



The Bullet



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

November 2003

Jim Maxant takes 2003 Archery Championship



The first 2003 Championship events was held on October 19, 2003. The winner was Jim Maxant with an overall score of 176 of a possible 200 points. The top five positions were:

Rank	Name	Score
1	J.Maxant	176
2	R.Wester	162
3	R.Girvin	150
4	G.Ribbe	138
5	L.Perlmutter	134

November Meeting Notice November 5th

The first Wednesday of the month falls on November 5th. That is when the next meeting of the Association will be held. A 10m Air Pistol Warm-up match will be held before the meeting starting at 6:30PM.. This will be a 50/50 event with a \$5 entry fee. The winner takes half the pot and the club takes half. Pistols, pellets, and targets will be provided. The meeting starts at 8:00PM. There will be an attendance prize drawing for \$20. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. Be there.

Trap Championship For 2003 goes to Dana Stagg

The 2003 Trap Championship held on Sunday October 26th was won by Dana Stagg. A combination of rain, high winds, and blowing leaves made for an interesting shoot. The top five positions were:

Rank	Name	Score
1	D.Stagg	39
2	G.Ribbe	38
3	M.Gibson	37
4	B.Hastings	33
5	R.Girvin	29

Club Championships And ARBS Schedule Practical Pistol & Target Pistol Coming Up

The following schedule lists the upcoming Club Championship events:

Practical Pistol
Sunday 11/9/2003 - 1:00PM

Target Pistol
Sunday 11/23/2003 - 1:00PM

Air Pistol
Wednesday 12/3/03 - 6:30PM

Light Rifle
Sunday 1/11/04 - 1:00PM

Two more Club Championships are coming up in November. On November 9th the Practical Pistol event, and on the 23rd Target Pistol. For Practical Pistol shooters will need a centerfire pistol and 50 rounds of ammo. The course of fire will use several different target and distance combinations. The Target Pistol Championship will be a standard National Match 900 course of fire. Participants will need a target pistol and 90 rounds of ammo. Both events offer a friendly, low pressure opportunity to enjoy shooting competition. Come out and give it a try.



October 26, 2003 - Bruce Hastings participates in the H.S.A. 2003 Trap Shooting Championship. High winds and rain made for tough shooting.

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

November 2003

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 Trap Shoot	3 Junior Rifle	4 Target Pistol	5 November Meeting	6 Firearm Safety	7	8
9 Practical Pistol	10 Junior Rifle	11 Target Pistol	12	13	14	15
16	17 Junior Rifle	18 Target Pistol	19 Work Party	20	21	22
23 Target Pistol	24 Junior Rifle	25 Target Pistol	26 Director's Meeting	27	28	29
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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2

1:00PM - Trap Shooting

November 3, 10, 17, 27

7:00PM - Junior Rifle Club

November 4, 11, 18, 25

7:00PM - .22 cal. 300 Match

November 5

6:30PM - 10m Air Pistol

8:00PM - November Meeting

November 6 - 7:00PM

Firearm Safety -

November 9

1:00PM - Practical Pistol

November 19 - 6:30PM

Work Party

November 23

1:00PM - Practical Pistol

November 26

7:30PM - Director's Meeting

Small Bore Pistol 300 Match

Every Tuesday @ 7:00PM

Don Hastings reports that the smallbore pistol matches have resumed on Tuesday evenings. Each Tuesday at 7:00PM members and guests are invited to participate in a National 300 Match for .22 caliber pistols. The course of fire is 10 shots slow fire on the B2 target, 10 shots timed fire, and ten shots rapid fire on the B3 target. Distance is 50 feet for all stages. The event takes about an hour to complete. Shoot the 300 on Tuesday the 4th, 11th, 18th on November and you will be well prepared for the Championship event on Sunday November 23rd. Contact Don for more information at 508-429-5155.

2003 ARBS STANDINGS

(after 2 of 6 events)

RANK	NAME	ARCHERY	TRAP	COMBINED SCORE
1	D.Stagg	DNS	78	78
2	M.Gibson	DNS	74	74
3	G.Ribbe	69	76	72.5
4	L.Perlmutter	67	DNS	67
5	R.Girvin	75	58	66.5
6	B.Hastings	DNS	66	66
7	J.Maxant	88	36	62
8	R.Wester	81	30	55.5

Federal order curtails fall pheasant hunt at Seashore

By CONOR BERRY- STAFF WRITER - CAPE COD TIMES

SOUTH WELLFLEET - This year's pheasant hunt at the Cape Cod National Seashore has been canceled. Following a federal order issued last month, Seashore Superintendent Maria Burks said the six-week hunt, which was slated to begin this weekend, has been called off pending the outcome of an environmental study of all Seashore hunting programs. For decades, farm-raised pheasants have been brought to the Seashore and released for the annual fall hunt, which this year would have lasted until Nov. 29. Meanwhile, National Park Service officials have made it clear that all other Seashore hunting programs will continue as scheduled, even though they will be included in the study. "The prohibition affects only pheasant hunting at this time, and hunting of other game species is allowed in accordance with existing state and federal regulations," Seashore Deputy Superintendent Mike Murray said in a statement Friday. On Sept. 26, U.S. District Court Judge Patti B. Saris halted the age-old pheasant hunt until the Park Service determines if it is harmful to the environment. Saris also ordered the Park Service to gauge whether the Seashore's other programs are deleterious to the environment. Those hunting programs include duck, rabbit, grouse, fox, coyote and deer, among others. "The ineluctable conclusion is that research and evaluation of the environmental effects of hunting have been put on the back burner for two decades," Saris wrote in her 30-page decision. The Humane Society of the United States, The Fund For Animals and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - all of which had sued the Park Service to ban the pheasant hunt on the grounds that it was inhumane - viewed the federal order as a major victory. The animal rights groups had argued that the agency violated federal environmental laws by failing to conduct detailed studies on the impact of hunting in the Seashore. "The National Park Service will now need to address the legitimate concerns brought forward by the numerous Cape Codders who oppose pheasant stocking," said Jessica Almy, wildlife advocate at the West Barnstable-based Cape Wildlife Center, a program of the Humane Society. The judge specifically ordered the Park Service to discontinue the hunting of non-native ring-necked pheasants, hundreds of which are trucked to the Seashore each fall, set free, then hunted. Critics of the hunt have likened it to shooting fish in a barrel. Massachusetts began stocking pheasants in 1906, releasing about 40,000 statewide each year. The Park Service did not say when the environmental assessment would be completed. (Published: October 21, 2003) Copyright © Cape Cod Times. All rights reserved.

Building & Grounds Work Party November 19th

A work party will be held on November 19th, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Only three members showed up for the October work party. Everybody must have stayed home to watch the Red Sox. Well, that's over. So why not come out and help out at the club. This is another good chance to earn work assessment credits before the end of the year. Primary tasks will be to continue repairs to the ceilings in the main hall and hallway into the kitchen. Bring a step ladder if you can, putty knife, sand paper and sanding blocks. If we get a good turn out we should be ready to paint next month. See you all there.



Junior Rifle Club - Spencer Stone (center) got the season off to a good start by completing the requirements for Sharpshooter Bar 2. Andrew Foster (left), and Alex Weare (right) are also second year junior shooters.

A.R.B.S. Events

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 9TH
PRACTICAL
PISTOL**

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 23RD
TARGET PISTOL**

**YOU MUST SHOOT IN AT
LEAST 4 EVENTS TO
CONTEND FOR THE
ALL ROUND BEST
SHOOTER TITLE.
ONLY 4 EVENTS LEFT
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***Meeting Reminder:
Wednesday November 5, 2003 at the HSA Clubhouse
Meeting Starts at 8:00PM , 10m Air Pistol at 6:30PM***