



The Bullet



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

June 2005

Notice: June Meeting Will Be Held On Wednesday June 1st

The June meeting of the Association will be held at 8:00PM on Wednesday June 1, 2005. That's right the very first day in June. Don't miss it. There will be trap shooting before the meeting starting at 6:30PM. Shotguns and ammo will be available for anyone that wants to try their hand at trap. An attendance prize drawing will be held. The prize is up to \$70 but you have to be there to win. Refreshments will follow the meeting. Spring has sprung, the cold and dark season has gone away. Come on out, shoot a little, see what is going on at the club. See you there.

Boston Poultry & Small Stock Expo Sunday June 12th- Help Wanted

The club is hosting a poultry and small stock show on June 12th. We need help running the kitchen that day. Serving coffee and doughnuts early, and hot dogs and soft drinks later in the morning are the tasks. Hours are roughly 8:00AM to 1:00PM. This is an enjoyable way to earn work assessment credit. See Bob Murphy for info.

Trap Shooting 6:30PM Wednesday June 1st

The next trap shoot is scheduled for Wednesday June 1st. The shoot starts at 6:30PM. The trap committee has plenty of ammo and targets on hand. Costs are \$3 for targets, and \$6 for ammo. Shotguns will be made available to anyone that would like to try trap shooting. The trap committee is always looking for help running the shoots too. Help keep score, and throwing the targets and you can earn some work assessment credits while having some fun. This is the second of only five summer evening shoots we will hold this season. Take advantage of the day light while it is here by coming out to break some clays.

Cycle for Haylee Riders Wanted

The H.S.A. is hoping to field a group of bicycle riders to participate in the October 1st Cystic Fibrosis Foundation fund raiser. Members, their families, and friends are encouraged to take part. Info - Rich G.

Trout Derby 2005

On the cool damp morning of April 30th about 35 youngsters came out to fish the club trout pond. Lots of fish were caught and lots of prizes were given away:

1st Fish (Boy) - Michael Chipman
1st Fish (Girl) - Katie Ortel
1st Limit of 3 (B)- Tom Chipman
1st Limit of 3 (G)- Katie Ortel
Biggest Fish (B)- Nicholas Gatti
Biggest Fish (G)- Katie Ortel



Katie Ortel shows off the tackle box she won for 1st Limit of 3 fish.

Rock Harbor Trip Sunday June 12th

3:30AM - Depart H.S.A. parking lot;
5:30AM - Leave dock for fishing;
1:30PM - Return to dock;
3:30PM - Arrive back at H.S.A.;
All bait and tackle is provided. Trolling for Stripers and Blue Fish. Cost \$117.
Contact Rich Girvin for information.

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

June 2005

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1
6:30PM - Trap Shooting
8:00PM - April Meeting

June 7, 9
7:00-9:00PM
Junior Rifle Club Practice Nights

June 12
9:00AM - 1:00PM
Boston Poultry & Small Stock Expo

June 12
3:30AM - 3:30PM
Rock Harbor Fishing Trip

June 29
7:30PM - Director's Meeting
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YOUNG WILDLIFE BELONGS IN THE WILD

The arrival of spring and summer means the arrival of newborn and just-hatched wildlife. These youngsters soon venture into the world on shaky legs or fragile wings and are discovered by people living and working nearby. Every year, the lives of many young wild creatures are upset by people who take baby wildlife from the wild in a mistaken attempt to "save" them. These well-meant acts of kindness tend to have the opposite result. Instead of being left to learn their place in the world, young wildlife removed from the wild are denied important natural learning experiences which help them survive on their own. Most people quickly find that they can't really care for young wildlife, and many of the animals soon die in the hands of well-meaning people. Young wildlife that does survive human care have missed experiences that teach them to fend for themselves. If these animals are released back into the wild, their chances of survival are reduced. Often, the care given to young wildlife results in some attachment to humans and the animals may return to places where people live, only to be attacked by domestic animals or hit by cars. Some animals become nuisances and people have even been injured by once-tamed wildlife. These problems can be avoided if everyone follows one simple rule when coming upon young wildlife: If You Care, Leave Them There! It may be difficult to do, but this is a real act of kindness. "In spring, we receive many calls about young wildlife with no adult in sight," says MassWildlife Biologist Marion Larson. "The young are quite safe when left alone because their color patterns and lack of scent help them remain undetected. Generally the parent will visit their young a few times a day to avoid leaving traces that attract predators. Baby birds found on the ground may be safely picked up and placed in a nearby bush or tree. Parent birds are not disturbed by human scent." Larson recommends people avoid nest and den areas of young wildlife and restrain all pets. Leave fawns (young deer) where they are found. Fawns are safe when left alone because their camouflaging color help them remain undetected until the parent returns. Unlike deer, newborn moose calves remain in close proximity to their mothers who, in contrast to a white-tailed does, will actively defend calves against danger. An adult cow moose, weighing over 600 pounds will chase, kick and stomp a potential predator, people included. It is illegal to possess most wildlife in Massachusetts. Only when young wildlife are found injured or with their dead mother may the young be assisted, but must then be delivered immediately to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Due to the difficulty in care there are no rehabilitators licensed to care for fawns. Information on young wildlife has been posted at www.masswildlife.org and is also provided at MassWildlife offices. For more information, contact your [local MassWildlife District office](#) or Westborough Field Headquarters.

Second Amendment Foundation Calls for “Waiting Periods” for Press Following Fatal Newsweek Debacle

BELVUE, WA – More than 115 dead or injured, and now a lame “apology” from Newsweek; maybe it is time for the press to accept waiting periods before exercising its First Amendment rights in the same way the press has backed waiting periods on law-abiding Americans before exercising their Second Amendment rights. That’s the observation from the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) now that Newsweek has acknowledged its report about the desecration of the Koran by soldiers at Guantanamo Bay was bogus. “I wonder if Newsweek, or its owner, the Washington Post, would submit all of their stories for FBI clearance before they publish,” said SAF founder Alan Gottlieb. “This irresponsible exercise of the First Amendment freedom of the press has killed and injured more people than Charles Whitman or the Beltway Snipers. “How many times,” Gottlieb wondered, “have Newsweek and The Washington Post advocated waiting periods for law-abiding citizens, who have hurt nobody, before they can buy a firearm? A waiting period amounts to prior restraint by the government. How loud would reporters scream if they faced prior restraint before printing their version of the news? Their double standard is hypocritical. “The Second Amendment is the only civil right in this country that Americans can’t exercise unless they get government permission,” he noted. “A Newsweek story just killed or injured more than 115 people, but they don’t have to face government scrutiny before turning on the press. “Newsweek reporters and editors should be subject to the same kind of ‘cooling-off’ period they advocate for gun buyers,” Gottlieb observed. “In their heated rush to print a sensational story to discredit American soldiers and the Bush Administration, they started a chain reaction that ended in worldwide acts of violence. “The blood is on Newsweek’s hands,” Gottlieb stated. “Their report killed and injured scores of people, yet it is the American gun owner who must endure waiting periods because of an irrational fear that they might commit a crime. Crimes were committed because of Newsweek’s story. People have died.” The Second Amendment Foundation is the nation’s oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group focusing on the Constitutional right and heritage to privately own and possess firearms. Founded in 1974, The Foundation has grown to more than 600,000 members and supporters and conducts many programs designed to better inform the public about the consequences of gun control. SAF has previously funded successful firearms-related suits against the cities of Los Angeles; New Haven, CT; and San Francisco on behalf of American gun owners, a lawsuit against the cities suing gun makers & an amicus brief & fund for the Emerson case holding the Second Amendment as an individual right. The Second Amendment Foundation is the nation’s oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group focusing on the Constitutional right and heritage to privately own and possess firearms. Founded in 1974, The Foundation has grown to more than 600,000 members and supporters and conducts many programs designed to better inform the public about the consequences of gun control. SAF has previously funded successful firearms-related suits against the cities of Los Angeles; New Haven, CT; and San Francisco on behalf of American gun owners, a lawsuit against the cities suing gun makers & an amicus brief & fund for the *Emerson* case holding the Second Amendment as an individual right.

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4th Annual H.S.A Motorcycle & Hot Rod Night — July 6th

**BOSTON
POULTRY &
SMALL STOCK
SHOW**

**SUNDAY
JUNE 12TH**

9:00AM - 1:00PM

**FREE PARKING
FREE ADMISSION**

**REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE**

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June 1, 2005 at the HSA Clubhouse
Trap Shoot 6:30PM, Meeting Starts at 8:00PM***
