



Vice President Update

-By Bill Ahearn

From my family to yours, I wish you all a Happy New Year. As we step into the New Year let's salute teamwork, collaboration, and the shared journey ahead. As we bid farewell to another amazing year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the wonderful contributions each of you has made to Singeltary Rod and Gun over the last year.

I would also like to congratulate Joshua Lavalley for winning the shotgun deer pool with his 187.01 lb. 9-point buck and Phil Davis for winning the muzzleloader pool with his 154.73 lb. 8-point buck!

Best wishes in the New Year.

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Bar News

-By Ron Normandin

Hi everyone, Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Hopefully, most were successful this hunting season. We still have a couple of tickets at the bar for the shotgun raffle. We have the "Recreational Fire" and the Game Dinner coming up in February so let's get out and support "Our Club".

I also want to say thank you to everyone who rented the hall, donated time to help out and supported the club all year. Thanks to you all, we had a very successful year.

Any questions call 774-272-1270. Thanks.

President and Membership Update

-By Scott Anderson & Deb Anderson

We want to wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year and the best of luck to the new board.

Fish News

-By Al Walker

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. The cost for breakfast will be \$8. Tickets for the February 4th derby go on sale at the bar on Tuesday, January 2nd.

I've also received approval from the board to add \$500 to stock "larger" fish at the winter derby. Any questions call me at 508-980-9112. Thank you.



Kevin Moore became a Life Member at the December General Assembly meeting. Congratulations, Kevin!



Kevin Moore Jr became a Life Member at the December General Assembly meeting. Congratulations, Kevin!

Archery News

-By Chet Osterman, Archery Chairman

I would like to thank my committee and the members who worked hard for the last 5 years. I also would like to thank the board members and the membership for supporting the archery committee and myself in building a successful archery program. As you may know, I'm running for President. If voted in, I intend to continue the same hard work and dedication to the club and continue the emphasis on our youth who are our future. I hope everyone had a great hunting season and have a Happy New Year.

Rifle Range News

-By Tom Dolan, Range Chairman

We will be pulling the raffle for the Mossberg Pump Shotgun at the January 12th General Assembly Meeting!

The Results of this month's rifle range shoots. DECEMBER 2023.

On 12/03/2023, We held a pistol shoot for both rimfire and centerfire pistols. The winners for the rimfire shoot are 1st - Matt Rezuke, 2nd - Tim Mahoney, 3rd - Tied: Dan Hague and Shane Fungafat. The winners for the centerfire shoot are 1st - Shane Fungafat, 2nd - COACH, 3rd - Nick Hankey. Congrats to all the winners.

Upcoming Shoots in January 2024! ****All shoots listed are open to the public****

1/07/2023 - Pistol Shoot. Includes Rimfire and Centerfire competitions run back-to-back. Registration opens at 8:30 am, and first shots at 9:00 am. This will be our first shoot for the year! Come on down and blast the cold away with your fun new Christmas Presents!

1/14/2023 - Pistol Shoot. Includes Rimfire and Centerfire competitions run back-to-back. Registration opens at 8:30 am, and first shots at 9:00 am.

1/28/2023 - Pistol Shoot. Includes Rimfire and Centerfire competitions run back-to-back. Registration opens at 8:30 am, and first shots at 9:00 am.



Life Member, Dave Goyette and Doug Deshaies with an impressive muzzloader buck! Congratulations, Dave!



Right: Dave Manseau with his brother Bob Manseau after Dave took this nice doe! Congrats Dave!

Worcester County League News

Brendan Ahearn, Representative for Singletary Rod & Gun

Hey everyone, I hope all is well, I ask if there are any questions about my below report or any info I provide please call, I will help you to the absolute best of my ability. (508-887-3568). Happy Holidays and more Happy Hunting!

Worcester County League Notes Dec. 2023

Meeting Summary:

- New research on holdover pheasants, stocking may be valid all year? More to come.
- All dam removal projects have been completed for this year.
- Massachusetts has now confirmed to set up a Hunters for the Hungry program to feed our homeless. Deer must be field-dressed and turned in within 24 hours of the harvest!
- Now in Massachusetts license suspension is adopted from other states, for example, if you got your license suspended in Maine, your license will be suspended in MA for the same amount of time.
- Massachusetts is still in overdrive for hiring new Environmental Police officers.
- Quinapoxet River access is being expanded.
- Invasive plant species removal, contact Robert Purcell (774) 764-1258 Or E-mail at robert.purcell@usda.gov



Kristine Smith harvested this beautiful zone 9 doe this muzzleloader season.



Melanie Dowd harvested her first-ever deer with her shotgun this season! Congratulations, Mel!

Entertainment and Communication News

-By Kristine Smith, Entertainment and Communications

Hi everyone, I hope you had a great holiday season and have a very happy and healthy New Year!

I have been working with Wachusett Firearms Training and have spoken with the Rifle Range and am looking at putting together Defensive Handgun Safety training at the club. This will be a 12-hour program consisting of 4 hours of classroom and 8 hours on the range. There is a Defensive Handgun Safety 1 and 2 class and which classes we hold will depend on member interest. Membership interest forms will be available at the next meeting and on our website, please email completed forms to singletarycommunications@gmail.com.

The club bonfire and potluck will be coming up on February 17th with a rain date of March 2nd. Save the date for what is always a great time!

January 12th at 8 pm is our next General Assembly Meeting. No food will be served at this meeting, but we will have table raffles and a 50/50! We will be voting for the 2024 Board of Directors. Early voting is from 12 pm- 3 pm. Be sure to bring your club card to vote! Remember, you must check off who you want to vote for, write-ins are allowed but the candidate you write in must have signed the book 6 times to be eligible for office.

Nominations for 2024 Office:

- President: Bill Ahearn, Chet Osterman
- Vice President: Dave Manseau
- Treasurer: Alison Ahearn
- Asst. Treasurer: John Grande
- R- Secretary: Kent Vinson
- Rifle: Tom Dolan
- Archery:
- Fish: Al Walker
- Bar: Ron Normandin
- Membership: Donna Lavoie, Kristine Smith
- Trap: Joe Miller
- Director at large (3): Tom Cunningham, Charlie Dautrich, Jeff Granai, Ray Ludvigson, Bob Manseau

The following members have signed the book 6 times and are eligible to run for office:

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| Alison Ahearn | Bill Ahearn | Deb Anderson | Scott Anderson | Tom Cunningham |
| Charlie Dautrich | Tom Dolan | John Grande | Ruth Granger | Dick Granger |
| Jeff Granai | Tom Griffin | Donna Lavoie | Ray Ludvigson | Bob Manseau |
| Dave Manseau | Joe Miller | Ron Normandin | Chet Osterman | Kristine Smith |
| Doug Sturgis | Al Walker | Edie Vinson | Kent Vinson | |

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



From our Treasurer

Alison Ahearn, Treasurer

Wishing you all a Happy New Year as we welcome in 2024. Singletary Rod and Gun Club is extremely excited to be sponsoring 2 campers between the ages of 13-17 for the Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp 2024. This sponsorship is open to children/grandchildren of members.

To be eligible, please have the child submit a letter by February 15th including the following:

- Contact Information
- Parent's Contact Information
- Member's Name and Number
- Why would you like to attend this camp?

The letter, in a sealed envelope, Attn: Alison Ahearn, can be submitted by either:

- Drop it off at the bar.
- Mail it to:
Singletary Rod and Gun Club Inc.
300 Sutton Ave
Oxford, MA 01540
Attn: Alison Ahearn

If you have any questions regarding the experience of attending Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp, please feel free to reach out to Brendan Ahearn (508) 887-3568. He will be happy to answer any questions you have and share his experiences while attending the camp.

Additional information regarding the camp is below:

Campers

Boys and girls, ages 13 to 17, who enjoy outdoor activities and want to learn more about the environment. Although some campers have considerable experience, others are only beginners. The camp program is designed for both. Parents and organizations are encouraged to send campers who have a sincere interest in learning more about the outdoors.

Session

Dates: August 5-17, 2024 (Full 12-day residential camp)

Location: Horace Moses Boy Scout Reservation, located in scenic Russell, Massachusetts. The facility offers two-person tents with cots atop raised platforms, a modern dining hall, a fully equipped medical lodge, a beautiful waterfront, several classroom buildings, shooting ranges, and a variety of sports facilities.



Junior Conservation Camp Continued:

Program

The Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp was founded in 1949 and continues to offer a unique two-week experience providing a balance of conservation education and instruction in outdoor recreation skills. Through their curriculum, campers are introduced to the ethical concepts and knowledge essential to a lifetime of properly enjoying the natural resources and leisure activities that depend on their careful stewardship.

Enthusiastic young outdoorsmen and women of today will become tomorrow's leaders and will be essential in preserving outdoor traditions and safeguarding our natural heritage. Campers enjoy traditional summer camp activities such as swimming, fishing, boating, and volleyball. However, it is the Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp's core curriculum that sets them apart. Their program features:

Archery ~ Basic Camping ~ Fish and Pond Life ~ Fly & Spin Casting ~ Forestry ~ Handgun Shooting ~ Hunter Education ~ Map & Compass ~ Muzzleloading ~ Riflery ~ Shotgun ~ Survival ~ Wildlife Management

Staff

Resident counselors are experienced outdoorsmen and women with a strong commitment to conservation. Certified lifeguards and medical personnel are on staff. All instructors are certified in their respective fields. Many of their staff members are previous campers themselves and have a strong dedication to the campers and their camp experience.

Below: Members at the Kids Holiday Party!
Thanks to all those who came out!



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

Tuesday, January 2nd- Pitch League Starts at 7 p.m., sign-up at the bar

Friday, January 5th- Friday night 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday, February 2nd- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.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.

Friday, February 9th- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Friday, February 9th- General Assembly Meeting at 8 p.m.

Friday, February 16th- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 17th- Club bonfire and potluck, more details to come

Friday, February 23rd- Friday night meat raffle at 6 p.m.

Saturday, February 24th- Game Supper, TBD (more details to come)

Thursday, February 29th- Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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