



# The Bullet



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

October 2007

## October Meeting Wednesday October 3rd

The October meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday October 3, 2007. Our annual tasting of the new Octoberfest beers starts at 7:00PM. Come early and taste them all, and pick your favorite. The meeting gets underway at 8:00PM. There was no attendance drawing winner in September so the prize is \$60 for October. See you there!

## Cycle for Haylee Bicycle Team Last Call for Riders

For the past few years the H.S.A. has entered a team in the Cycle for Haylee charity ride held each October in Holliston. We started with one rider. The next year we had two riders. Last year we had four riders. Can we double this to eight riders this year? This year the ride will be on Saturday October 6th. The ride starts at 10:00AM at Fatima Shrine, and ends back at Fatima with a big cook-out. The ride raises money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Riders choose either a twelve mile or thirty mile ride. The riders pay \$25, the club pays \$25. If you can get your employer to sponsor you go for it. Contact Alan Lisak or Rich Girvin for additional information on the CFH ride.

## 2nd Annual Blackstone Valley Friends of NRA Banquet Saturday October 20 in Westborough

The second annual Blackstone Valley Friends of NRA Banquet will be held on Saturday October 20, 2007 at the K of C hall in Westborough. Doors open at 6:00PM. From 6:00 to 7:30PM you can play games of chance, enter raffles, and make silent auction bids. Prizes range from fine jewelry, and art, to fine firearms. From 7:30 to 9:30 there will be a live auction featuring a wide range of interesting items for sportsmen. The committee has retained the same caterer they used last year. Those that attended last years banquet will tell you that the food was excellent. The banquet raises funds for the NRA Foundation. 100% of the money raised goes to support the shooting sports. 50% of the money raised in Massachusetts is returned to Massachusetts clubs in the form of grants. In May of this year **the Holliston Sportsmen's Assn. received a grant from the NRA Foundation for \$2090.00** that was used to purchase new target rifles for our Junior Rifle Club. Dinner tickets are \$30 each. Raffle ticket packages are either \$50, or \$100. There is also a "Big Shooter Package" for \$110 that includes a \$30 dinner and the \$100 raffle ticket package for a \$20 savings. The banquet is a nice night out, provides a chance to win rifles, pistols, and shotguns, and the funds raised go to a great cause. Dinner tickets, and Gun of the Year raffle tickets will be on sale at the H.S.A. October 3rd meeting. Tickets are advance sale only. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contact Rich Girvin for tickets, or more information.

### 2002 Big Fish Tournament Leader Board (as of 9/25/07)

Category	1st Place Gold Pin	2nd Place Silver Pin	3rd Place Bronze Pin
Trout / Salmon	Luke Spina	Tom Jurchak	open
Largemouth Bass	Jim Maxant	Rich Girvin	Ed Glickman
Smallmouth Bass	Malcolm Gibson	Rich Girvin	open
Striped Bass	Malcolm Gibson	open	open
Bluefish	open	open	open

Stay up to date ! See the H.S.A. on-line at [www.hsaneews.com](http://www.hsaneews.com)

# October 2007

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

	1 Junior Rifle	2	3 October Meeting	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Junior Rifle	16	17	18	19 Firearm Safety Class	20 Firearm Safety Class
21 Trap Shoot	22 Junior Rifle	23 HAPD Qualify	24	25	26	27
28	29 Junior Rifle	30 HAPD Qualify	31 Directors Meeting			

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1, 15, 22, 29  
7:00PM  
Junior Rifle Club

October 3  
8:00PM  
October meeting of the Association

October 19  
5:00 / 10:00PM  
Firearm Safety Training

October 20  
8:00AM / 7:00PM  
Firearm Safety Training

October 21  
1:00PM  
H.S.A. Trap Championship

October 23, 30  
5:00 / 10:00PM  
HAPD Qualify - indoor range closed

October 31  
Director's Meeting  
New member applicants interviewed.

## H.S.A. Obituaries

### Ray Thatcher

NORTHBOROUGH - Raynor M. Thatcher, 82, of Northborough, formerly of Berlin and Sherborn, died Monday, Sept. 17, 2007, following a short illness. Ray was a life member and past president of the Holliston Sportsman's Association. Ray joined the H.S.A. shortly after his tour of duty in world war two. He was very active in trap shooting, and the Tuesday night target pistol group. Ray also ran the Junior Rifle club for many years. Ray was present at almost every work party from 1950 through the mid eighties. Ray was a key player in shaping the Association as we know it today. He was also a member of the Southborough Rod and Gun Club Inc., life member of Gun Owners Action League, and a life member of the National Rifle Association. He was a longtime instructor of hunter's education for the state.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Kidney Association, 11 Vanderbilt Ave., Suite 105, Norwood, MA 02062.

### Dave Freeman

SHERBORN - David C. Freeman, 75, of Sherborn, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007 at St. Patrick's Manor in Framingham. A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Class of 1953, Dave was an electrical engineer involved with computer programming at Harvard Medical School for 40 years prior to his retirement. Upon retirement Dave became an active member of the Association. Until recent health issues slowed him down he was a willing contributor at work parties, and a regular at Association functions where he entertained with his quick wit. Dave was an old school shooter of the .38 revolver. A fixture at monthly meetings, he took great pleasure in winning more than his fair share of attendance prize drawings.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Natick Visiting Nurse Association, 209 West Central St., Natick, MA 01760; or the Pilgrim Church, 25 South Main St., Sherborn, MA 01770.

## Indoor Range Fee Amended

Following an interesting discussion at the September meeting President Mayti announced that the voluntary range donation has been reinstated. The mandatory fee announced last month has been repealed. Beginning on September 1st a suggested range fee donation of \$2.00 per shooting session on the indoor range is requested from members and guests. The directors are hoping this action will help off-set the cost of maintaining the range. We had a scrap metal service come in during July to safely remove the accumulated lead in the Bullet trap. The cost was \$500. The voluntary \$1.00 donations are not keeping up with costs. Your cooperation with this increase is required to maintain a safe and efficient indoor range operation.

## Big Fish Tournament Entries Needed

Members with photos of fish caught this year should get their entries in for the tournament. Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, trout or salmon, bluefish and striped bass are the categories. So far two entries in the trout category have been received. We have two entrants in the largemouth bass division. Only one smallmouth, and one striper photo have been received. No bluefish entries at all yet. We need a photo, the date caught, and the length in inches.

### H.S.A Junior Rifle Club

Firearm safety and four position marksmanship training for youngsters twelve and older. Monday nights at the club. Contact Rich Girvin for information.

## Firearm Safety Class October 19 & 20

H.S.A. Chief Instructor Ed Glickman has reserved the indoor range from 5:00PM on Friday 10/19 to 7:00PM on Saturday 10/20. A firearm safety training class is being held. The class is open to the public. Contact Ed Glickman for information.

## Trap Championship Sunday October 21st



This year's H.S.A. Trap Championship match will be held on October 21st. Start time is 1:00PM. Seventy-five Targets at 16 yards. This is the second of six ARBS events. The trap committee will have ammo on sale for the match. Contact Rich Daley for more information.

## All Around Best Shooter Competitions & Club Championship Matches Starting in September

The 2007 Championship Series and ARBS matches will be starting up in September. The tentative schedule is:

October 21, Sunday

9:00AM - Archery - 30 arrows 3D and field targets;

1:00PM - Trap Shooting - 75 Targets at 16 Yards;

November 4, Sunday @ 1:00PM

Target Pistol - National Gallery 900 match @ 50ft indoors;

December 2, Sunday @ 1:00PM

Action Pistol - 48 shots, various distances, 9mm minimum caliber;

December 16, Sunday @ 1:00PM

10m Air Pistol - 60 shots on the B-40 target, .177 caliber pellets;

January 6, 2007, Sunday @ 1:00PM

Light Rifle - 900 3 Position - 90 shots on the A-32 target;

Firearms and ammo will be provided for any member interested in trying out these events. The events provide an entertaining series of matches, and a easy going competitive atmosphere. The All Round Best Shooter is determined by calculating the percentage of points scored in the above events and averaging the top four scores for each shooter to arrive at a combined four event score. The top combined score wins the ARBS Title. The winner of each match will have their name engraved on the Championship Plaque on display in the clubhouse trophy case. All awards are presented at the Annual Meeting in February. This could be your year to win big. Give it a shot.

## 2007 Archery Championship Postponed to Sunday October 21st



Time to dust off the bow, and stretch out those arm and shoulder muscles. The 2007 H.S.A. Club Championship match is coming up on Sunday October 21st. Start time is 9:00AM. The course of fire includes a mix of field targets, and 3D targets. The ranges vary from 10 to 35 yards. The terrain also varies, and includes open field, woods, level, downhill and uphill shots. This will be a 30 shot event. The winners name will be engraved on the Championship plaque on display in the trophy case. This event is the first in the six event ARBS competition. Contact Rick Wester for additional information on this match.

**H.S.A. Events**

**2007  
ARCHERY  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**9:00AM  
Sunday October 21st**

**2007  
TRAP CHAMPIONSHIP**

**1:00PM  
Sunday October 21st**

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**Wednesday October 3, 2007 Meeting Reminder:  
7:00PM - Annual Oktoberfest Beer Tasting  
8:00PM - October Meeting at the HSA Clubhouse**

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