



The Bullet



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

January 2004

January Meeting Notice

The first Wednesday of the month falls on January 7, 2004. That is when the next meeting of the Association will be held. A Special Legislative Action Night will be held before the meeting starting at 6:30PM. Pens, paper, word processors and typists will be provided (see details in the column to the right). The meeting starts at 8:00PM. There will be an attendance prize drawing for \$40. Nominations for 2004 officer and director candidates will open at this meeting, with elections to follow at the Annual Meeting in February. Hope to see you all there.

Fly Tier's Workshop January 21st

A fly tier's workshop will be held at the club starting at 7:00PM on Wednesday the 21st. Cost is \$5.00 Bring your tying tools to the club. Materials will be provided. This month: Gurglers, fresh and salt water styles.

The following schedule lists the upcoming Club Championship events:

**Light Rifle
Sunday 1/11/04 -1:00PM**

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Legislative Action Night at the Club 6:30-8:00PM January 7th

The H.S.A. is holding a special legislative action night before the January 7th meeting. The purpose is to support G.O.A.L.'s two letters campaign. There are two bills that should come up in the state House and Senate in 2004 that are favorable to gun owners. One makes the FID and LTC good for life, eliminating the four year renewal cycle. The second puts a cap on how far back the state can go when looking for excuses to deny FID and LTC applicants. The two bills have been through all the preliminary stages of hearings and committees, and now are ready to come to the floor of the House and Senate to be voted on. In fact they were ready in time for the 2003 sessions but the House and Senate leaders chose not to bring them to the floor. The objective of this legislative action night is to help as many members as possible to write two letters. One to the Speaker of the House (Tom Finneran), and one to the Senate President (Robert Travaglini). The letters are to encourage these gentlemen to bring these bills up for a vote. The H.S.A. legislative action committee will be providing information, paper, pens, word processors and typists. All you have to do is come to the clubhouse, understand the issues, and decide to write the letters. This will be a great way to start the 2004 legislative year. Getting these two bills passed will only be a small step in the right direction. For gun owners however, after several years of nothing but harassment, intimidation, and abuse from our legislators, local licensing authorities, Department of Public Safety, and the Attorney General these two bills are worth working for. If you can not attend please write the letters on your own. The information you need can be found www.goal.org, or you can call G.O.A.L. at 508-393-5333. Come on, be part of the big bad gun lobby.

2003 10m Air Pistol Championship Goes to Jim Maxant

The 2003 Air Pistol Championship held on December 3rd was won by Jim Maxant. This match was for .177 caliber air pistols at 10 meters. The NRA B-40 target was used. The top five positions are shown in the table at right.

Rank	Name	Score
1	J.Maxant	172
2	B.Hasting	165(+ 43)
3	R.Girvin	165(+ 38)
4	D.Flavin	142
5	P.MacMurry	132

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Trap Shoot	2	3
4	5 Junior Rifle	6 Smallbore Pistol	7 January Meeting	8	9	10
11 Light Rifle	12 Junior Rifle	13 Smallbore Pistol	14	15	16	17
18	19 MLK Day	20 Smallbore Pistol	21 Fly Tying	22	23	24
25	26 Junior Rifle	27 Smallbore Pistol	28 Director's Meeting	29	30	31

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1
1:00PM - Trap Shooting

January 5, 12, (Not on 19), 26
7:00PM - Junior Rifle Club

January 6, 13, 20, 27
7:00PM - .22 cal. 300 Match

January 7
6:30PM - Legislative Action
8:00PM - January Meeting

January 11- 1:00PM
Light Rifle Championship

January 21 - 7:00PM
Fly Tier's Workshop

January 28
7:30PM - Director's Meeting

2003 ARBS STANDINGS (after 5 of 6 events)

RANK	NAME	ARCHERY	TRAP	PRACTICAL PISTOL	TARGET PISTOL	10 METER AIR PISTOL	COMBINED SCORE
1	J.Maxant	88	36	82.6	73.7	86	82.6
2	B.Hastings	DNS	66	78.8	88.7	82.5	79
3	D.Flavin	DNS	DNS	88.0	70.2	71	76.4
4	R.Girvin	75	58	DNS	85.3	82.5	75.2
5	G.Ribbe	69	76	60.0	63.4	DNS	67.1

Association Seeks Candidates for 2004 Officers and Directors

We will be celebrating the 65th Anniversary of the Association in 2004 (1939-2004). Sixty-five continuous years of promoting legitimate sport with rod and gun. A remarkable achievement. Many individuals have contributed to the success of the Association over the years. In this our 65th Anniversary year we are seeking a few more individuals willing to spend a couple of hours a month to maintain the tradition. For the Annual meeting in February the Association needs candidates for president, vice-president, and secretary. Also, in this an even year, we will need two candidates for director positions. If you enjoy the benefits of membership this would be a good time to come forward to start the club along on the next sixty-five years.

Annual Raffle Donations Needed

As usual the Annual Meeting in February will feature a fund raising raffle. We need lots of prizes to be donated to make the raffle interesting. Sporting or general interest items are welcome. Booze is always popular. We have received some great items already including several long gun cases, books about firearms, and some reloading dies. Please try to find something to donate. Also, plan to spend \$5 or \$10 on raffle tickets because we always have some great stuff on the table.

2003 Light Rifle Championship Match Bulletin

Holliston Sportsmen's Association
2003 Light Rifle Championship
January 11, 2004 - 1:00PM

Competition Open to: All H.S.A. Senior and Life Members.

Entry Fee: None

Awards: Over all winner (highest combined score of three stages) will be named H.S.A. Light Rifle Champion for 2003. Winners name will be inscribed on the Light Rifle Championship Plaque that resides in the clubhouse trophy case.

NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules rev. 6/1/2001 Apply. Section 22 – Light Rifle Rules

Course of fire:

All stages will use the NRA A-32 Light Rifle Target at 50 feet on the indoor range. All stages will consist of 20 shots, 2 shots per record bullseye.

Time for each stage is 1½ minutes per record shot (15 minutes).

Unlimited fouling and sighting shots allowed within the 15 minutes.

Stage 1 Prone (rule 5.6): 20 shots. 2 shots per record bullseye.

Stage 2 Kneeling (rule 5.10): 20 shots. 2 shots per record bullseye.

Stage 3 Standing (rule 5.12) except that the forward hand must be extended so that the forward arm does not touch or rest against the body. 20 shots. 2 shots per record bullseye.

2. Light Rifle – Any rifle chambered for .22 caliber rimfire rifle cartridge only, a trigger pull of not less than two pounds, and weighs not more than 8 ½ pounds complete with sights and magazine. An adjustable butt plate placed in the center position may be used and adjustable or custom butt plates shall not extend beyond the top or bottom of the stock and shall not exceed a maximum length of six inches. Barrel weights must evenly surround the barrel and not hang below. Slings, palm rests, schuetzen type butt plates, and electric or adjustable fore-end bedding devices are not permitted. Any sights (rule 3.7c) will be used as long as total weight of rifle and sights does not exceed 8 ½ pounds. An eye shield may be attached to the rear sight.

The same rifle must be used for all stages of the match except in the case of a disabled rifle or malfunction, when competitors may change rifles with range officer permission.

3. Clothing – Padding is permitted on the shoulders and elbows of the shooting coat provided no padding extends below four inches from the elbow joint. The coat may be to a maximum of hip length with no straps or other provisions for tightening, or constructed with any material intended to make the shoulders or other parts more rigid. Shoes shall be a matched pair and not designed or altered in any way so as to provide artificial support. Gloves are not permitted.

This is the final event in the 2003 All Round Best Shooter series of events. Guns and ammo will be available for members interested in trying light rifle competition.

**65th Annual Meeting of the Association
February 4, 2004**

A.R.B.S. Events

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 11, '04
LIGHT RIFLE**

**20 SHOTS PRONE
20 SHOTS KNEELING
20 SHOTS STANDING**

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Wednesday January 7, 2004 at the HSA Clubhouse
Meeting Starts at 8:00PM , Legislative Action at 6:30PM***