



# The Bullet



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

October 2003

## Club Championships And ARBS Proposed Schedule

The following schedule is tentative at this time. If you wish to compete in an event but cannot make the date shown here come to the October meeting. We may be able to reschedule the event.

**Archery - 10/19/2003**

**Trap - 10/26/2003**

**Practical Pistol - 11/16/2003**

**Target Pistol - 11/23/2003**

**Air Pistol - 12/3/2003**

**Light Rifle - 1/11/2004**

## Oktoberfest Beer Taste & Judge at the H.S.A. October Meeting

Another first for the H.S.A. We will be having an Oktoberfest Beer Tasting at the October meeting. From 7:00PM to 8:00PM come and sample each of about a half dozen Oktoberfest beers. You be the judge. Which brewer has crafted the finest beer of the season? Participants will be asked to judge the various brews for appearance, head, aroma, taste, and after taste. Then rank the beers. Which brew will win the most unknown award in the brewing industry, the H.S.A. Gold Medal? You decide.

## October Meeting Notice October 1st

Keep track of the dates. The first Wednesday of the month falls on October 1st. That is when the next meeting of the Association will be held. With the approach of the dark season there will be no trap shooting before the meeting. However, there will be an Oktoberfest Beer Tasting and judging from 7:00 to 8:00PM. Come early and sample several different Oktoberfest beers, and help select the H.S.A. gold medal winner. The meeting will feature a recap of the clambake and raffle profit / loss statements. The ARBS competition schedule of events will be reviewed. There will be an attendance prize drawing for \$10. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. See you there.

## Raffle Prize Winners

First Prize, the Kayak was won by **Joanne Hulbert** our club Secretary.. Second prize, a \$50 gift certificate to the Outdoor Store, was won by **the Brooks Family** of Holliston. Third prize, a \$25 Outdoor Store gift certificate was won by **Paul Aspell** of Natick. Thanks to all who participated in the raffle.

## L.A. Jones Captures H.S.A. 2003 Horseshoe Championship

Several members participated in the H.S.A. 2003 Horseshoe Championships held during the clambake. Repeating as Champion again this year was L.A.Jones. Al Lisak provided stiff competition in the final round but in the end L.A. prevailed. It seems L.A. slings horseshoes as well as he does horse\*!\*!. Way to go L.A.



Runner up Al Lisak (l) offers congratulations to 2003 Horseshoe Champ L.A. Jones

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# October 2003

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12	13	14 .22 cal. Pistol	15 Work Party	16 Firearm Safety	17	18
19 Archery Champs	20 Junior Rifle	21 .22 cal. Pistol	22	23 GOAL RALLY	24	25
26 Trap Champs	27 Junior Rifle	28 .22 cal. Pistol	29 Directors Meeting	30	31	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 1**  
7:00PM—Oktoberfest  
8:00PM - October Meeting

**October 2, 9, 16**  
7:00PM - Firearm Safety Class

**October 7, 14, 21, 28**  
7:00PM - .22 cal. 300 Match

**October 15**  
6:30PM Work Party

**October 19 - 1:00PM**  
Archery Championship

**October 20, 27**  
7:00PM - Junior Rifle Club

**October 26 - 1:PM**  
Trap Championship

**October 29**  
7:30PM - Director's Meeting

## How Do You Want To Pay For This? - Revisited

In the *Bullet* several issues ago the question was posed "How do you want to pay for this?" . We discussed the repairs that have been made to the clubhouse, and the upcoming expenses coming along. It was suggested that we could increase dues. It was suggested that members might want to support fund raisers like the clambake. Well the membership has spoken. Less than 20% of the membership took part in the Clambake. We tried a raffle, asking for a \$5 donation from members for a book of 6 tickets. A small group of dedicated members made the \$5 donation, and then went out and sold many more books of tickets to friends and family. Their effort almost made up for the 80% of you who were not able to make a \$5 donation and return the tickets we sent to you. There has not been a dues increase for membership for about 20 years. The time has come. The cost of insurance has gone up, oil heat has gone up, electricity up, phone bill up, mowing the lawn up. Dues the same. Upcoming expenses: new roof \$10,000, new windows \$2500, parking lot maintenance \$20,000, electric panel upgrade \$800, willow tree take down and replace \$2000. All of this is just to stay where we are. Significant improvements like upgrading the bullet trap on the indoor range, or building a club room that is separate from the range, or trout pond improvements are not possible with the current dues structure. What about the work assessment fee? Well it does not cover the ongoing expenses, and it has not motivated many members to come and help out at the club. Work parties this year have seen around 5 members show up. The same 5 every time. These 5 guys cannot undertake major projects. We will have to hire pro's. So the question has been answered. The annual dues will be going up. The next question is "How much?". We will be doing an analysis of ongoing costs, and planning outlays for major expenses. We expect to go to at least \$80. It could be more. If you have any comment or concerns regarding a dues increase please come to a meeting before the bills for dues go out in January. In hind sight we probably should have upped the dues by 5\$ each year for the past 10 years.

## Thursday October 23rd is G.O.A.L.'s Rally Day at the Statehouse

Gun Owners's Action League is sponsoring a State House Rally and lobbying day for Massachusetts Gun Owners on Thursday October 23rd. As a Massachusetts gun owner you should be tired off being singled out for special treatment. A few years ago an F.I.D. was \$5 and issued for "life". Now, \$75 for 4 years. Try to name any other user group that has received a financial slap in the face like this. And oh by the way, all restrictions on firearm ownership are illegal under the U.S. Constitution. Unfortunately most gun owners take this crap lying down. Go to the state house. Visit your State Senator. Visit your Sate Representative. This would be a good time to lobby for S.2061 a bill that reinstitutes "issued for life". See [www.goal.org](http://www.goal.org) for more info.

## Celebrate Holliston Booth Proves to be Great Advertising for the H.S.A.

Joe Parks and Matt Sheen put together a great booth for Celebrate Holliston. They gave out helium balloons with the club name and address printed on them. This was a big hit with the kids. The Kayak Raffle was also a popular draw for the booth. They distributed information on the club and answered questions about the club all day. Doug Brown, Dana Stagg, Ed Glickman, and Rich Girvin each helped out a little during the day. Several thousand people came by and saw the club name and emblem prominently displayed on the banner Joe had made up for the front of the booth. Nice work guys!

## Junior Rifle Club Seeking Youngsters 11 - 17 Years Old

Junior Rifle Club registration takes place on Monday September 29th at 7:00PM. Juniors will meet each Monday from 7:00 to 9:00PM except no school days due to holidays, vacations, or inclement weather. Basic firearm safety, and marksmanship skills are taught by NRA certified instructors, and range safety officers. Young shooters participate in the NRA Smallbore Rifle awards program, earning achievement certificates and awards. We use the four position (prone, sitting, kneeling, standing) course of fire. Parents are **strongly** encouraged to participate in the program by scoring targets, controlling ammo distribution, entering scores in log books, and generally offering support for the young shooters. Registration is only \$10, and there is a \$2 fee each week for ammo and targets. A parent or guardian must attend registration to sign a consent / waiver form. For information contact Rich Girvin at 508-429-1404.

## Building & Grounds Work Party October 15th

A work party will be held on October 15th, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. 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.



Celebrate Holliston Fair - Matt Sheen works the H.S.A. information booth at Celebrate Holliston on September 20, 2003.

# Oktoberfest

**BEER TASTING &  
JUDGING**

**OCTOBER 1ST  
BEFORE  
THE MEETING**

**HELP SELECT THE  
H.S.A.  
GOLD MEDAL  
WINNER**

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**Meeting Reminder:  
Wednesday October 1, 2003 at the HSA Clubhouse  
Meeting Starts at 8:00PM**