



The Bullet



The Newsletter of The Holliston Sportsmen's Association, Inc.

April 2005

Junior Conservation Campers Wanted

The H.S.A. has reserved a place for one camper at this year's Junior Conservation camp. The club will sponsor one lucky camper this year paying the full cost of \$500. Danny Lee is in charge of the Junior Conservation Camp committee. If you know a youngster 13 -17 years old with a love of the outdoors that would like to go to a two week live in camp this summer call Danny for information. Time is short, names need to be submitted to the camp by May 1st, so don't delay. See Danny at the April meeting or call him at 508-429-7082 for more information about the camp.

Holliston Sportsmen's

Annual Youngster's
Trout Derby
Saturday
April 30th

6:00AM - Breakfast

7:00AM - Fishing Starts

11:00AM - Prizes Awarded

Rain or Shine

Notice: April Meeting Wednesday April 6th

The April meeting of the Association will be held at 8:00PM on Wednesday April 6, 2005. The annual meeting is out of the way and it is time to move on to the new year ahead. Come to the March meeting to hear about the upcoming events. The annual trout derby is set for April 30th and the fish committee is looking for help again. The snow will be gone soon and the building and grounds committees will be setting up work parties to get some basic maintenance taken care of. The attendance prize drawing will be held. The prize is up to \$50 but you have to be there to win. Refreshments will follow the meeting. Let's have a good turnout so we can get things moving again. See you there.

Poultry Show June 5th Help Wanted

The club is hosting a poultry and small stock show on June 5th. We need help running the kitchen that day. Serving coffee and doughnuts early, and hot dogs and soft drinks later in the morning are the tasks. Hours are roughly 8:00AM to 1:00PM. See Bob Murphy for info.

Trout Derby April 30th, Work Party April 23rd

Yes indeed, Spring has sprung. That means it's Derby time again! The fish committee has plenty of opportunities for you to earn your work assessment hours coming up. We've got a checklist with ten or fifteen items that need to be done. And after those items are taken care of the work begins. On Saturday 4/23 we need to get the clubhouse, grounds, and pond cleaned up and ready to go for the Derby. If twenty members show up we'll be OK. On derby day the kitchen crew starts work at 5:00AM, the derby crew at 6:00AM, and the clean up crew at 11:00AM. Come to the April meeting to get your assignment, or call Rich Girvin at 508-429-1404 to volunteer your time.

Fishing Trips

We are trying to get some members together for fishing trips:

Cod Trip - sometime in April, need six members at about \$145 per person. This is a meat fishing trip, no catch and release.

Stripers and Blues - a Rock Harbor trip maybe Saturday June 25th. Six members needed at about \$110 per person. See Rich Girvin for more information.

Stay up to date ! See the H.S.A. on-line at www.hsaneews.com

April 2005

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6

8:00PM - April Meeting

April 10

9:00AM - Fly Tying Workshop

April 19, 26

5:00PM - Range Closed
H.A.P.D. Qualification Shooting

April 23

9:00AM - Work Party

April 27

7:30 PM - Director's Meeting

April 30

6:00AM - Trout Derby Sign-In
7:00AM - Derby Fishing Starts
11:00AM - Prizes Awarded

MassWildlife Stocking Trout in Local Ponds

The stocking trucks have been getting busy again. The table below lists a few of the local waters that have received an allotment of trout this spring. See www.masswildlife.com for more listings.

Local Ponds Stocked Week of March 21	
NATICK	Dug Pond
WRENTHAM	Lake Pearl
Local Ponds Stocked Week of March 14	
ASHLAND	Ashland Reservoir
HOPKINTON	Hopkinton Reservoir
NATICK	Lake Cochituate

Trout Derby April 30th

The Annual Youngster's Trout Derby is coming up on April 30th. The Derby is open to youngsters up to 16 years old. The club pond receives a special stocking of brookies, rainbows, and browns just for this event. Kids win prizes for first fish caught, biggest fish, first limit of three, and so on. A fisherman's breakfast is served starting at 6:00AM. Registration starts at 6:00AM, fishing gets underway at 7:00AM. Prizes are awarded at 11:00AM. The sharpies will arrive early, get a good spot and cast their lines when "Start Fishing" is called at 7:00AM. The entry fee is only \$5 with a family maximum of \$10. This is a rain or shine event so come prepared.

Fly Tying Workshop Sunday April 10th



The fly of the month for April will be the Sand eel patterns. Stripers love these things! The first one is one of the earliest versions of this pattern. In the fifties Frank Daignault was pitching his four feather sand eel into the cape cod surf. After Daignault's Eel we will do one of the patterns using new materials. Tying starts at 9:00AM on Sunday April 10th. The cost for the session is \$5 to offset the cost of materials. Bring your tying tools.

**Junior Rifle Club Wraps Up Season with
50th Anniversary Junior 4 Position Club Championship
Andrew Foster - 1st Place Prone
Spencer Stone - 1st Place 4 Position**

The Junior Rifle Club wrapped up another successful year with a pizza party and awards night on Monday March 28th. Six junior shooters received awards for NRA Qualification ratings they had earned during the year. The Junior Club Championship trophies were also presented. The award recipients were:

Kim Coffey - Bar 8;

Andrew Foster - Bar 5, 6, 7, 8, and 1st Place Prone Trophy;

Jason Lee - Pro-marksman, Marksman, Marksman 1st Class;

Nick Lee - Pro-marksman, Marksman, Marksman 1st Class,
and Sharpshooter;

Shawn Murphy – Pro-Marksman, Marksman;

Spencer Stone - Bar 7, 8, and 1st Place Four Position Trophy;

The next event for the juniors will be the G.O.A.L Fun Match set for June 11th at Hopkinton. Junior shooters are reminded to return their form indicating their interest in shooting the match.



Awards Night - (l to r) Kim Coffey, Andrew Foster, Shawn Murphy, Spencer Stone –hiding, Nick Lee, Jason Lee.

**April Middlesex County
League Meeting At
Concord Rod & Gun Club**

There are many issues/challenges facing sportsmen today: Fishing, hunting, and trapping, are all affected. The Middlesex County League (MCL) of Sportsmen's Clubs was organized to keep all Middlesex County sportsmen informed and to provide a strong, unified voice to the Governor, Legislature and other state agencies on issues important to Massachusetts sportsmen, particularly in Middlesex County. For example, currently there are well financed organizations proposing to make bear hunting and bow hunting illegal in the U.S. As the District Supervisor Northeast Wildlife informed the Sportsmen Club in December, it's not that these challenges to sportsmen haven't been made before, it's that the organizations making such proposals are becoming better financed and may be able to actually succeed unless Sportsmen become more involved. The Concord Rod and Gun Club (CRGC) is actively supporting the MCL and we want to build a larger core of sportsmen experts to track important issues. The MCL is reaching out to all clubs (approximately 27) and holding monthly meetings at each club facility with knowledgeable speakers to educate local clubs what the MCL does and to request their support. We need to introduce these problems to both new and experienced sportsmen and sports-women. We would like members to attend at least one meeting this year. Meetings are held each month at a different club. You will have an opportunity to meet other sportsmen, contribute your ideas, and make a difference. If the apathy continues, we will see a further degradation of the activities we now take for granted. The next meeting is at the Concord Rod and Gun Club on Thursday, March 31. The state organization is <http://macouncil.tripod.com>. If you plan on attending, or want more information please let Barry Robinson know by calling 508-254-2678.

**Take a Kid Fishing!
H.S.A. Trout Derby Saturday April 30th**

**ANNUAL
YOUNGSTERS
TROUT DERBY**

**TAKE A KID
FISHING!**

**SATURDAY
APRIL 30TH**

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April 6th, 2005 at the HSA Clubhouse
Meeting Starts at 8:00PM***