



The Bullet



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

April 2008

2008 Trap League Getting Underway First Rounds before April Meeting

Trap Chairman Richard Daley has announced that the Summer Trap League will be getting started at 6:30PM on April 2, 2008. The format will be the same as last year. Members get in by paying a \$20 entry fee. Shooters then declare in advance when they are shooting a round for league score. Members may fire up to fifteen declared rounds. The top ten rounds fired by each entrant will be used to calculate an aggregate score for the season. The member with the top aggregate score wins \$100. Second and third place scores take \$50 and \$25 respectively. Prize amounts are dependent upon a minimum entry of at least ten members.

Other Trap News:

The trap committee will be hosting shoots on the Sunday following the monthly meeting. First event is set for Sunday April 6, 2008 at 1:00PM. The trap committee will have 12 ga. ammo on sale at the shoots.

Fly Tying Workshop April 13th

Paul Liss will be conducting another H.S.A. fly tying workshop on Sunday April 13th. These sessions run from 9:00AM to 11:00AM. Paul brings all the materials. You bring yourself, and tying tools. There is a \$5.00 fee to off-set the cost of materials. Best deal in town! For more information please contact Paul. Remaining dates for the workshops are April 13th, and May 18th.



Dan Liss photo

March 12 - Indoor archery got off to a smashing start with this Robin Hood shot.

Indoor Archery April 9th

Rick Wester has announced dates for indoor archery. All dates will be on the second Wednesday of the month. The first evening off shooting on Wednesday March 12 saw an enthusiastic group stretching out unused archery muscles. The next date is Wednesday April 9th. Rick is inviting all skill levels to participate. Compound bow, long bow or what have you. If you are not shooting archery now but are interested learning please come on the 9th to see what the club has to offer. These shoots are mostly informal practice with a little friendly competition thrown in.

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

April 2008

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 April Meeting	3	4	5
6 Trap Shooting	7 Junior Rifle	8	9 Indoor Archery	10	11	12
13 Fly Tying Workshop	14 Junior Rifle	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Junior Rifle	29	30 Director's Meeting			

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2
6:30PM - Trap Shooting
8:00PM - April Meeting of the Association

April 6
1:00PM - Trap Shooting

April 7
7:00PM - Junior Rifle Club

April 9
7:00PM - Indoor Archery

April 14
7:00PM - Junior Rifle Club

April 26
9:00AM - Trout Pond Work Party

April 28
7:00PM - Junior Rifle Club

April 30
7:30PM - Director's Meeting
New member applicants interviewed.

Trout Derby Saturday May 3rd

The trout derby has been scheduled for Saturday May 3rd. The derby is a great time to bring the kids and grand kids to the club. The pond will be stocked with brook, brown, and rainbow trout, just for the kids. Breakfast, and registration starts at 6:00AM. Fishing starts at 7:00AM and runs to 11:00AM. Fishermen should bring their own bait and tackle. Popular baits are garden worms, and crawlers, power bait, meal worms, or salmon eggs. Sometimes a combination of these baits works well. Prizes are awarded in several categories, and a good time is had by all. The Sport Fishing Committee is looking for help in running this event. Come to the April meeting or contact Rich Girvin for information, or to volunteer to help out.

H.S.A Seeking Interested Youngster to Attend Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp

The H.S.A. is seeking a camper to attend the 2008 Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp. The camp is located in Chesterfield, MA. The dates for this two week live in camp are August 10th to the 22nd. The camp is open to boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 17. Conservation subjects taught are Fish and Pond Life, Soil Conservation, and Wildlife Management. Outdoor skills taught are basic camping, fly and spin casting, rifle, shotgun, and orienteering. Campers also complete the Massachusetts Hunter Education Program, and Small Boat Safety Course. For fun, and relaxation the camp offers swimming, fishing, boating, softball, volleyball, and extra time on the shooting ranges. For more information check out the junior conservation camp website at www.juniorconservationcamp.org. If you know a young person that would like to attend camp let Danny Lee know right away. Registrations are due May 1st. Note that the H.S.A. pays the \$550 tuition for one selected camper.

2008 Dues Reminder

Due on February 1
Past due February 29

Please get those payments in soon.

Windows Blocked Up for Safety



March 2008 - Holliston Masonry Restoration recently completed work on the club house. The officers and directors hired the firm to block up three of the windows on the left side of the indoor range. The modification eliminates the risk of an accidental shot exiting the building.



Three of Four windows have been blocked in. Improved range safety, and less noise escaping into the neighborhood are two of the expected benefits. The old windows were not exactly energy efficient. We may see some reduction in heating costs too. The work was completed under the direction of club member Chuck Clapham of Holliston Masonry Restoration.

Fish Committee News

Big Fish Tournament - The tournament got underway on January 1, 2008. Open to members only the rules are simple. Catch a fish. Get a photo of the catch. Submit an entry. All legal methods, anywhere in the world. Categories are Trout/Salmon, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Bluefish, and Striped Bass. Winners names are engraved on the Tournament plaque on display at the clubhouse. Gold, silver and bronze pins are awarded in each category.

Trout Derby - Mark the calendars. The derby will be held on May 3rd at the club trout pond. The committee will hold a raffle at the April meeting to help offset derby expenses.

Rock Harbor Trip - A May 31st trip has been set up. The first six members to pay up get to go. This will be a four hour trip. We will leave the clubhouse parking lot at 4:15AM. The boat will leave the dock at 6:15AM, returning at 10:15AM. Home around 12:15PM. Early season striper fishing will be hot. This trip typically produces the big fish tournament winners in striped bass and bluefish. Contact Rich Girvin for more information on the trip.

Fly Tying - April 13th, 9:00AM

Trout Stocking - As of this writing the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife reports that Ashland and Hopkinton reservoirs have both been stocked along with other local ponds. See their web site for updated information on stocked waters.

H.S.A. Events

**April Meeting
of the Association
April 2nd - 8:00PM**

**Trap Shooting
April 2nd - 6:00PM**

**Fly Tying Workshop
April 13th - 9:00AM**

**Indoor Archery
April 9th- 7:00PM**

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2008 April Meeting Reminder
8:00PM Wednesday April 2, 2008 at the HSA Clubhouse
