

**STANDISH SPORTSMAN'S
ASSOCIATION
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ORIENTATION MANUAL**



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PREFACE AND CLUB HISTORY

In 1973 three sportsmen founded the Standish Sportsman's Association in East Bridgewater: Darrel Latremouille, John Fabroski, and Bob Reardon. The three founders were interested in the conservation of natural resources including all game and fresh and saltwater fish.

At first meetings were held in their homes. As the membership grew, they rented a hall to accommodate their meetings. Over the years moneys were raised by holding functions such as dances, dinners, and raffles. In 1978 a parcel of land was purchased in East Bridgewater and after some months a right of way was purchased to provide access. Trees were cut and a road was built through the swampy area and woods to where our Clubhouse now stands. Members continued to raise money in various ways, including selling firewood from the trees that were cut on club property.

In 1979 with moneys raised and a mortgage, the clubhouse was started. Except for the footings and block walls, our club members did all the labor and construction. All the materials and the cost of obtaining them were donated or scrounged and money to pay for the rest was raised by our members.

In 2019 we now have a Club house with full modern kitchen, a 3-bay storage building, an outdoor multi-use pavilion, an indoor 50 foot pistol range, an indoor 90 foot archery range, an outdoor, fully baffled 50 foot pistol range, a 100 yard rifle and pistol range with enclosed and lighted shooting stations, an officially laid out trap range and skeet field; an outdoor archery range, an outdoor 30-target 3-D bow course, throwing targets, horseshoe pits and ample parking for our members and guests on approximately 110 acres of land.

It is our aim to promote sportsmanship among our members and to continue to improve by adding facilities to benefit our members and the community. We sponsor a fishing derby for all the kids, send youngsters to Youth Conservation Camp each year and we award scholarships as well. We also sponsor events for seniors in the surrounding community, and we put on one of the best Sportsmen's Shows in the area. To do all this we need the cooperation, dedication and abilities of all our members. Even if in the past you have worked hard for the club, please continue your efforts and convince the guy who is not helping to do so. We need YOU to Volunteer for needed projects, whether they are large or small.

And please don't be a petty bickerer or a Monday morning quarterback. Instead of criticizing, pitch in and help get the little jobs done while they are small, and the big jobs will get done more easily, as well. Let's all work and grow together so that we can continue to have top-notch facilities that we can be proud of, at a reasonable cost. Be a "Sportsman", not just a shooter or fisherman or bowman or whatever, and let's all pull together for the mutual benefit and the welfare of the whole Club.

GENERAL ORIENTATION

ENTERING THE FRONT GATE

- An Open Gate indicates that other members are on Club property.
- Gate must be left open when on property.
- A Closed Gate usually means that no other members are on the property.
- To enter - unlock the large padlock on the right gatepost, let it hang free from its chain, swing the gate open and latch it to the back post.
- Last one to leave make sure gate locks properly.

ON THE PROPERTY

- Speed Limit on the Club road and grounds is not more than 10 miles per hour.
- Never park so that your vehicle will block or hinder access to any part of the road.
- Pull over for approaching traffic.
- No untended Parking is allowed on the rifle or trap ranges unless specially approved by the Board of Directors for a particular function.
- All firearms must be unloaded except while on designated firing lines.
- No Loaded firearms are allowed in the club house. Obey all Range Rules.

OPENING THE CLUBHOUSE

- To enter, unlock and remove the padlock from the steel locking bar box, then swing the bar open and fully back against the wall.
- The light switches are inside the door, on your right. The first switch is for the outside pole light. In daylight, leave it off.
- The kitchen light switch is on the right wall around the corner, near the front door, to the right of the kitchen counter.
- The outside pole light timer switch is on the right wall as you enter. It is used for exiting in the dark, and the parking lot pole light will stay on for 10 minutes, when it is activated properly.
- To activate the pole light timer
 - Turn the pole light switch up to the ON position, with the pole light ON.
 - Twist the timer switch clockwise, and the light will stay on for about 10 minutes and then it will turn off by itself, giving you ample time and light to lock the front door after you shut off the pole light and all the other lights. Turn down all the switches as you leave.

CLUB HOUSE LOCK-UP PROCEDURES

- Make sure there are no faucets open or any water running.
- Shut all rest room doors and lights. Note: rest rooms are electrically heated to prevent water freeze-up in cold weather.

Keeping the doors closed keeps the heat in and saves energy
- and money.

- Make sure the fan is off behind the kitchen grill and the coffee pot and all other appliances are turned off. Place screen on the hearth.
- Check the rear door, and the side doors in the archery and pistol ranges. Make sure all the barrel bolts are in place and locked.
- Make sure, if you are the last one out, you **SHUT OFF ALL THE LIGHTS**.
- Lock the bar across the front door, exit the property and be sure to lock the front gate. If at any time you are not sure you are the last one to leave, go ahead and lock up anyway. All current and authorized members have keys and they can not be locked in.

KEYS

- In February of every year, the Club locks and keys are changed, immediately following the regular business meeting. A new key, along with a new shooting badge and new membership card, may be obtained from a Board member thereafter.
- All new members who have paid their current annual dues, have attended the Club Orientation training session and certify that they know all of, agree to, and sign off on, the current Club rules and regulations, and have had a digital identification photo taken at the club, are issued a key that will fit the front gate, the club house and the outdoor rifle range house.
- Trap and skeet house keys are issued only to members qualified to operate the trap and skeet machines. (Note: "qualified" means; specifically trained to operate them, by a member of the trap and skeet committee).
- Safe keys and combinations are issued only to Officers and to certain other members as it may be deemed necessary by the President.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- The Regular business meeting is held, beginning at 7:00 pm, on the first Thursday of every month.
- The Board of Directors meeting is 7:00 on the fourth Thursday of every month.

CLUB HOUSE SECURITY

- In the event a member is alone and he wishes to use the trap, skeet or other outdoor range, he must first lock the club house.
- Try never to allow anyone to remove or damage any Club property unless you know they are authorized to do so. Always feel free to challenge civilly any person you feel may be borrowing or damaging club property. All members are authorized to ask others on Club property to show them their current membership dues card, shooting badge or other ID, and any member asked should

do so without getting upset. In this manner of policing ourselves, we can keep Club losses to a minimum.

- There is absolutely NO Borrowing of Club property without permission of the Officers or the Board of Directors.
- Clean up after yourself on ranges and in the club house and on the grounds.

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS

- All paid up members are issued Membership ID (dues) cards and pin-on badges annually, along with their new keys, when their dues are paid.
- It is every member's duty and obligation either to display this shooting badge and/or to carry his membership card while on Club property. Each member should be prepared to identify himself to another member who asks him to do so, without any hard feelings, since not all members know one another on sight.
- Any member may and should challenge or ask any unknown person on Club grounds for their badge or membership card, in a civil manner. This is necessary because from time to time strangers and/or visitors may come on to the property and attempt to use our club facilities without permission.
- **Annual Dues are \$125.00 and are due and payable January 1st of each year. Any member who has NOT paid their dues by the close of the February business meeting will cease to be a member of this Club at that time.**
- Elected Officers will be refunded or given credit for their next year's dues if they meet the required percentage of meetings attendance policy.

KITCHEN

- During meetings and functions there is usually a member in attendance. Any time there is not, the honor system is in effect.
- ALL MEMBERS MUST PAY for all items taken or consumed. Money should be left in the steel cylinders on the kitchen wall next to the front door, and by the coffee pot.

HEAT

- At the present time the Clubhouse building is heated by a fireplace, and gas space heaters. To keep the fires burning throughout the winter, it is obviously necessary to bring in fire wood.
- There is an ample supply of wood on the grounds of our Club property. Some is cut, some is split, and some is not. All able bodied members are asked and are expected to help keep the fire burning by looking around and bringing in, or placing in our wood bin, some (at least as much as you use) suitable firewood for others to use. Remember, in cold, damp weather it is good to be able to warm up, and to have a meeting in a nice, warm building.

- The gas heaters are hooked up to timers, which you can turn on when needed. Please do not leave the work to just a few. If everybody pitches in, all the jobs will be small jobs and all the members will be able to enjoy all of our facilities, year round.

COMMITTEES

- Committees are made up of volunteer members appointed by the President.
- All paid up members can volunteer, whether they are Charter or Associate members. All members are urged to volunteer for Committees, but only Charter members can make motions and vote in the Board meeting.
- At Board of Director's meetings, all members may attend and participate, but only Board members can make motions and vote in the Board meeting.
- Associate members and Temporary Associate members are strongly urged to participate in all Club business meetings and discussions, where they have voice but no vote. Associate members should always feel welcome to bring their ideas or other input to our business meetings, anyway.
- Our future Charter members and our future Officers will come from the ranks of our present and future Associate members – who have each shown their willingness to work for the benefit and welfare of the Club; then applied for, and been voted into, Charter membership.

EVERY MEMBER SHOULD READ AND UNDERSTAND THE OFFICIAL RANGE RULES IN THIS BOOKLET. YOU WILL FIND MUCH INTENDED REPETITION AND SOME STRONG EMPHASIS IN THE RULES

WE ARE VERY SERIOUS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS, AND OUR NEIGHBORS. ANY INFRACTIONS OF THESE RULES WILL BE DEALT WITH QUITE SEVERELY, FOR THE GENERAL GOOD OF ALL. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND A RULE, FOLLOW IT ANYWAY; AND THEN BRING IT UP WITH A RANGE OFFICER OR A DIRECTOR, OR A CLUB OFFICER, OR AT A MEETING, FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION.



2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President.....John Fabroski
Vice President.....Walter Potaznick
Secretary.....Tim Santry
Treasurer.....Mike Scanlon
Financial Secretary.... Scott Blood

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ORIENTATION CERTIFICATION

I, _____ hereby certify that I have on this date
(PRINT NAME)
attended the Club Orientation Training Session held at the Standish
Sportsman's Association and that I have been given a copy of the _____ Club
Orientation Manual plus a member's key to the Club property. I have also received a
membership card and a shooting badge, which I will carry at all times when on Club
property. I further certify that I understand and I will abide by all the Club policies, rules
and regulations. I do fully understand that failure to comply with these policies, rules and
regulations may lead to suspension of my Club privileges, or even expulsion from the
Club.

Signed _____ date _____

Witness _____ date _____
(Orientation Committee Member)