

February 2013 The Outdoor Message Submission, Barre Sportsmen's Club

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE TO OUR CLUB NEIGHBORS:

Hours on Sundays are 10am to dusk, consider type of fire and time of day.

No high power/rapid fire target practice.

NEXT EVENTS:

March 9th, 6pm Game Supper, limited to 150 tickets, call John (Fig) Neri 978-857-8202 if interested

March 30th, 5:30pm Grand Slam Fishing Derby Banquet, tickets on sale, call Mark Koenig 978-724-0213

Membership

Update from the VP indicates the records show there are approximately 5+- spaces remaining to be at 175 adult member capacity. If you have applications, or are a member, who missed the deadline and would like to reapply, please be sure to contact a member to get a sponsor and download an application off our website, then get it to our VP asap if interested.

We also welcomed back Seth Clark, who was a member and had let his membership lapse. He returns with a 'bang' as he has been recruited to join the BSC Band, which is making its updated debut at the Grand Slam Fishing Derby Banquet, March 30th at the club (if interested, see the calendar for contact information).

Reports read & accepted: Secretary report including letter to the neighbor, treasurers and bar report.

Archery: we'll be starting up again in April.

Trap: starting up again in Spring; month/date pending.

Sporting Clays – Five Stand: CANCELED. Future plans and dates to be announced.

Pistol: Pistol shoots the 3rd Saturday of the month, 9a.m. Questions, call Bert DuVernay at 413-477-6529.

200 Yard Rifle: Mondays at 6pm – come on out and shoot. Contact is Peter Stalker.

Range Notes

Telephone poles are rolling (targets move); looking into having this fixed. Had the first meeting on January 27th, with five members present. Next meeting date not set yet, but any committee member that would like to call a meeting of the committee prior to Mark Plouffe (978-355-2778) scheduling one, is welcome to do so – just call Mark and it can be set up.

Hunter Safety Class

The class had 52 attendees, and a mix of ages. The class consisted of a Thursday evening, and then a full day Saturday and Sunday. The attendees were kept interested by presentations from a variety of 'experts' in the field, not the least of which are our very own members and the classes main teachers, Rick and Ruth French. Thanks to Kevin Cooley for making sure the building was open and warming up prior to start, purchase of the food, handling the drinks, and to kitchen 'help' volunteers Dan Luks, Glen Carter, Jen Lozier-Fontaine, Dan Fontaine and Meredith Young. The class was given a 'taste' of the future with homemade venison chili which Glen made (it was delicious!), and there were no leftovers (surprise, surprise). Thank you again to everyone who made this a success. Supporting training such as this, is at the very core of the Sportsmen's Club ~ thank you all for making it a wonderful success.

Gate Key Updates

Door lock company was contacted and is working with us. The doors need extensive work, most especially the main door. The issue with the fobs working intermittently at present is due to the fact the exterior door lock is designed for an interior not exterior door. A bid was brought and is being worked on as to final cost, however when it is completed, members who want a fob when

they are made available will need to give a \$10 deposit in exchange for it, as well as sign out the fob, so that we have records of who has been issued what fob. More details will come, but we are on the road to having the door updated and the new fobs in hand, once a few more details are worked out with the door lock company.

Fall 2013 Hunter's Event Teaser

The raffle list has been compiled, with 12-13 guns so far, including primitive firearms as well, with a few tweaks possible. The tickets will get printed soon, and once printed will be out for folks to start selling them so we can once again try to sell out our 1000 tickets. The event is taking shape, and more information will be provided as it unfolds.....

RAFFLE – FLY FISHING COMBOS

Mark Koenig is running a raffle as part of the fundraising activities for the Grand Slam Fishing Derby Banquet. The tickets are available by calling Mark, 978-724-0213:

#1—Cabela's MTX Fly Rod Combo
9', Fast Action, #6wt line, 4pc, retail \$459.99

#2—Cabela's L-Tech Fly Rod Combo
8'6", #5wt line, 2pc, retail \$379.99

#3—Cabela's L-Tech Fly Rod Combo
7'4", #4wt line, 2pc, retail \$379.99

#4—TLR
9wt line, 4pc, WLX Combo, retail \$339.99

#5—Cabela's Stowaway 6 Fly Rod
9', 15" lengths, 4wt line, retail \$259.99

#6—Cabela's Stowaway 6 Fly Rod
9', 15" lengths, 5wt line, retail \$269.99

Turkey Shoot – November event NEEDS AN ORGANIZER

We are looking for someone to take on this event. It is a one day event, which starts in the morning and runs until the frozen turkeys are out, the ammo is out or both! It is quite enjoyable, and does not involve a significant amount of time, just a little organization prior to and the one day. If interested, please contact the board, or specifically Rob Deschenes (VP) who will be passing on the information and 'box of goodies' that goes with this one day shooting event.

REMINDER: Crowd Control Managers

All members are urged to go online and take this ~30 minute course and get certified. The club is required before opening for any event to go through a safety checklist and have a Crowd Control Manager on site at each event. For renting the club you will be required as the sponsoring member to have this certification as you will be responsible for the checklist. When you finish the course, please provide a copy to the board secretary and treasurer as there must be 1) One on site in a notebook which resides in the kitchen, 2) Must have the information in order for the maintenance of the liquor license as per MA state laws. Website address is <http://public.eopsslearning.com/>, and click on the DFS-Crowd Manager Training.

Special thanks to those members who have taken the course and submitted their certificates to be included in the onsite book as required.

Building updates: Insurance information is back, we are now awaiting labor bids for the work based on members with roofing expertise. Bids were received for materials already for 30 year shingled roof, painted metal roof, and a galvanized metal roof. Any members who are willing to assist in the process, please contact Barry Peddle, who has been gathering the details to date on the roof issue. Decisions need to be made and action taken this year, before other damage ensues to the property from

delays, thus the next meeting will be pivotal to determining final resolution. Be sure to attend the March meeting if you desire input and/or have potential resolutions or assistance to add.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: Herm Eck noted the Ware River Watershed Advisory is looking for a representative from the club. The prior member who served in this position is stepping down. The committee meets four times per year. If interested, please contact Herm at 978-355-9090.

Youth Turkey Training, March 30th, at the club

Any youth interested in attending the training and then attending the Youth Turkey Hunt (April 27th) sponsored by the club, please call Rick French or Pepper Cooley to register. Breakfast and lunch will be served. If you have not attended the training before you must attend in order to participate in the hunt. Be sure if you have taken the course in prior years, and you wish to hunt this year, that you register. Registration to hunt is required. (POC Pepper Cooley 978-355-6218 & Rick French 978-939-8946)

VOLUNTEER MENTORS FOR YOUTH TURKEY HUNTERS: We need volunteers to mentor the attendees for this event. Please contact Rick French 978-939-8946. We need to be sure we have enough mentors for the attendees, especially the return hunters.

OTHER CLUB REMINDERS:

WHEN YOU LEAVE, PLEASE CLOSE THE GATE & LOCK THE NEW COMBINATION LOCK.

NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT IN AT ANY TIME.

PLEASE 'POLICE' RANGE AFTER FIRING TO CLEAN UP CARTRIDGES/ROUNDS.

MARCH

Thursday, 7th – 6:00pm BOD short meeting // followed by 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Week 4th – 8th – Ongoing preparations for Game supper (questions - Call Fig)

Saturday, 9th – 6pm, Game Supper (POC Fig 978-857-8202) LIMITED TIX!!!!

Saturday, 30th – 9a-4p, Youth Turkey Hunting Course

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

Saturday, 30th – 6pm Grand Slam Fishing Banquet (POC Mark Keonig 978-724-0213)

Watch the mail – it's membership RENEWAL time! Be sure to fill it out completely. New 'keys' will be issued to members after membership is paid for 2012-2013; signing out of the keys will be required to track who has a key (and what key as well). ☺

APRIL

Thursday, 4th – 6:00pm BOD short meeting // followed by 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Saturday, 27th – Youth Turkey Hunt, lunch served at Club for participants

Saturday, 27th – Meat Raffle – contacts TBD

Saturday, 30th – EARLY DEADLINE - MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

MAY

Thursday, 2nd – 6:00pm BOD short meeting // followed by 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Saturday, 11th – PRIVATE RENTAL

JUNE

Sunday, 2nd – 1pm, Steak & Lobster Dinner (POC Fig 978-857-8202)

Thursday, 6th – 6:00pm BOD short meeting // followed by 7:30pm, Club Meeting

JULY

NOTE: 1ST Thursday of the month is July 4th; meetings both shifted one week.

Thursday, 11th – 6:00pm BOD short meeting // followed by 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Friday, 12th – Club rented – Vintages Shoot (day)

Sunday, 21st – Two Club Shoot (Barre/Petersham)

AUGUST

Thursday, 1st – 6:00pm BOD short meeting // followed by 7:30pm, Club Meeting

DATE TBD – Pork & Beef, Tony Pitisci, 978-355-4474

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, 5th – 6:00pm BOD short meeting // followed by 7:30pm, Club Meeting

(ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS)

Sunday, 8th – 11am, Clambake (POC Fig 978-857-8202)

OCTOBER

Thursday, 3rd – 6:00pm BOD short meeting // followed by 7:30pm, Club Meeting

Saturday, 5th – FALL HUNTER'S KICKOFF (POC Rob 978-771-7013/Meridith 978-434-7932)

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 2nd – 9am, Youth Pheasant Hunt (POC Chris Duggan 978-928-5878)

Sunday, 3rd – 10am, Turkey Shoot (POC TBD – looking for volunteer)

Thursday, 7th – 6:00pm BOD short meeting // followed by 7:30pm, Club Meeting

DECEMBER

Thursday, 5th – 6:00pm BOD short meeting // followed by 7:30pm, Club Meeting

OTHER POCs for Sporting Functions:

Trap – POC Mike Klatter (508) 867-8867

Sporting Clays – POC Randy Klockers (978) 632-8708

Archery – POC Fig (John Neri) (978) 355-4071, Mondays at 6pm (~April to Oct.)

Range .22 Shoot – POC Tony Pitisci (978) 355-4474

Pistol Shoot – POC Bert Duvernay (508) 413-6529, 3rd Saturdays 9am until time change

200 Yard Rifle – Peter Stalker (978) 928-5223, Mondays at 6pm