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

March 2003

Officers & Directors of the Association for 2003

Results of the election of officers and directors held at the Annual Meeting on February 5, 2003:

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508-881-5383

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- March Meeting Notice -

Next Meeting of the Association Wednesday March 5th

The next meeting of the Association will be held at the clubhouse on Wednesday March 5, 2003. The meeting will start at 8:00PM.

Special Thanks to Outgoing Officers and Directors

The H.S.A. general membership has benefited greatly from the contributions of our outgoing officers and directors. They are: **Rick Rex** treasurer for the past two years, directors **Bill Hawley**, **Bill Hammond**, and **Joe Quintin**. The past two or three years have been busy years for the club and these gentlemen were big contributors of time and energy. Major projects completed during their tenure include improved outside lighting, heating system renovation, and exterior door replacement. Also, the resurrection of the Junior Rifle program was the work of Bill Hammond and Bill Hawley. Next time you see them remember to say thanks.

Junior Conservation Camp is On for 2003

- Campers Needed -

The Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp will be pounding in tent stakes at the Chesterfield Scout Reservation in the western end of the state from Sunday, August 10 through Friday, August 22, 2003. Chesterfield was chosen after an intensive, year-long search, triggered by the loss of the traditional camp facility in Plymouth and Carver. According to MassWildlife Chief of Information and Education Ellie Horwitz, "The Chesterfield Scout Reservation has everything the Junior Conservation Camp needs: space, a pond, target ranges and access to some beautiful areas that will serve as outdoor classrooms. All we need now are the campers, boys and girls age 13 through 17 with an interest in conservation and the environment." The Camp affords an introduction to fish and pond life, forestry, wildlife management and soil conservation and teaches outdoor skills including archery, camping, fishing, orienteering and marksmanship with rifle and shotgun. Traditional camp activities like swimming, boating, crafts, softball and volleyball round out the recreational opportunities. The Holliston Sportsmen's Association will sponsor at least one camper this year so get your candidates into the Board of Directors soon.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4, 11, 18, 25
7:00PM - .22's On Tuesday

March 5
8:00PM - March Meeting

March 6, 13, 20, 27
7:00PM - Firearm Safety Class

March 9, 30
1:00 pm Trap Shooting

March 12 & 19
7:00 PM - Junior Rifle

March 15, 16
Fly Tying

March 22
2:00 - Practical Pistol

March 26
7:30 - Director's Meeting

H.S.A. News & Notes:

Fly Tying Classes Set for March 15th & 16th

Mike Martineck will do a two day session on Sat the 15th and Sun the 16th, 8AM to 11 on Sat / 9 to Noon on Sunday. Fresh water flies, "bread and butter" for spring followed by a session on salt patterns. The patterns that catch fish. He has been from coast to coast doing shows and clubs like ours through out the winter. The cost is \$30 per day or \$55 for both. He will supply materials although tiers should bring thread, cement and some tools if possible. Mike is an outstanding teacher as well as an entertainer. Be prepared to learn and laugh. Sign up with Bill Hammond at (508)429-7171.

Firearm Safety Class Starts in March

Ed Glickman reports that the H.S.A. Firearm Safety Classes will be resuming on Thursdays in March. This class is spread over six two hour sessions that include classroom training and extensive hands on range instruction. The successful student completing the class will receive a certificate of completion that meets the state training requirement for obtaining an F.I.D. or License to Carry. For more information call Ed at 508-881-0850.

Trap Shooting News

The old fashioned New England winter complete with snow, ice and frigid air has made for a quiet time on the trap field. However, Medfield has thrown down the gauntlet again, calling for a match against Holliston's finest trap talent. It is our turn to host this annual event. Two things have to happen first though. We need to get the trap shooters out for a day of brush cutting out in front of the trap house. We also need to get some shooters out to practice. Trap shooters should plan to get organized by getting together after the March meeting to discuss what needs to be done.

PETA EARNS PITY IN WAKE OF BLUNDERS

Gene Mueller - THE WASHINGTON TIMES - February 24, 2003

Pity the animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). Things haven't gone very well of late and poor Ingrid Newkirk, PETA's president, is quickly becoming a candidate for the Guinness Book of World Records because she finds more ways to stick a foot in her mouth than anybody else possibly could. Because of a recent outlandish request and certain statements regarding a donkey that was used by Palestinian terrorists in hopes of blowing up innocent people, Newkirk really owes the people of Israel an apology. The way The Washington Post reported it, late last month members of a violent branch of Yasser Arafat's Fatah Party put a donkey alongside a road between Jerusalem and the West Bank settlement of Gush Etzion. The donkey carried saddlebags filled with deadly explosives and when an Israeli bus passed, the explosives were detonated with a cell phone signal. Nobody on the bus died, but you can imagine what happened to the little jackass. That's what ticked off Newkirk, who contacted Arafat and sort of asked him to tell his terrorists not to use donkeys when it comes to blowing up humans. Mike Bolton, outdoors editor of the Birmingham (Ala.) News, said "PETA animal rights wackos contacted headquarters to demand action," which prompted Newkirk to fire off a letter to Arafat to ask him to please consider how cruel it is to turn a donkey into a walking bomb. "Stop and think about that for a second," wrote Bolton. "Since 2000, 729 Israelis have died in suicide bombings and other terrorist attacks, the Israeli embassy says. [But] it took a dead donkey for some Americans to become concerned enough to take action." Bolton is right. Imagine, an American animal rights activist showing more concern over the death of a donkey than that of hundreds of human beings who are relentlessly and senselessly attacked by terrorists. Wrote Bolton: "PETA members are more concerned over the death of a single ass. I suppose it is human nature to be more concerned about your own kind." As if that weren't enough to give PETA an Excedrin headache, consider the setback it received when James D. Rose, a professor of zoology and physiology at the University of Wyoming, concluded after lengthy study that fish do not feel pain when hooked. In recent years, PETA not only hoped to outlaw recreational hunting, it also began a campaign to stop sport fishing, basing most of its battle against more than 60 million North American anglers on the unfounded belief that fish feel pain, hence suffer cruelly. PETA never was able to separate a fish's ability to feel something touching it from an ability to recognize pain. Said Rose: "Awareness of pain depends on functions of specific regions of the cerebral cortex that fish do not possess." If you missed it, PETA, fish are not capable of feeling pain. And as far as Mr. Rose's views about fishing are concerned, he said he used to be enormously concerned with the welfare of fish, but given his findings he now simply hopes that people worry more about well-managed, clean waters. I guess he figures the fish will take care of themselves if the water is in fine shape. What was PETA's response to the professor's findings? Rather than admit that it might have been wrong, PETA continues to view sport fishing as a barbaric practice — which suits me just fine. If it means that PETA members will stay clear of our already crowded fishing waters, I'll be happy to play the barbarian. (Look for Gene Mueller's Outdoors column every Sunday and Wednesday, and his Fishing Report every Thursday, only in The Washington Times. E-mail: gmueller@washingtontimes.com.)

Practical Pistol Competition Saturday March 22nd

It has been a long time since the H.S.A. has held a practical pistol competition. Saturday March 22nd, at 2:00PM the center fire pistols shall return. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee, with 80% of the pot being awarded to the top gun, and 20% going to off-set the cost of targets. Shooters will need a center fire pistol or revolver, and 50 rounds of ammo. The course of fire will include distances of 5, 7, 10, and 15 yards. Mostly timed and rapid fire sequences, with strong hand and weak hand stages. Targets will be varied to include plates, and the D-1, B-19, and B-27E targets. All shooting will be from the ready position, no drawing from holsters. All stages will be five shots, no speed reloading. If you have done this kind of shooting before you know how much fun it is, and if you have not this is your chance to find out.

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Meeting Starts at 8:00PM