



The Bullet



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

May 2006

MAY MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY MAY 3RD

The May meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday May 3, 2006. Lots of things going on this month. The 2006 Chili Cook-Off will be held this month. This in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Arrive early to sample the various chili entries, and cast your vote for the best chili. Trap shooting before the meetings resumes this month. Shooting starts at 6:30PM. This will be a good time to sign up for the summer trap league, and shoot a few rounds. The meeting will start at 8:00PM. A review the Trout Derby, and April work parties will be topics for discussion. Of course the monthly attendance drawing will be held providing a good chance to win \$30 for those at the meeting.

JUNIOR CONSERVATION CAMP Last Call for Applicants

The H.S.A. is seeking a camper to attend the 2006 Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp. The camp is located in Chesterfield, MA. The dates for this two week live in camp are August 6th to the 18th. The camp is open to boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 17. Conservation subjects taught are Fish and Pond Life, Soil Conservation, and Wildlife Management. Outdoor skills taught are basic camping, fly and spin casting, rifle, shotgun, and orienteering. Campers also complete the Massachusetts Hunter Education Program, and Small Boat Safety Course. For fun, and relaxation the camp offers swimming, fishing, boating, softball, volleyball, and extra time on the shooting ranges. For more information go to the camp website at www.juniorconservationcamp.org. If you know a young person that would like to attend camp let Danny Lee know right away. Registrations are due May 1st. Note that the H.S.A. pays the \$500 tuition for one selected camper.

Middlesex County League of Sportsmen's Clubs Meeting at Holliston May 25th

The M.C.L. May meeting will be held at the clubhouse on Thursday May 25th. All members of the Association are encouraged to attend this meeting. The meeting starts at 7:30PM. Contact Dan Liss for info.

SUMMER TRAP SHOOTING LEAGUE STARTS MAY 3RD

Five members have already signed up for the Summer Trap League at the April meeting. Several more are expected to step forward on May 3rd. 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 will be fired starting at 6:30PM on Wednesday May 3rd before the May meeting. 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.



Did you hear the one about the Dancing Sportsman? There was this Dancing Sportsman see, and he walks into this bar ...

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

May 2006

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Junior Rifle Club	2	3 May Meeting	4	5	6
7	8 Junior Rifle Club	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Junior Rifle Club	16	17 Archery	18	19	20
21 Fly Tying	22 Junior Rifle Club	23	24	25 MCL Meeting	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31 Directors Meeting			

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1, 8, 15, 22
7:00PM Junior Rifle Club

May 3
6:30PM—Trap Shooting
7:00PM—Chili Cook-Off
8:00PM—May Meeting

May 17
7:30PM— Archery

May 21
9:00AM - Fly Tying

May 25
7:30PM - Middlesex County League

May 31
7:30PM - Director's Meeting
New Member Applicant Interviews

Annual H.S.A. Chili Cook-Off 7:00PM May 3rd

In an early celebration of Cinco de Mayo the H.S.A. will once again host a Chili Cook-Off. Members are asked to get out their favorite recipes, and all the secret ingredients to whip up a pot of that special chili. The steam trays will be set up to keep things warm. You should bring enough chili to fill a 9" x 12" aluminum foil pan. The entries will be number coded to hide the chef's identity. Members in attendance will be asked to sample each chili, and vote for their favorite. After the voting the chili will provide the evenings after meeting snack. Come down. Before long we'll be cooking with gas!



Something is missing. The old weeping willows in front of the clubhouse were taken down in April. Bob Murphy did the cutting and the work party crews picked up and hauled away the remains. The trees were planted in the early 1960's by Bill Liscombe. Recently they had posed a threat to the clubhouse so the decision was made to take them down. (Clubhouse April 19, 2006)

Fly Tying
Workshop Scheduled

May 21 - Streamers

Contact Paul Liss for
more Information



Archery Scheduled
3rd Wednesdays

May 17- we're back outside!

Contact Rick Wester for
more Information

House Bill H-4552 Still in Senate

Since early March GOAL's bill, H.4552 "An Act Protecting the Rights of Target Shooters", has been awaiting a vote in the State Senate. The bill is currently in its third reading phase, which is normally the last big hurdle in the legislature before it goes before the Governor. Please contact your state senator and ask them to pass H.4552 with **no amendments** as soon as possible. For residents of Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway, Ashland, Framingham, Natick precincts 1 to 5 and 8, Franklin precincts 1 and 5 to 8 call Karen Spilka at 617-722-1640.

Friends of NRA

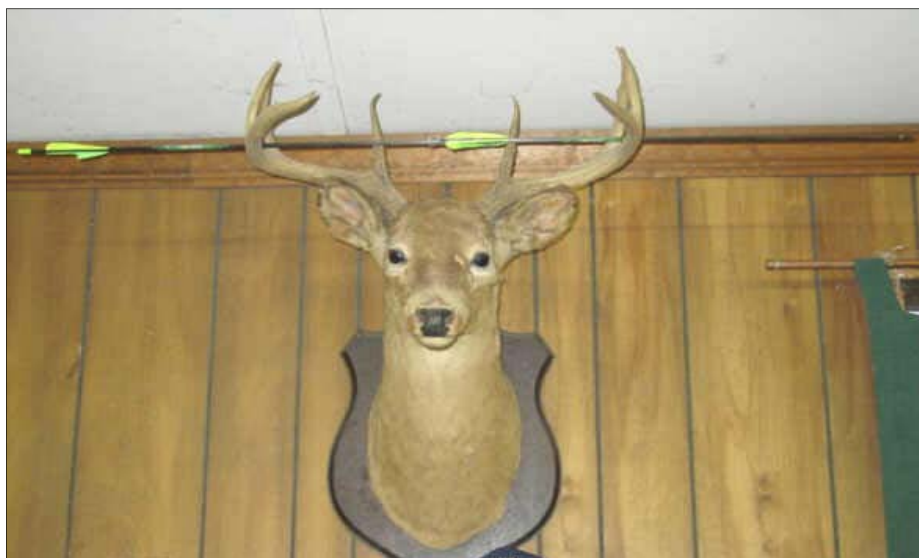
A "Friends of the NRA" banquet for our area is in the early planning stages. The planners need to know how many of our members will pony up \$40 per person, and bring their wife, girl friend, or both to the event. The question that first comes to mind is "Why would I want to put down that kind of money?" The answer is: The monies raised at these events are used to fund grants to shooting clubs like ours. Our Junior Rifle Club could apply for a grant to purchase equipment. If we want to move the trap field, or build an outdoor range we could apply. Keep in mind these are grants, not loans. This is early stage planning right now. The planners just want to determine the interest level at the H.S.A. for now. If you would be interested in attending a Friends of NRA Banquet please contact Rich Girvin.

Archery is Alive and Well at the H.S.A.

The new archery committee chairman Rick Wester hit upon a winner with his idea to use the indoor range for archery during the winter. Roughly ten members and guests have participated in these events. Held on the third Wednesday each month, the evening combines practice, and a little friendly competition. Next event is May 17th. Hopefully we will start on the outside range, and move indoors as the daylight fades. If you have a bow you should come and check this out.



Under the direction of Rick Wester the indoor archery program proved to be quite popular with the members this past winter. Rick, on the left above, and Jim Maxant take aim at the targets suspended down range.



April 19, 2006 - Rick Wester shot this robin hood during the indoor archery shoot. The Robin Hood occurs when a second fired arrow fired hits the same spot as a previous arrow. The second arrow splits the first arrow and becomes lodged in the first arrow. Rick has left this Robin Hood on display at the club.

**MIDDLESEX
 COUNTY
 LEAGUE OF
 SPORTSMEN'S
 CLUBS**

MAY MEETING

**THURSDAY
 MAY 25, 2006
 7:30PM**

**AT THE
 HOLLISTON
 SPORTSMEN'S
 CLUBHOUSE**

**ALL MEMBERS
 INVITED**

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8:00PM May Meeting at the HSA Clubhouse
