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President's Column

by Rob Alexander

The Peterborough Sportsman's Club is a valuable component in the lives of its members. As political and safety issues affect the opportunity to shoot elsewhere, the importance and value of our club increases. As such, it is a goal of this executive board to maintain and improve the assets and offerings of the club.

Toward that end, we are forming committees comprised of interested members to create specific goals and implement activities towards their end. It is our hope that this will create increased membership participation, and finally, a better experience for all.

One major goal is to improve the basic infrastructure before it has disintegrated into the ground. This applies not only to the clubhouse and outbuildings, but the ranges themselves. It is easy to take for granted the shooting lanes, grass and parking areas, target backers, impact and other areas. As they deteriorate, it takes more time, effort and money to bring them back to usable condition.

It is the hope of the Executive-Board that our membership will take up the challenge to invest in our club – invest with time, interest and intent. Please become involved in some way... the future of the Club depends upon its membership.

Communications Committee

by Bernie Schneckenburger

Since inception on 2 March, the Communications Committee has held four meetings. The focus of these meetings has been to identify ways to improve the Club's community awareness, provide cost effective distribution of information to members, and to increase member participation in Club activities.

With regard to community awareness, an outline of the proposed Club web site was created and discussions with a Web Master have been initiated. Also, a telephone answering machine has been installed in the club house. When activated, (924-3204) the machine transmits a brief message about the Club and in case of emergency, provides the name of a contact person who will respond to the call. In the future, an e-mail address for the Club will be established.

With regard to distribution of information, the content of the May newsletter has been revised and has been distributed to Club members via USPS and e-mail for those who desire. E-Mail is a cost effective vehicle for providing information to Club members.

The formation of new committees will provide members with the opportunity to participate in varied Club activities.

The Communication Committee is seeking additional member support. We need a person who can serve as the newsletter Editor and someone who has website design, development, and management experience. Please contact Jim Schmidt at Granpy@gmail.com or at 924-1980.

For copies of the minutes of the Communication Committee's meetings, please contact Chairman Jim Schmidt.

Facilities Committee

by Rob Alexander

It's time again. Another winter is behind us and all the trappings of weather and inattention present themselves at the Club. We have scheduled our first 2006 Club work party for Saturday, June 3rd, beginning at 8:30 AM. If you have just an hour to contribute, it is appreciated by the entire Club. We all benefit from the time and labor invested.

The plan is to finish staining the remaining two sides of the club house, stain all outbuildings, general Spring cleanup, repair backers if it hasn't been done already, anything else we can fit in that might have raised its ugly head before June 3rd, consume burgers and beverage when all is said and done! There is a lot of painting to do... feel free to bring a roller tray, frame and cover...or a rake...or window cleaner...or if you are unable to do the physical work for health reasons, bring a good story... MORAL SUPPORT is helpful too!

We hope to see you there, even for a little while... with 140 members, I should need to provide a lot of burgers. Thanks for your contribution to your club.

Expressing Our Thanks

by Ken Phillips

As you know, Ben Hartley recently resigned as the Editor of this newsletter. For five years Ben went "above and beyond" to keep the membership informed with a publication that is, by all accounts, first-rate. Please join us and thank Ben for the many hours he generously contributed in this role. Ben continues to serve the club in other capacities. His dedication is to be commended.

In Ben's absence, you may see changes in the look and feel of the newsletter until we land on a format that allows us to economically deliver the information we all need. The communications committee asks that you be patient as we develop the skills to do this. We invite you to get involved. We are currently looking for an Editor and contributors. If you want to help, or send in a story periodically, contact Jim Schmidt at Granpy@gmail.com or 924-1980.

Buy, Sell, or Swap

by Ken Phillips

Still dreaming of finding that dusty Purdey at a yard sale? Hoping to unload those dies for the .32 Special you haven't shot in years? Let us know if you would like to see a buy, sell or swap column, in this newsletter and if so, what you want to get rid of and what you "need" right now. Don't worry, you're among friends. We understand "need" is a relative term!

Welcome Our New Members

by Jim Schmidt

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As of April 15 membership count stands at 129.

