new and existing members.

**SAFETY FIRST:** The red light is wired, switch is on the pole. When you are headed to the back fields to shoot, please switch on the light and put up the flag.

### FALL SPORTSMEN'S CLASSIC OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

This event was a RESOUNDING success!!! Tickets were scarce by event time and I believe it is safe to say that a good time was had by all who attended the event. The meal was handled by Fig with assistance from a slew of members at various times during the day and night. Besides the main attraction, there were table raffles, with arms' lengths of tickets selling like hotcakes. Rob Deschenes was the MC for the night and with the assistance of our group of volunteers including Keith Parker, junior member Carolyn Pitisci, Danielle, daughter of a member, and Mike Manca's granddaughter, as well as Ron Rich and Rick French managing the firearms handling and tracking of the winners for the gun raffle, the night went like clockwork. Food at 6p, raffle at 7p and the last raffle ticket was pulled right about 9p.



Figure 2 Gun Raffle Display

There are so many people to thank, so I am going to group them, and I hope folks will understand it is only for space in the GOAL newsletter, and not for lack of wanting to be more specific and name everyone specifically, but here goes:

- Bryan for managing the bar,
- Chris, Ed, Keith, for helping with food and raffles and the bar
- To Buck Rub Sporting located at 164 E Main St, Orange, MA, phone 978-544-2145 and Sherm for all his enthusiasm and assistance, in both providing us with options on guns to purchase for the raffle, donating items to the table raffles and assisting with ticket sales and advertising.
  - Thank you to Ware Gun Shop 413-967-7456 for the guns that they also provided.
  - To the members who sold the tickets and were so diligent in making this a true success.
- To those who purchased tickets for making this, our first event, not just the first event but our 1<sup>st</sup> **ANNUAL** Fall Sportsmen's Classic.



Look for information in the future, but mark **October 6<sup>th</sup> 2012** on your calendar and be ready for an event that will trump this year's event!!!!

### **CLAMBAKE SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

Successful as usual – with great food and more than one could possibly eat in one sitting! Clams, lobster, quahogs, corn, baked potato, chicken, clam chowder and rolls. Now that's a hearty meal, and it was a delicious one as well. Thank you to all the members who make this such a success, from the Sam's Club and other Worcester area required stops for supplies done by Fig with assistance from Bobby Legare on Friday, to the group that headed to Maine for our fresh seafood pickup on Saturday, to the group that, while folks were driving to and from Maine, prepped the hall, the potatoes, the onions, the bacon, salmon dip and more, to Brad Brown who ensure we had a corn delivery, while he also ran to Worcester for chicken and the necessities for the chicken preparation. And to our 'Pit Master' Paul, and his crew, who prepared the lobsters and clams over the hot rocks in seaweed, giving it that New England

classic flavor. The names are too numerous to list, but again thank you to all of those people who helped make this a wonderful success.

### **NRA Banquet**

Attendees enjoyed the evening and a 'thank you' was sent out to the club by Ralph Gendron for the sponsorship of the table which allowed 10 members to have an evening of gun raffles and other sporting items to enjoy on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

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

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

- **Open site shotguns and muzzleloaders**
- **No scopes**

**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**

<b>NOVEMBER 2011</b>
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**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**

<b>DECEMBER 2011</b>
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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**