



The Bullet



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

August 2003

August Trap Shooting

Trap shooting at the H.S.A. is set for two Wednesday nights this month. The first shoot will be on August 6th before the meeting. The second is Wednesday August 20th. Both events start at 6:30PM. Guns and ammo can be provided if you would like to give trap a try. If you would like to help out, the Trap Committee can always use people to keep score, and release the targets. We can only shoot until dusk so arrive promptly at 6:30 to get signed up. See you out there.

Building & Grounds Work Party Wednesday August 13th

A work party has been scheduled for Wednesday evening August 13th. Starting at 6:30PM members may earn work assessment credit by helping out with several tasks that have been identified and scheduled for this work party. We have activities for indoors in case it rains, and outdoors if it doesn't. More details and sign up at the August meeting, or just show up on the 13th to help out. Work will end no later than 8:30PM. The more members that show, the more we get done.

August 6th Meeting Notice

The August meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday August 6, 2003. There will be trap shooting before the meeting starting at 6:30PM. The meeting will start at 8:00PM. The pot for the Attendance Prize Drawing has grown to \$50 but you have to be there to win. Also, you can earn one half hour labor assessment credit just for attending. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Annual Clambake

Sunday
September 14th

Please put this on your calendars today & tell everyone else your busy that day. Plan to bring family and friends.

Successful fund raising events will help to hold down cost of memberships. Tickets will be available starting at the August meeting.

Clambake Committee Seeking Volunteers

Clambake 2003 is set for September 14th. Bake Chairman Bob Murphy is looking for help again. The building and grounds need to be cleaned. There is setting up, running games and raffles, grilling dogs and burgers, running the bar, directing traffic at the parking lot, and of course take down and clean up after the bake. See Bob at the August 6th meeting, or attend the special Clambake organizing meeting on August 20th. Come and help. You will enjoy it.

Mid-Summer Practical Pistol Match Won by Bruce Hastings

The second practical pistol shoot for 2003 was held at the club on Wednesday July 16, 2003. The course will use several types of targets, including paper plates and various silhouettes. Distances ranged from 7 to 15 yards. Total time used to fire the course was subtracted from the total score to arrive at a final score. After the math was done, Bruce Hastings (345.24) was in first place followed by his friend Jeff (254.74). In third place .28 of a point back was Dana Stagg (254.46).

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2
6:00PM to 8:00PM -
Chicken Farmers Meeting

August 6
6:30PM - Trap Shooting
8:00PM - August Meeting

August 13
6:30 to 8:30PM
Building & Grounds
Work Party

August 20
6:30PM - Trap Shooting
7:30PM - Clambake Organizational Meeting

August 24
8:00AM-1:00PM
Poultry Show

August 27
7:30 - Director's Meeting

Remember the Phrase "Issued for Life" ?

From the Gun Owners Action League Web Sight:

On July 23, 2003 the GOAL office received a welcome phone call and fax from the office of Senator Stephen Brewer. The call was to tell us that the Senator was filing a bill this week that would make FID cards and Licenses to Carry "valid, unless revoked or suspended". The bill does not lower the cost of an FID or LTC, but it does make it a one time fee. The language in the bill is also designed to address the concerns of those who feel a need to check up on the good guys every so often. It states: *"The licensing authority may, from time to time, request from the colonel of the state police a review for any disqualifying information on any card holder. ... No card holder shall be charged a fee for such review."* This would allow the local licensing authority to do random background checks on license holders, but at their cost. Thus they will have to determine where their law enforcement dollars will go...after the bad guys or watching the good guys. The bill is titled; *"An Act Providing For Better Management For The Issuance Of Firearm Licenses"* There is no number assigned to the bill yet since it has just been filed. Gun owners and sportsmen should contact their legislators as soon as possible and ask them to co-sponsor the bill by signing on to it. The reaction of the the legislature to this bill will tell us whether the government is truly taxing us or not. Since this bill would reduce the need for more funds by wiping out a needless bureaucracy, the only reason to oppose it would be to tax our rights. Please also remember to thank those who support us by dropping Senator Brewer and anyone else who signs on a note of gratitude. As the signatures come in, GOAL will post them on our site. See www.goal.org for more information.

From MassWildlife:

PREVENTING AQUATIC HITCH HIKERS

Boaters launching their craft into Massachusetts waterways should check to be sure they aren't giving a free ride to invasive aquatic plants or animals. Aquatic invasives can easily be transported to water bodies by boats, motors, trailers, fishing equipment, bait buckets, diving gear and other aquatic recreational equipment. These hitchhikers can wreak havoc in lakes and ponds by choking waterways through explosive growth, fouling intake and discharge structures, lowering lakefront property values, and possibly harming native fish, plants and insects. Once they are established in a water body, it is nearly impossible to eradicate these organisms. "In many cases, the spread of these pests is due to boats and trailers moving from one water body to another—both in and out of Massachusetts," says *MassWildlife* State Botanist Paul Somers. "Boaters should check their equipment for weeds and organisms as part of their normal loading routine." Somers noted that in the last year or so, an invasive plant, Hydrilla, known to be a great problem in other parts of the country has become established in a few ponds in the southeastern part of the state. Eurasian milfoil, another invasive plant is found throughout Massachusetts. Well known invasive clams are also a concern to ecologists. The prolific zebra mussel, found in Vermont and the invasive Asian clam found in New York and Connecticut have the potential to make their way into Massachusetts waters. Boaters can play a big part in preventing this invasion. Here's how boaters and other water users can help prevent the spread of exotic weeds and other pests:

- Hand-remove all materials (plant or animal) from equipment. Dispose of it far away from the water. Pay special attention to the bunks or rollers where the boat is seated on the trailer as well as the trailer hitch.
- Wash and dry all equipment before reuse. Hose off the boat, diving gear and trailer.
- Drain and flush the engine cooling system and live wells of your boat, your bait buckets and the buoyancy control device from diving equipment that's been in contact with a water body.
- Spread the word and learn to identify invasive organisms--A [Guide to Aquatic Invasive Species](#) produced by several Massachusetts environmental agencies and a statewide lake and pond association is available from the Department of Environmental Management's (DEM) Lakes & Ponds Program. Fact sheets, posters and a sign suitable for posting at boat ramps are also available by calling Michelle Robinson at 617/626-1382 or visit the DEM website at www.mass.gov/lakesandponds.org.



Rick Rex admires the White Bunny fly he tied at the H.S.A. fly tying class

Holliston Day Planning On Going

Joe Parks and Matt Sheen continue to pull things together for an H.S.A. booth at the Holliston Day Fair. They need help with setting up, manning the booth, and take down. Talk to them at the August meeting if you can help out.

A.R.B.S. Schedule Planning

Are you planning to participate in the All Round Best Shooter 2003 events? Planning will be getting underway soon. If you have ideas on how events should be scheduled talk to Rich Girvin at the August 6th meeting. The first event will be in October.



Jeremy Boudreau with the 42" Striped Bass he caught on the H.S.A. outing last year.

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***Meeting Reminder:
Wednesday August 6, 2003 at the HSA Clubhouse
Trap Shoot 6:30PM, Meeting Starts at 8:00PM***