



The Bullet



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

July 2006

JULY MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY JULY 5th

The June meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday July 5, 2006. Trap shooting before the meetings continues this month. Shooting starts at 6:30PM. July is also our annual motorcycle and hot rod night. Bring your special set of wheels to the meeting. The meeting will start at 8:00PM. Of course the monthly attendance drawing will be held. **Pam Hines** was not present when her name was drawn at the June meeting thus, providing a good chance to win \$40 for those at the July meeting.

JUNIOR RIFLE CLUB WRAPS UP SEASON WITH AWARDS NIGHT

The Junior Rifle Club finished off their season on June 5th. The youngsters had a chance to shoot some trap, and .22 caliber target pistols before the awards. They also enjoyed a pizza party as part of the festivities. Junior Rifle will start up again in the fall.



H.S.A. - Junior Rifle Awards were presented to (L to R) Spencer Stone, Kim Coffey, Jake Standley, Daniel Lynch, Andrew Foster, and Shawn Lynch. In the 56 years of Junior Club Championship history, Kim Coffey is the first young woman to capture the title. Congratulations Kim!

HOLLISTON DAYS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sharon Reed has stepped forward to say she is interested in running the club information booth at the Holliston Days Fair again this year. Tasks include: set up in the morning, manning the booth throughout the day, and take down around 4:00pm in the afternoon. This event is not until the end of September but we would like to get the committee in place ahead of time. Let an officer, or Sharon know if you can help out this year.

SUMMER TRAP SHOOTING LEAGUE JULY 5TH

Here is the deal. Shoot fifteen rounds of trap between May and October, and count your top ten scores. High score wins \$100. A \$25 entry fee gets you in on the action. The first rounds were fired last month. The club will have 12ga. ammo for sale at \$6 a box. Targets are \$3. That's only \$9 a for round of twenty-five. This event promises to provide a lot of entertainment for the participants during the summer months. Sign up! You will be glad you did.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 5
6:30PM - Motorcycles & Hot Rods

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

Gone Fishin'

July 26
7:30PM - Director's Meeting
New Member Applicant Interviews

Big Fish Tournament Reminder

Here it is, the July issue of the Bullet and no one has entered a fish in the Big Fish Tournament. Remember all you have to do is take a picture of your fish and submit it. Tell us the length, date caught, where it was caught, and method used. Categories are Trout/Salmon, Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Bluefish, and Striped Bass. No restrictions on methods, or waters. Fish anywhere in the world using any method, as long as it is legal. Prizes are awarded for the top three fish in each category. In addition the 1st place winners have their names engraved on the Big Fish Tournament winners plaque on display in the clubhouse trophy case. Yes sir, this is your chance to become a truly famous sportsman.

Poultry Show Draws Big Crowd to H.S.A

The Boston Poultry & Small Stock Exposition drew more than 30 vendors and hundreds of potential customers to the H.S.A on June 11th. The over flow crowd had cars parked up and down Bullard Street for an eighth of a mile in both directions.



H.S.A. - Kate Morreale from Golden Egg Farm in Hardwick was one of more than 30 vendors that showed up to sell birds, dogs, rabbits, cats, and other assorted critters at the poultry show on June 11th. Kate also had poultry themed pottery on sale. See Kate's website at www.goldeneggfarm.com for more info.

News & Notes from MassWildlife:

Deer and Bear Permit Reminder - Deer and bear hunters, don't wait in line; apply on time! All deer hunters are reminded that in order to take antlerless deer during any deer hunting seasons, they must possess an antlerless deer permit. The July 16 application deadline is fast approaching. MassWildlife cautions hunters to refrain from assuming large quantities of over-the-counter permits will be available after permits are sent out. Applications are found on paper licenses bought over the counter. Internet license buyers need to access the MassOutdoors website and apply on-line at www.mass.gov/massoutdoors. The bear permit application deadline is also July 16 with permits to be mailed in August. Applications for permits are found on the duplicate license certificate of the over-the-counter license or on-line for MassOutdoors license buyers. Bear hunters are also reminded that the new November bear season runs for three weeks from November 6 - No-

Summer Fish Kills--With summer weather finally warming up lakes and ponds, fish kills may be discovered in area waterbodies. The sight of dead and dying fish along the shores of a favorite pond can be distressing and trigger concerns about pollution. Fish do act as the "canary in the coalmine," so it's natural to think a fish kill was the result of pollution. In fact, the opposite is likely true; the vast majority of fish kills reported are natural events. Natural fish kills are generally the result of low oxygen levels, fish diseases or spawning stress. Depletion of dissolved oxygen is one of the most common causes of natural fish kills. As pond temperature increases, water holds less oxygen. During hot summer weather, oxygen levels in shallow, weedy ponds can further decline as plants consume oxygen at night. This results in low early morning oxygen levels that can become critical if oxygen levels fall below the requirement of fish survival. In addition to reduced oxygen levels, late spring and early summer is when most warmwater fish species, such as sunfish (bluegill, pumpkinseed, largemouth bass) begin to spawn. At this time, large numbers of these species crowd into the shallow waters along the shore vying for the best spawning sites. These densely crowded areas become susceptible to disease outbreaks, especially as water temperatures increase. The result is an unavoidable, natural fish kill. When a caller reports a fish kill, a MassWildlife fisheries biologist determines whether the kill is natural or requires a site investigation. If the incident is determined to be a pollution kill, MassWildlife notifies the Department of Environmental Protection for analysis of water and fish samples as well as a formal investigation. To report a fish kill, contact Richard Hartley at 508/792-7270 x132, Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, or one of the five MassWildlife District Offices: Pittsfield 413/447-9789; Belchertown 413/323-7632; W. Boylston 508/835-3607; Acton 978/263-4347; Bourne 508/759-3406. After normal business hours or on holidays and weekends, contact the Environmental Police Radio Room at 1-800-632-8075.



Wishing All Our
Members A Safe & Happy
4th of July
Holiday

(then come to the meeting on the 5th)

3rd Wednesday Archery Nights Over for the Season

Archery committee chairman Rick Wester has announced that the Archery nights that have been held on the third Wednesday of each month have ended for the summer season. The targets are here for members to use during the summer. The committee will start up a regular program again in the fall.



H.S.A. - Jonathan Hotykey (age 8) reacts to the shot just released. Jon attended the last regular archery night until the fall season.

**H.S.A.'S
 5TH ANNUAL
 MOTORCYCLE
 &
 HOT ROD NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY
 JULY 5TH
 6:30 TO 8:00PM**

**MEMBERS
 CHANCE TO
 SHOW OFF THE
 WHEELS!**

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July 5, 2006 - 6:30PM Trap Shoot,
8:00PM July Meeting at the HSA Clubhouse
