

STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 258
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Business Meeting - Thursday Dec. 1 at 7:00 PM

Annual Election/Dinner - Thursday Dec. 15 at 6:00 PM

Plymouth County League Meeting/Dinner - Wednesday Dec.21 at 6:00 PM

Board of Directors - Thursday Dec. 22 at 7:00 PM

2012 Sportsman's Show

The show will be on Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5 at our clubhouse on Burr Lane, off Union St. and route 18 in East Bridgewater. This is the Superbowl weekend so we changed our show hours slightly to accommodate the football fans. The show will run from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday. Hugh Hurley, our show committee chairman, reported things are going well and most of the tables are already sold. We are still looking for a few dealers to help round out the variety of dealers at the show. Contact Hugh if you know any dealers who might be interested. Hugh will be looking for help with advertising and with distribution of flyers when they are printed up. He will also be looking for several people to help with clubhouse security and placing new signs advertising the show on the days just before the show. Any member can stop by the clubhouse and pick up a stack of flyers to distribute around the area in your travels. To reserve a space or to get more information about the show call Hugh at 508-588-9327.

For 2012 only we are allowing members to pay their \$80.00 dues after the February 2 business meeting because our Sportsman's Show is February 4 and 5, so this is a very convenient opportunity to pay your dues. You will automatically be dropped from the membership if you have not paid by February 5.

Elections

The nominating committee of Lorna Vasapollo and Ed Souza has a candidate for every officer and director position for our December 15 election night. The committee is still looking for additional candidates to make a contest out of it. Remember, any Charter Member is eligible to hold a club office. Anyone interested in running for club officer or director should contact Lorna or Ed or any club officer to have the nominating committee put your name on the election ballot. You can also add your name to the nominations list posted on the club bulletin board. Nominations can also be made at the December 1 business meeting, when nominations will be closed, so the ballot can be printed. The election on Dec.15 will run from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM and dinner will be served free of charge beginning at 6:00 PM. The club is also planning a dinner for the Plymouth County League meeting we host on Wednesday, December 21.

Membership

We voted in Scott Blood as our newest Charter member at the November business meeting. We also had the first reading of a Charter membership application from James Augenti.

Club Raffles

The club has started a raffle for a Maine Guided Bear Hunt valued at \$1800.00. This is a fully guided 6 day Maine bear hunt in the fall of 2012. It includes all meals, transportation to and from the site, tracking, recovery and removal of the bear. This is being provided by Troy White, who is a registered Maine guide, of

Mid Maine Outfitters, LaGrange Maine. This does not include a Maine hunting license. Tickets are being sold for \$10.00 each, no limit to the number of tickets. The drawing will be held at our 2012 Sportsman's Show on Sunday, February 5, 2012. Contact George Andrews to buy raffle tickets or even better to get a pack of tickets to sell for the club.

Club member Pat Hannon very generously donated a full set of North American Hunting Club hardcover books for the club to use as a fundraiser. Tickets will be available at the club for \$2.00 each or \$5.00 for three. The prize drawing will be at our December 15 election night meeting.

Skeet

Walter Potaznick notified us that there is more work than anticipated to repair the damaged skeet houses, so the skeet houses have been closed until further notice while repairs are made.

Around the Club

The membership sends its' condolences to the family of John "Doc" Dawson who recently passed away. Donations will be made in his name to the Junior Conservation Camp fund.

Thanks to Bill Ewell and Ed Souza for installing the new gutters and downspouts on the outdoor archery range. Thanks to Bill Laughlin for donating materials.

Thanks to Joe McLaughlin for painting the trap house.

Our thanks go to all the members who served the club as Officers and Directors in 2011. This great club and all its facilities would not be available to us without all their hard work and dedication.

New Safety Systems

Thanks to Jeff Sampson and John Brennan for planning, purchasing and installing the new safety lights and buzzers in the indoor pistol range and outdoor rifle range. Please read the operating instruction signs so you can use the systems properly.

New Member Work Party

The membership voted to do a one year trial of requiring new temporary associate members to work on one event, committee or work party before they become eligible to become a full associate member. New member orientation will explain the requirements to the new members. The trial is scheduled to run from the business meeting in January 2012 to the business meeting in January 2013.

Committees

The chairmen of all committees are asked to prepare yearly reports on their activities, incomes and expenditures for presentation to the membership at the end of the year. We now have a simplified financial report form that committees can use for reporting income and expenditures for different events.

Junior Conservation Camp

Applications for next year's Junior Conservation Camp are coming due. Please just send in the names of any 13 to 17 year old youngsters you would like the club to sponsor to next August's camp. The club will get the official application forms when we have a list of potential campers. Please do not submit names for anyone who is not sure they want to attend the camp. We cannot afford to waste camp slots and funding on "no-shows". Send the names to the club or just drop them off to the attention of the Board of Directors.

Happy Holidays to Everyone!
Sincerely Yours,
Tim Santry