



The Bullet



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

June 2003

June 4th Meeting Notice

Guest Speakers from Middlesex County League & Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

The June meeting of the Association will be held at the clubhouse on Wednesday June 4, 2003 starting at 8:00PM. There will be trap shooting before the meeting starting at 6:30PM. This month we will be setting aside the usual business agenda to accommodate two special guest speakers. Tom Becker, president of Middlesex County League of Sportsmen's Clubs will address the members with a presentation on the role MCL plays in assisting the sportsmen of county. The second speaker of the evening will be the Northeast District Manager for Fisheries and Wildlife, Chuck Bell, who will describe Division activities of interest to sportsmen in the N.E. district. The attendance raffle prize is \$20 but you have to be there to win, and you get one half hour credit against the work assessment fee. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Lots of good things are going on at the H.S.A. so come on out and be a part of it. See you there.

2003 Trout Derby Results

After a long hard winter, and cold wet spring, things were looking pretty bleak when the weather man predicted a cold and rainy day for the Annual Trout Derby held on May 3rd. The Derby is a rain or shine event because as life member **Hobe Tenney** once observed "Rain don't bother the fish none, they're already wet." So everyone was surprised when the day dawned clear and relatively warm. About thirty-five youngsters turned out to try their luck. Winners of rod and reel combos were: **Talia Zais** age 5, Biggest fish caught by a girl, and **Tim Cohen** age 14, biggest fish caught by a boy. **Erin Chipman** won a landing net and a tackle box for first fish caught by a girl, and first three fish caught by a girl. The youngest entrant this year was three year old **Joey Mark**. Joey seen in the picture to the left, won a tackle box for the first three fish caught by a boy. Special thanks go to member **Paul Guidi** and The Superette for donating all the food for the Derby, and member **John Paltrneiri** and Fiskes for donating gift certificates that were given out as prizes. Thanks also go to **Matt Sheen**, **Joe Parks**, and **Doug Brown** for generous cash donations that helped to off-set the derby expenses. Other members making the Derby a success were **Nancy McWilliams** and **Carl Hedin** handling sign-up, the kitchen crew of **Bill Stickney**, **Mickey Bugbee**, **Danny Lee**, and **Doug Brown** preparing breakfast, and pond side refreshment. **Ed Glickman** measured the fish and called out the raffle winners. **Bob Murphy** put up posters around town. Pond clean up efforts fell to **Rick Wester** and his scout troop, and **Peter Mac Murray** and his tractor. Lots of help made for



Trout Derby - Joey Mark, age 3, is all smiles after winning a tackle box for being the first boy to catch 3 trout.

a great day at the pond. Just ask Joey!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 4
6:30PM - Trap Shooting
8:00PM - June Meeting

June 5, 12, 19, 26
7:00 - 9:00PM
Firearm Safety Class

June 8
8:00AM - 1:00PM
Boston Poultry Exposition

June 9
4:00 - 8:00PM
H.A.P.D. Qualification Shoot

June 11
7:00 - 9:00PM
Junior Rifle Club

June 18
7:00 - 9:00PM
Junior Rifle Club

June 25
7:30 - Director's Meeting

H.S.A. News & Notes:

H.A.P.D. Range Qualification Shooting

The Holliston Auxiliary Police Department will be using the indoor range at the clubhouse on Monday June 9th. They will conduct qualification shooting from 4:00PM until about 8:00PM. The range will not be available to members while this activity is in progress.

.22's On Tuesday Summer Recess

Don Hastings has announced that the Tuesday night .22 target pistol shoots have ended. The recess will be in effect through the summer. The weekly 300 match format will resume in September.

H.S.A. HOSTS THE BOSTON POULTRY & SMALL STOCK EXPOSITION

**SUNDAY JUNE 8TH
8:00AM - 1:00PM**

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508-429-6172**



Indoor Range Ventilation Modifications

Members using the indoor range should be aware of some minor modifications that have been made to the ventilation and lighting controls. The exhaust fan and make up air fan are now connected to the same switch as the range lights. When you turn on the range lights the fans also come on. One switch does it all. This modification is intended to promote the consistent use of the fans for the health and safety of the membership. Members are also reminded to wash your hands after shooting before eating, or drinking to reduce the risk of lead contamination.

Freedom to Fish Act In Response to Marine Protected Area Planning

In the final hours of one of the most shameful terms in office ever served by a president of the United States, Bill Clinton signed an executive order allowing the creation of Marine Protected Areas. The harm done by this act is only now beginning to surface. What is a Marine Protected Area (MPA)? An MPA is a vast area of the ocean selected by well intentioned but ignorant people to be set aside in perpetuity where no fishing or boating will be allowed. In fact no fisheries management activity can occur in these areas. What areas are we talking about? Well, early proposals coming from some of the extreme environmentalist run amuck are all of the Gulf of Maine, all of Nantucket Sound, all of the Rhode Island coast, and so on all around the country including Washington state, Oregon, California, and Florida. The plan is to ban, *forever*, fishing and boating in these areas. Not commercial fishing, all fishing, including rod and reel fishing from shore. Think it cannot happen? Lots of well funded groups are pushing for MPA implementation. And they are well organized. In response to this nonsense The Recreational Fishing Alliance is filing Freedom to Fish (F2F) legislation at the state level. The legislation requires scientific proof of a connection between a specific fishing activity and an environmental concern before a ban could be enacted. The thought being that rod and reel fishermen are not responsible for damaging large areas of ocean bottom like trawlers, and therefore, should not be punished by permanent, irrevocable bans. Contact your state representatives, senators, and the governor's office to voice opposition to the creation of MPAs, and to support Freedom to Fish legislation in Massachusetts.

H.S.A. Juniors Calendar for June

June 11 - 7:00 / 9:00PM - Junior Rifle Prone Championship Match
30 Shots, Prone position, on three targets. One shot per bull.
June 14 - GOAL 50 Yard Outdoor Prone Match at Hopkinton
June 18 - Pizza Party and Certificates / Awards Presentation
September 10 - Register for 2003 / 2004 Season

Wayne LaPierre Book Signing June 12, 2003 Guns, Freedom, and Terrorism

Wayne LaPierre will be in Providence, RI on Thursday June 12th for a book signing session. The time is 6:00PM. The place is Books on the Square located at 471 Angell Street. LaPierre, Executive Vice-President of The National Rifle Association will be signing copies of his new book Guns, Freedom, and Terrorism. This is a rare opportunity for members to meet, and shake hands with Mr. LaPierre. This event could turn out to be a lot of fun. By all means bring your friends, and family too!

H.S.A Plans Holliston Days Booth

Club members Joe Parks, and Matt Sheen are planning to put together a booth to promote the H.S.A. at this years Holliston Days Fair. They are seeking other members willing to help with the booth. Tasks include planning, setting up, and taking down the booth. Also, manning the booth during the fair will require participation from a few members. This is a good way to earn work assessment credits and reduce the cost of your membership. Talk to Joe or Matt at the June meeting.

Life Jackets Float You Don't!

(from www.masswildlife.org)

Kayakers and canoeists are once again reminded that lifejackets must be worn through May 15. After May 15, they are no longer required to wear the lifejacket but must have it in the craft. Children under 12 years of age in any boat must be wearing lifejackets as do personal water craft users, water skiers and others being towed by boats. According to the Division of Law Enforcement's Boating Safety Bureau, most boating fatalities in Massachusetts are due to accidents in small craft in cold water/cold weather situations or failure to wear lifejackets. For more information on safe boating, contact the Environmental Police Boating Safety Bureau at 508/790-9360 or check the Environmental Police website at www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dle

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