



The Bullet



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

May 2004

May Meeting Notice

May Meeting Falls on the 5th - Viva Cinco de Mayo! Bring your Best Chili Recipe

The next meeting of the Association is scheduled for Wednesday May 5, 2004 at 8:00PM. Start fine tuning your best chili recipe. The meeting of the Association will feature a chili contest before the meeting as part of an overall Cinco de Mayo theme. We will also have a Mexican Beer Tasting event. Tasters will evaluate five fine cervezas. After the meeting enjoy a sip of Patron and a fine Mexican cigar. Long live the Revolution! Things get underway at 6:30PM with trap shooting, and horseshoes, and chili. So, why does Mexico celebrate Cinco de Mayo? And why should Americans savor this day as well? Because 4,000 Mexican soldiers smashed the French and traitor Mexican army of 8,000 at Puebla, Mexican, 100 miles east of Mexico City on the morning of May 5, 1862. At the end of the Civil War Union forces were rushed to the Texas/Mexican border under General Phil Sheridan, who made sure that the Mexicans got all the weapons and ammunition they needed to expel the French. That's why Cinco de Mayo is such a party -- A party that celebrates freedom and liberty, two ideals which Mexicans and Americans have fought shoulder to shoulder to protect, ever since the 5th of May, 1862. So come out to the club on May 5th, shoot guns in the air (trap shoot), drink Mexican beer (after shooting), and shout "VIVA! el CINCO DE MAYO!!".

Archery Event May 19th

A bow hunters archery competition is planned for Wednesday May 19th. This will be a fifteen arrow shoot using various distances ranging between 10 and 35 yards. The course will use field and 3D targets. There will be some elevation changes in the terrain. The match will start at 6:30PM and end by dusk. There will be a \$10 entry fee. The archer firing the top score will be awarded a high quality hunting knife as 1st Prize.

Trap News - The Dark Season Comes to an End Evening Trap Shooting Scheduled

- Starting at the May 5th meeting evening Trap shooting returns to the H.S.A. Plans are to shoot on the first and last Wednesdays through the summer. Shoots start at 6:30PM and run until dusk. Guns and coaching will be provided for members wanting to give trap a try. A round of twenty-five targets is \$9. If you bring your own ammo the cost is \$3 for targets.
- **Trap Shooting Clinic** - L.A. Jones is putting together an all day trap shooting clinic at Maspenock. L.A. is inviting H.S.A members to attend. He has retained a professional instructor for this event. This is a great chance to learn from a pro. Cost is expected to be about \$50 plus ammo and targets. Contact L.A. (508-478-8252, lajtax@comcast.net) for more information.

Light Rifle / Any Rifle Silhouette Match Wednesday May 12

A .22 caliber rifle match is planned for Wednesday evening May 12. There will be two divisions, Light Rifle and any rifle. Three position, 20 shots each position on the T-14 target. Five chickens, five pigs, five turkeys, five rams. A \$10 entry fee will create a pot to be split 1/3 to Light Rifle winner, 1/3 to Any Rifle winner, 1/3 to the H.S.A. See the match bulletin on page three for details.

Take a Kid Fishing
H.S.A. TROUT DERBY

MAY 1st

Breakfast 6:00AM, Fish 7:00AM

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

May 2004

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1 - TROUT DERBY
 6:00AM - Breakfast & Sign Up
 7:00AM - Fishing Starts
 11:00AM - Prizes Awarded

MAY 5
 6:30PM - Trap Shooting
 8:00PM - May Meeting

May 12
 7:00PM - Rifle Silhouette Match

May 19
 6:30PM - Archery Shoot

May 26
 6:30PM - Trap Shooting
 7:30PM - Director's Meeting

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From the Pages of History

By Joanne Hulbert
 From The Milford Daily News
 Monday June 26, 1939:

Holliston Club Sets World Record

HOLLISTON, June 26—Dick Shaughnessy of Dedham led the Hilltop squad of this town to the championship title in the concluding day of the Great Eastern Skeet shoot in Stratford, Ct., yesterday. Holliston team had a total of 499 out of a possible 500, in a field of 260 shooters gathered from all parts of the country. In the shoot-off for individual honors the Dedham lad came through by breaking 25 straight. The Holliston club, considered a dark horse early, establishes a new world's record with its score.

Holliston vs. Medfield Trap Shooting Competition

The Annual Medfield / Holliston Trap Shoot was an embarrassing experience this year. A grand total of five members showed up to represent the H.S.A., and we lost by the largest margin ever. L.A. Jones shooting a 45 was the only good thing that happened this year. Otherwise it was just embarrassing. Congratulations to L.A., and to the 30 or so fine shooters from the Medfield Sportsmen's Club. See scoring summary below.

HOLLISTON	MEDFIELD
L.A. Jones - 45	John Orinco - 47
Lenny Stackpole - 39	Ed Mitiguy - 46
Don Hastings - 35	Dave Downing - 46
Bruce Hastings - 31	Rich Luongo—45
Rich Girvin - 31	John Meinike- 45
H.S.A Total = 181	Medfield Total = 229

Have You Paid Your 2004 Membership Dues?

The By-Laws of the Association state:

“Any member who is delinquent in dues on the second Monday in May shall be so advised by the Secretary, or the designated alternate, and informed that unless said member is in good standing at the regular June meeting action will then be taken on delinquent members.”

Coming in June:

H.S.A. Goes Bass Fishing at Lake Winthrop June 6, 2004

On Sunday evening June 6th, 2004 the H.S.A. will host a members only bass fishing tournament at Lake Winthrop. This event coincides with Free Fishing Weekend sponsored by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. That means no Mass Fishing license is required. Members with small boats or canoes are encouraged to participate. Look for details in the June issue of *The Bullet*.

Pistol Competition 3 Gun 900 Match - June 22

A Three Gun 900 Match will be held on Tuesday evening June 22nd. The match will combine three 300 matches. The first stage will be a .22 caliber 300. The second stage will be a centerfire revolver 300. The third stage is a centerfire pistol 300. Members may shoot any one or two stages or all three. An official match bulletin will be published in the June issue of *The Bullet*.

H.S.A. Official Match Bulletin

Holliston Sportsmen's Association Light Rifle / Any Rifle Silhouette Match May 12, 2004 - 7:00PM

Competition Open to: All H.S.A. Senior and Life Members.

Entry Fee: \$10

Awards: Over all winner (highest combined score of three stages) of Light Rifle Division wins 1/3 of entry fees. Over all winner (highest combined score of three stages) of Any Rifle Division wins 1/3 of entry fees.

NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules rev. 6/1/2001 Apply. Section 22 – Light Rifle Rules

Course of fire:

All stages will use the NRA TQ-14 Silhouette Rifle Target at 50 feet on the indoor range. All stages will consist of 20 shots (5 chickens, 5 pigs, 5 turkeys, 5 rams). Time for each stage is 1 minutes per record shot (20 minutes). No fouling or sighting shots allowed within the 20 minutes.

Stage 1 Prone (rule 5.6): 20 shots.

Stage 2 Kneeling (rule 5.10): 20 shots.

Stage 3 Standing (rule 5.12) except that for the light rifle division the forward hand must be extended so that the forward arm does not touch or rest against the body. 20 shots.

2. Rifles:

Light Rifle – Any rifle chambered for .22 caliber rimfire rifle cartridge only, a trigger pull of not less than two pounds, and weighs not more than 8 ½ pounds complete with sights and magazine. An adjustable butt plate placed in the center position may be used and adjustable or custom butt plates shall not extend beyond the top or bottom of the stock and shall not exceed a maximum length of six inches. Barrel weights must evenly surround the barrel and not hang below. Slings, palm rests, schuetzen type butt plates, and electric or adjustable fore-end bedding devices are not permitted. Any sights (rule 3.7c) will be used as long as total weight of rifle and sights does not exceed 8 ½ pounds. An eye shield may be attached to the rear sight.

Any Rifle - Any rifle chambered for .22 caliber rimfire rifle cartridge only. An adjustable butt plate may be used. Barrel weights may evenly surround the barrel or hang below. Slings, palm rests, schuetzen type butt plates, and electric or adjustable fore-end bedding devices are permitted. Any sights (rule 3.7c) may be used. An eye shield may be attached to the rear sight.

The same rifle must be used for all stages of the match except in the case of a disabled rifle or malfunction, when competitors may change rifles with range officer permission.

3. Clothing – Padding is permitted on the shoulders and elbows of the shooting coat provided no padding extends below four inches from the elbow joint. The coat may be to a maximum of hip length with no straps or other provisions for tightening, or constructed with any material intended to make the shoulders or other parts more rigid. Shoes shall be a matched pair and not designed or altered in any way so as to provide artificial support. Gloves are not permitted.

TROUT DERBY

**SATURDAY
MAY 1, '04**

**6:00AM BREAKFAST
7:00AM FISHING STARTS
11:00AM PRIZES
AWARDED**

**ROUND UP THE KIDS AND
BRING THEM OUT TO THE
H.S.A. TROUT POND FOR A
MORNING OF FISHING.
LOTS OF PRIZES!
LOTS OF FISH!**

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***Meeting Reminder:
Wednesday May 5, 2004 at the HSA Clubhouse
Trap Shooting at 6:30PM, Meeting Starts at 8:00PM***