

President's Update

-By Bill Ahearn

Hello everyone, Things have been busy at the club. Thanks to everyone who came to the Recreational Fire and Game Supper. We have planned a grounds clean-up day on Saturday, March 30th at 9 am. We will have a rain date of Saturday, April 6th. Please bring your rake, leaf blower, gloves, etc. and come down to give us a hand, this is a great way for new members to get hours and current members to give back to your club. Please call me if you have any questions at 508-400-5986.

Vice Presidents Update

-By David Manseau

Greetings Everyone,

I would like to thank everyone who helped me in the kitchen for the recreational fire. The lighting fixtures have been replaced in the pool table area. Now the downstairs has all LED lighting.

From our Treasurer

-By Alison Ahearn

Hello everyone, Singletary Rod and Gun Club is extremely excited to be sponsoring 2 campers between the ages of 13-17 for the 2024 Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp. We received 2 letters this year and are thrilled to be sending both kids to camp!

We look forward to hearing about the 2 campers experience after their trip in August.



Above: Attendees at the Game Dinner! Thanks to all those that helped make this event a great success!

Membership Update

-By Kristine Smith

Hi everyone, I have looked into a few membership software programs, and we hope to be implementing one in the upcoming months. The goal is to have a place where members will be able to update their contact information real time, renew dues electronically, see events, etc.

We will be accepting new members at the March 8th General Assembly Meeting. I will also be pulling 20 cards from the membership wheel; the pot is worth \$100. You must be at the meeting to win except for the downstairs bartender.

Over the next couple of months, I will be working on realigning member numbers based on years of membership for 2025. Members who have 5+ years of membership will have a number under 499 with members under 5 years of membership having numbers over 500. I understand people might have a number that means something to them or was handed down from a family member, these numbers will be honored as part of the realignment, and many are already noted in our membership system.

Please call or text me at 978-804-3692 with any questions.



Above: It was great to see so many participants at the Winter Fishing Derby! Below: Winning Trout



Bar News

-By Ron Normandin, Bar Manager

Hi all, We had a very busy and successful February, the Giant Meat Raffle, The Recreational Fire and the Game Dinner all went above and beyond what was expected, with profit and volunteers. We are looking at a very busy March and are looking for volunteers. Thank you to everyone. Any questions please call 774-272-1270.

Fish News

-By Al Walker, Fish Chairman

For the first time in several years, our winter derby was an actual ice fishing derby. The sun was shining and we enjoyed a wonderful day on the ice. As a result of pre-selling breakfast tickets, we were able to make a profit on the food and prevent wasting it. Tickets for the spring derby breakfast will be on sale at the bar one month prior to the derby. I was asked the question, what if I buy a ticket for \$8.00 and then can't make the derby? I will return your money if you wish. Any questions give me a call at 508-980-9112.



Pictured: Pat Salvas and Peg Ricciardi at the Recreational Fire.

Archery News

-By Cole Bromley

The Spaghetti Dinner to support the Youth Archery League will be on Saturday, March 23rd. Cocktails start at 5 pm with dinner being served at 6 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 ages 6-12, kids under 5 eat free! Tickets are available at the bar. Please reach out to me if you have any questions at 774-482-0597.

Rifle Range News

-By Tom Dolan, Range Chairman

Results of this month's rifle range shoots. February 2024.

On 2/11/2024, We held a pistol shoot for both rimfire and centerfire pistols. The winners for the rimfire shoot are 1st - Tom Dolan, 2nd - Don Almstrom, 3rd - Steve Virgillio. The winners for the centerfire shoot are 1st - Tom Monfreda, 2nd - Tim Mahoney, 3rd - Matt Reyzuke. Congrats to all the winners.

On 2/25/2024, We held a pistol shoot for both rimfire and centerfire pistols. This was a twisted event with steel plates, no shoots, and bowling pins at multiple ranges. The winners for the rimfire shoot are 1st - Nick Hankey, 2nd - Tim Mahoney, 3rd - COACH. The winners for the centerfire shoot are 1st - Yuri Grapov, 2nd - Tim Mahoney, 3rd - Shane Fungfat. Congrats to all the winners.

Upcoming Shoots in the month of MARCH, 2024!

All shoots listed are open to the public

3/10/2024 - Pistol Shoot. Includes Rimfire, Centerfire, and REVOLVER divisions. Competitions run in parallel. \$5.00 per game, same as usual. (\$15.00 for all three). Registration opens at 8:30am, first shots at 9:00am.

3/17/2024 - Pin Shoot. YOU READ THAT RIGHT! Singletary will be hosting pin shoots this year! Shoot distances will be 7-15 yards. 5 to 10 bowling pin targets. Each round won will add another target to your next round up. Perfect for new shooters and seasoned pros. Come give it a try! Includes Rimfire and Centerfire competitions run back to back. Registration opens at 8:30am, first shots at 9:00am.

Defensive Handgun Safety Training

-By Kristine Smith

We now have 2 classes booked for the Defensive Handgun Safety Training. The women's class will be Thursday, April 4th and Sunday, April 7th and the Co-Ed course is accepting sign-ups now and will be scheduled for May. At successful completion of the course, attendees will receive a certificate and letter detailing the training session and qualify for LTC if they don't have it already. If you have questions about the course, please reach out to Wachusett Firearms at wachusettfirearmstraining@yahoo.com or call 978-697-6654 and speak with Joe Picariello.

Class covers: Firearms Safety, Safe Storage Rules, Ammunition, Shooting Fundamentals, Basic Marksmanship, Loading and Unloading, Reloading: Emergency and Tactical, Ready Positions, Steps of the Draw, Malfunction Clearance.

What you need: Handgun (instructor has several students can borrow at no charge), strong-side belt holster (instructor has several right hand holsters students can borrow at no charge), 250 rounds full power ammunition (full metal jacket- can purchase from instructor if using their firearm), 2 extra reloading devices with carrier (instructor has), wrap around eye protection, ear protection, baseball cap, clothing appropriate for weather, bag lunch (optional as there are several places to get food within 10 minutes of range), and note taking material.

Cost: \$150 for club members, \$175 non-members

Entertainment News

-By Melanie Dowd, Entertainment

Hi everyone,

Sign-ups are going on now for the Kids Easter Party that will be held on Sunday, March 24th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

This event is open to members children and grandchildren aged 10 years old and younger. Please sign up by Friday, March 15th with the number of children and ages to <u>singletarycommunications@gmail.com</u>. You can also register at the General Assembly Meeting on Friday, March 8th.



Members helping cook breakfast at the winter fishing derby. Thanks for all your help!



2024 Ice Fishing Derby



The "recreational fire" just getting started



Katie Smith jigged up this trout after the ice derby!



Junior Member, Vanessa Anderson caught this bass through the ice.

Calendar of Meetings and Events

Friday, March 1st- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Friday, March 8th- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Friday, March 8th- General Assembly Meeting at 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 10th- Pistol Shoot- Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., and first shots at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 15th- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 17th- Pin Shoot, Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., first shots at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 22nd- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 23rd- Archery Spaghetti Dinner, cocktails at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm, tickets on sale at the bar

Sunday, March 24th- Kids Easter Party, 1 p.m. RSVP by March 15th to singletarycommunications@gmail.com

Thursday, March 28th- Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 29th - Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 30th- Grounds clean up day, 9 a.m. (rain date of Saturday, April 6th)

Thursday, April 4th- Women's Defensive Handgun Safety Class- 5:30 p.m.- 10 p.m.

Friday, April 5th- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 7th- Women's Defensive Handgun Safety Class- RANGE DAY- 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. RANGE CLOSED

Friday, April 12th- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Friday, April 12th- General Assembly Meeting at 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 13th- Fish Stocking, time TBD

Sunday, April 14th- Pistol Shoot- Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., and first shots at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, April 19th- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 21st- Rimfire 2 Gun, Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., first shots at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 21st- Spring Fishing Derby, breakfast at 6 a.m., derby starts at 7 a.m., breakfast tickets must be purchased in advance. Ticket sales will start one month before the derby and end the Wednesday before the derby.

Thursday, April 25th- Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 26th- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Friday, May 3rd- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 5th- Kids Fishing Derby, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Friday, May 10th- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Friday, May 10th- General Assembly Meeting at 8 p.m.

Friday, May 17th- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m. (LAST ONE!)

Friday, May 19th - Pistol Shoot, Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., first shots at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, May 26th- Pistol Shoot, Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., first shots at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, June 9th- Nostalgic Military Shoot, (4 Classes), Registration at 10:30 a.m., first shots at 11:00 a.m.

Friday, June 23rd- Pin Shoot, Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., first shots at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, July 14th- Pistol Shoot, Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., first shots at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, July 28th- Rifle Shoot, (100-250yd), Registration opens at 10:30 a.m., first shots at 11:00 a.m.