



Membership Update

-By Deb Anderson, Membership Director

Hello everyone, Please don't forget to pay your dues. It was nice to see so many of you on October 22nd to pay your dues. I am at the club on Sundays from 11:00 until 2:00 for members to come to pay their dues and receive their card and button. Hope to see you there.

Please make checks out to Singletary Rod and Gun and mail checks to Singletary Rod and Gun, 300 Sutton Ave, Oxford, MA. 01540 ATTENTION: Membership Director.

REMEMBER THERE IS NO MORE DROPLIST. YOU WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DROPPED IF YOU ARE NOT PAID BY THE JANUARY ASSEMBLY MEETING.

REGULAR/PERMANENT FILE DUES..... \$130.00

SENIOR FILE IS 67 YEARS OF AGE WITH 5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS DUES ARE.....\$90.00

JUNIOR FILE IS 15 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE DUES.....\$75.00

LIFE MEMBER FILE 70 YEARS OF AGE WITH 30 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP..... \$42.00

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me at 774-276-7899.

Thank you,
Deb Anderson

Presidents Update

-By Scott Anderson

Hello everyone, Just a friendly reminder hunting season has arrived. Please be mindful of the hunters. It has been brought to my attention, by a few people, that there have been some people shooting up at the rifle ranger, prior to the range being open, and after sunset. Please follow the rules of the rifle range. There will be action taken, against anyone who gets caught breaking the rules. Hope everyone enjoys the fall. Don't forget to support your club. Thank you, Scott Anderson, 508-612-8720



Senior Member, Henry Bachand taking a well-deserved break at the Fall Fishing Derby! Thanks for all you do for the club, Henry!



Bar News

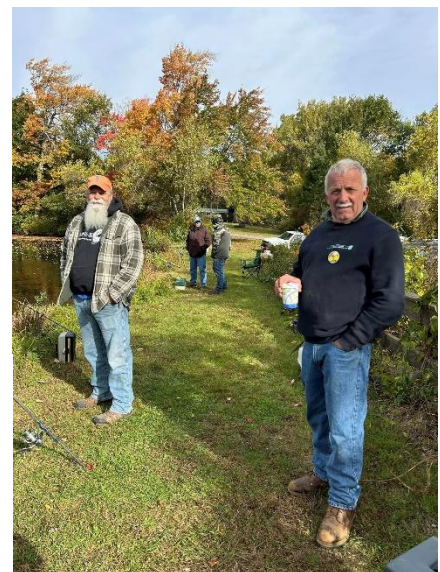
-By Ron Normandin

Hello everybody, Hunting season has started and hopefully we all have good luck. On opening day, we will have breakfast from 4:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. or you can pre-order at breakfast and pick it up. Hopefully, there will already be stories to share. Sunday strip steak raffles are going on and drawn around 3:00 p.m. Friday night meat raffles start on November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. The next big meat raffle is Sunday, November 5th. If you have any questions, give me a call at 774-272-1270. Thanks.

Fish News

-By Al Walker, Fish Chairman

Starting with the 2024, winter fishing derby breakfast tickets must be purchased in advance. Ticket sales will start one month before the derby and end the Wednesday before the derby. This will give us enough time to shop for and prepare the food. The reasoning behind this is to stop the waste of food and money. Last derby, we prepared food for 50 people and only 29 were purchased. Buying tickets in advance will enable us to purchase and prepare the correct amount of food. The cost for breakfast will be \$8. Any questions call me at 508-980-9112. Thank you.



Life Member, Bob Manseau and his brother Dave Manseau at the Fall Fishing Derby

Bird News

-By Bob Manseau, Bird Chairman

Hi everyone, Our last pheasant stocking is on Wednesday, November 22nd. We still have our family pheasant stockings on Sundays at 9 a.m. with our last one being on Sunday, November 19th, come check it out. Thanks to all the families that have come out, it's been great to watch the kids have fun! We will be having our work party to take down the netting on the pheasant pen on Sunday, November 26th at 9 a.m. Make sure you wear your boots as it can be muddy.



*Rebecca Granger
with her son Trevor
(2) at their first
pheasant release!
Trevor loved it!*

Archery News

-By Chet Osterman, Archery Chairman

I want to thank all the members, their family, and friends for coming out and making the 2nd Al Dininno Chicken BBQ a great success! Also to the committee members, members and non-members that worked the event, it was a great team effort! We are just about done for this season, again thank you for all the support. Hunting season is here so good luck to you all.

Entertainment News

-By Kristine Smith, Entertainment and Communications

Hi everyone, It was a good turnout for our Fall Harvest Party on October 27th, thanks to all that came and those who helped! There was so much food, the music was excellent, and it looked like everyone had a great time! I'm also happy to report we made enough money from our Tree Stand raffle that we were able to pay for our entertainment for the night! If you have a band or performer you would like to see come in, please send me an email. I'm hoping to put another event together for January (maybe sooner). Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for upcoming information.

Unfortunately, I had to cancel the Kid's Halloween Party due to a lack of participation. We only had 4 kids on our RSVP list (one was my own) and it takes A LOT to set up these events and break them down. I appreciate all the offers for help for this event!

I've had some people approach me about donating raffles for General Assembly Meetings, please get in touch with me if you have anything you would like to donate. If you are looking for hours, we can always use some help at meetings selling table raffles, helping cook, or cleaning up after the meetings.

If you haven't already, please email singletarycommunications@gmail.com with your name, club number, and email address to be added to the newsletter distribution list. We have almost 1,000 members at Singletary, and I only have 320 email addresses. The same goes for our Facebook page, only 189 of you have joined us there.

Please scan the QR code to join us on our Members Only Facebook page!



Rifle Range News

-By Tom Dolan, Range Chairman

Results of this month's rifle range shoots. OCTOBER 2023.

On October 8th, we held a pistol shoot for both rimfire and centerfire pistols. This shoot was transformed into the first "Double Pistol Shoot"! This involves using both pistols, Rimfire and then Centerfire, to hit a series of targets each round. Each time up, the rules shift slightly, so competitors must stay on their toes! The winners for the shoot were 1st - Nicholas Hankey, 2nd - Tim Mahoney, and 3rd - Yuri Grapov. Congrats to all the winners.

On October 22nd, we held a pistol shoot for both Rimfire and Centerfire pistols. Rimfire used the Dueling trees and proved to be an excellent change of pace, enjoyed by all the shooters. The winners for the Rimfire shoot are 1st - Nick Hankey, 2nd - John Mazzony, 3rd - Yuri Grapov. Centerfire increased the targets from 6 to 7 and gave everyone 10 rounds to knock them down. The winners for the centerfire shoot are 1st - Shane Fungafat, 2nd - Yuri Grapov, and 3rd - Tom Dolan. Congrats to all the winners.

Upcoming Shoots in the month of NOVEMBER! **All shoots listed are open to the public**

November 5th - Rimfire 2-Gun Shoot. Includes both a Rimfire Pistol and Rifle. For this iteration of the shoot, we plan to shake things up and make the challenge mentally tough and a good shooting challenge. Think you can stand with the best Singletary has to offer? Come on down and try your luck! Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., and first shots at 9:00 a.m.

November 19th - Pistol Shoot. Includes Rimfire and Centerfire, competitions run back-to-back. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., and first shots at 9:00 a.m.



Shooters at the October 22nd pistol shoot

Worcester County League News

Brendan Ahearn, Representative for Singletary Rod & Gun

The meeting took place in Princeton, MA on October 23rd. Worcester County League of Sportsmen announced that dues will rise from \$75 to \$100.

- Worcester County Conservation Trust is looking for distribution sites for their 2024 native plant distribution that's taking place in the spring, around the first weekend of May.
- We may want to look into it for the future, possible grant money involved.

News on Bills:

- Bill 4135 is a new modernized bill with close to the same properties as Bill 4420.
- The Bill includes a supplemental budget in order to catch the eye of the Senate.
- Please keep constant pressure on our State Reps.

Mass Wildlife News:

- Forestry work in the Quabbin Reservation is currently on hold.
- Fall trout stocking has been completed.
- Parking access at the Ware River will be starting to expand to accommodate the amount of people who use the resource.
- Mass Wildlife continues to mow areas in their wildlife management areas in order to provide more suitable habitat for upland birds and other game this fall, this includes overgrown brush and tall grassland.
- Mass Wildlife has been officially awarded grant money for the state's dam removal projects, the amount is currently unknown.
- Quinapoxet River access is being expanded.
- Invasive plant species removal, contact Robert Purcell (774) 764-1258 or e-mail robert.purcell@usda.gov
- Major Grant money is available for simple property work like invasive plant removal, green energy, and habitat construction. Things as simple as adding birdhouses, owl boxes, or even wood duck nesting in our swamp, the possibilities are endless.

Pictures from our Members:



Right: Senior Member, Bill Klasek harvested this doe in Pennsylvania with a flintlock pistol! Congratulations, Bill!

Left: Chet Osterman with Gary Ahearn, celebrating Chet's beautiful doe he harvested in Pennsylvania. The guys had a tough week, but Chet had a successful trip and filled his freezer and both his doe tags! Congratulations, Chet!





Bob and Kristine Smith with Millie and Finley on the pup's first pheasant hunt at 6 months old! We thank the folks who help raise the birds and keep this program going!

Right: Life Member, David Harackiewicz, with his daughter-in-law Erin, and Grandsons Sam (11) and Ben (9) joined their grandfather, David has been a member for 50 years! This was the boys first time stocking pheasants,



Do you have something you want to share in next month's newsletter? Maybe you are raising money for a great cause, have a dart tournament coming up at the club, or have a cool hunting story or picture to share with us! If you have something you would like to share, please email it to singletarycommunications@gmail.com

Calendar of Meetings and Events

Friday, November 3rd- Friday night meat raffles start at 6 p.m.

Sunday, November 5th- Family Pheasant Release at 9 a.m.

Sunday, November 5th- Rim-fire 2-Gun Shoot. Includes both a Rimfire Pistol and Rifle. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., and first shots at 9 a.m.

Sunday, November 5th- Gigantic Meat Raffle, early bird at 1:30 p.m., raffle starts at 2 p.m.

Friday, November 10th- Meat raffle at 6 p.m. and General Assembly Meeting at 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 12th- Family Pheasant Release at 9 a.m.

Friday, November 17th- Meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Sunday, November 19th- Family Pheasant Release at 9 a.m. (last one!).

Sunday, November 19th- Pistol Shoot. Includes Rimfire and Centerfire, competitions run back-to-back. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., and first shots at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 24th- Meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Sunday, November 26th- Decorating function hall for the holidays, 2 p.m.

Monday, November 27th- Hunters Breakfast, 4 a.m.- 7 a.m.- All you can eat for \$10! Come enjoy smoked Budda Ball ham, bacon, sausage, hashbrowns, eggs to order, toast, and coffee before you head out for opening day! Egg Sandwich, \$3, Bacon/Sausage and Egg Sandwich, \$5.

Monday, November 27th- Hunter's lunch from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Come have a ham and cheese sandwich (warm or cold), and a bag of chips for \$6.

Saturday, December 2nd- Sutton Chain of Lights crafters will be at Singletary from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. We will serve chicken soup and beef stew, come on down and visit.

Friday, December 1st- Meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 3rd- Pistol Shoot, Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., Shoot starts at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 3rd- Gigantic Meat Raffle, early bird at 1:30 p.m., raffle starts at 2 p.m.

Friday, December 8th- Meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Sunday, December 10th- Kids Christmas Party, 1 p.m.- sign-up by Friday, December 1st

Sunday, December 15th- Meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Sunday, January 7th- Pistol Shoot- Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., and first shots at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 7th- Gigantic Meat Raffle, early bird at 1:30 p.m., raffle starts at 2 p.m.

Sunday, January 13th- Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., and first shots at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 27th- Fish Stocking, time TBD

Sunday, January 28th- Pistol Shoot- Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., and first shots at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 4th- Winter Fishing Derby, Breakfast starts at 6 a.m. and is \$8, the derby starts at 7 a.m. Tickets for breakfast go on sale at the bar on January 4th and must be purchased in advance of the derby.

Sunday, February 4th- Gigantic Meat Raffle, early bird at 1:30 p.m., raffle starts at 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 13th- Fish Stocking, time TBD

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.

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