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Serving Our Members for 61 Years

Upcoming Activities

April 10, Thursday at 7:00 PM. Youth Shooting Program discussion

April 17, Thursday at 7:00 PM. Club Member's Meeting. This is the first of the five 2008 annual meetings required by the club by-laws. Club projects and activities will be discussed.

April 19, Saturday Silhouette Shoot

May 4, Sunday Registered Trap Marathon

NEW Youth Shooting Sports Program by Ed Massucco

Youth Shooting Sports Program Organization and Informational Meeting on Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse. Plan to Attend!

For three years, the Peterborough Sportsmen's Club (PSC) has offered a Youth and Novice Shooters Program that follows the NRA Light Rifle Course of Shooting. This program has been very successful and has prompted club members to ask for expanded youth shooting programs. The instructors of the Youth and Novice program do not have the time to expand the current program, so the club sought alternative youth shooting programs that would augment and expand the current program.

Several months ago, the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension 4H Program proposed to initiate a cooperative sports shooting venture with the PSC. Using a model that is being used in several New Hampshire counties, the 4H program would offer shooting programs in pistol, rifle, shotgun, and archery shooting. The 4H would provide program management, instructor training, shooting equipment (such as, guns, shells, bows, and targets), and the PSC would provide shooting facilities, parent-instructors, and club member's youth shooters.

President's Column by Jim Schmidt

Volunteerism is alive and well in Peterborough! We have found a number of club members to staff the open executive board positions and club committee activities. Our club management structure will evolve to a committee-based system where individual executive board members also serve as activity committee leads. Each committee lead will have a number of areas of responsibility, a staff of volunteers, and project management responsibilities. The activity committees will report to the executive board where budget and committee coordination activities are maintained.

If you are interested, and have the time to support the executive board, please call Jim Schmidt at 924-1980. We can always use a few more volunteers. As the activity committees develop, the committee leads will be calling upon members for support. Please take these calls seriously; the club needs your support.

In the 4H model, each shooting discipline (pistols, rifles, shotgun, and archery) would form a separate 4H Sports Club. Each Sports Club would be guided by the district 4H manager. The Sports Clubs will be formed and operated by 4H-trained adult PSC members, who have children in the program, and the youth shooters (ages 8-17) who are interested in that particular shooting discipline. The goal of 4H Sports Club is character development and personal growth through safe, educational, and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activities. The Sports Club will teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment, sound decision-making, and self-discipline & concentration while promoting high standards of safety, sportsmanship, and competitive behavior.

The PSC, in conjunction with the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension 4H program will conduct an informative meeting open to any PSC member, child, grandchild or child sponsored by a PSC member who is interested in this program and between the ages of 8 and 17. **The meeting will be Thursday April 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the clubhouse.** Representative from the 4H Program will be available for your questions. If you need additional information, you may call PSC Vice-President Ed Massucco at 352-2647 or email Massucco@verizon.net

Clay Target Discount Ticket Sales by *Bernie Schneckeburger*

At the April 3rd Executive Board meeting, the board voted to suspend the sale of Skeet and Trap discount tickets. This decision is effective April 4, 2008. Tickets currently held by members will be honored for clay target shooting practice and will not expire.

The price of skeet and trap practice remains at \$3.00 for club members and \$3.50 for non-members.

During the meeting, a monthly Budget Analysis Report provided the following recommendations. There are two significant maintenance activities that require funding in 2008. The four clay target throwing machines (2 skeet and 2 trap) are scheduled to be clean, repaired, and refurbished, and the indoor range must be cleaned and upgraded to ensure a continued safe shooting environment. In view of these costs, and the steadily rising cost of clay targets, the board decided to suspend the sale of discount tickets to members. When the cost of these projects has been fully defined, the Executive Board will review the decision to reinstate the sale of discount tickets. Please note that the normal, non-discounted, price of clay target shooting has not been changed.

Club Committee Structure by *Jim Schmidt*

The club administration has a goal of attracting more members to the management and coordination of club activities. The committee leaders will come from the executive board. The following board members have accepted the leadership responsibilities associated with their names:

- Ed Massucco** - 4H Shooting Sports, Hunter Safety, Youth & Novice POC, Olympic Trials, State Smallbore Competition
- Doug Whiton** - Treasurer, Clay Target Sports and target inventory
- Bernie Schneckeburger** - Project Cost Estimation
- Eric Resseguie** - New Member Orientation, Silhouettes, Membership Records
- Greg Spicher** - Facilities maintenance coordination, clean up day leader, repair project leader
- Dick Lessard** - Indoor range upgrade planning and coordination

Jim Schmidt - Communications, newsletter, club management, dues, mailings
Vacant – Coordination of club shooting and sporting activity.

Over the next few weeks these activity leaders will be contacting club members seeking support in defining the work projects, scheduling the tasks, and accomplishing the prescribed activities. The executive board will manage the financial aspects of these tasks. Some of the tasks may be limited or postponed until the financial resources are available to complete the work. If you are unable to work on these projects, please consider a financial donation that will allow others to accomplish the tasks that are necessary to maintain or upgrade the club activities and facilities.

The following summary of pending maintenance and upgrade tasks has been discussed by the executive board. The goal of this list is not to demonstrate that the club needs your help, it is meant to provide a method for ranking the work that is pending to allow the executive board to assign priorities and resources to the tasks.

1. Projects
 - 1.1. Maintain and Update the Indoor Range
 - 1.1.1. Verify operation and adequacy of the range air management fans
 - 1.1.2. Finish installation of furnace warm-air vents
 - 1.1.3. Install Central Vacuum System
 - 1.1.4. Conduct Professional Cleanup – Dirt, dust, and potential contaminant removal
 - 1.1.5. Install paintable wall board and insulation on all exterior walls
 - 1.1.6. Painting of walls, ceiling, floors, etc.
 - 1.1.7. Evaluation of Wood Stove for fire safety, heating efficiency, cleanliness, air movement
 - 1.1.8. Update range electrical service
 - 1.1.9. Update range target lighting system
 - 1.1.10. Secure range doors and openings
 - 1.2. Removal of Kitchen Furnace Oil Tank
 - 1.2.1. Empty, remove, and dispose of the kitchen oil tank
 - 1.2.2. Connect the kitchen furnace to the indoor range oil tank
 - 1.2.3. Club House – Master
 - 1.2.4. Evaluate development of year-around toilets
 - 1.2.5. Evaluate development of year-around service for potable water

- 1.2.6. Evaluate repair, replacement or removal of stone fire place
- 1.2.7. Evaluate upgrade of the club house electrical system
- 1.2.8. Evaluate use of central club house door as the primary ingress-egress, sealing the restroom door
- 1.2.9. Evaluate the replacement of clubhouse windows with weather efficient units.
- 1.2.10. Evaluate replacement of interior wall barn-board surfaces with paintable sheet rock to allow removal of airborne contaminants
- 1.2.11. Evaluate insulation of walls and ceiling to support year-around heating of the facility
- 1.3. Repair 180 Yard Shooting Station Building
 - 1.3.1. Assess level of weather damage
 - 1.3.2. Develop list of repairs and estimated costs
 - 1.3.3. Present to E-board for assessment and action
- 1.4. Clay Target Facility and Machine Maintenance
 - 1.4.1. Schedule Skeet Machine Annual Maintenance and Repairs
 - 1.4.2. Schedule Trap Machine Annual Maintenance and Repairs
 - 1.4.3. Schedule and perform Skeet House repair, maintenance, and painting
 - 1.4.4. Complete landscaping of Skeet/Trap-1 field
 - 1.4.4.1. Rake the clay target outfall field
 - 1.4.4.2. Plant grass seed
 - 1.4.5. Cleanup and dispose of plastic shell wads
- 1.5. Outdoor Pistol Range Target Backer
 - 1.5.1. Replace pistol range telephone poles
 - 1.5.2. Investigate development of a durable target backer system
 - 1.5.3. Investigate development of durable, movable, target backers.
 - 1.5.4. Investigate replacement of hay on the target impact hill
- 1.6. Driveway and Parking Lot Repair
- 1.7. Equipment Maintenance (lawn mower, snow blower, well pump, etc.)
- 1.8. Kitchen Operations
 - 1.8.1. Inventory kitchen equipment and assess serviceability of systems
 - 1.8.2. Recommend equipment and facility maintenance and upgrades
 - 1.8.3. Seek donations of kitchen equipment
- 1.9. Club Records
 - 1.9.1. Clean, install lock, and paint four drawer filing cabinet
 - 1.9.2. Collect club records and documents
 - 1.9.3. Organize information in the filing cabinet

Upcoming Shooting Events by Jim Schmidt

The club will be sponsoring a number of shooting events this year. We are seeking certification of the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) to conduct 6 registered trap shoots. The following

shoot dates are pending ATA approval: May 4th Marathon, June 29th, July 27th, August 17th, September 28th, and October 19th. This is the third year that the club has offered registered trap targets and we are looking forward to a good shooting season. If you are interested in trap shooting, join us at one of the shoots, they are open to trap shooters of all experience and skill levels. We are also looking for volunteers to score the shoot activities, training can be provided at the Thursday or Sunday practice shooting days.

The club is also sponsoring four National Rifle Association (NRA) sanctioned small-bore rifle and pistol silhouette target shoots. The NRA has published the following shoot dates for our club: April 19th, October 18th, November 15th, and December 20th. These shoots are open to all, contact Eric Resseguie for shoot details.

Executive Board – Help Wanted by Jim Schmidt

The club's Executive Board is comprised of elected officers and appointed club members. The elected officers are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The elected officers are responsible for appointing members to the open Executive Board Member-at-Large positions. We are looking for two club members to fill the Secretary and Board Member-at-Large positions. The following "job descriptions" are taken from the Club By-laws. Due to the large workload, the Secretary position has been operationally allocated to three people. One board member has assumed the responsibility for the Membership Management tasks, another Board Member has assumed the newsletter production and limited correspondence duties, and a third club member is being sought to assume the remainder of the Secretary responsibilities including meeting minute taking, production, and distribution.

Quoted from the Club By-laws,

"The Secretary shall conduct all club correspondence; shall keep the minutes of all meetings and submit the minutes of previous meetings to the appropriate body for approval; shall process and submit membership applications for approval; shall maintain a current up-to-date membership list; shall maintain the club's archives; shall be a voting member of the Executive Board; and shall perform such other actions as the office may require."

Executive Board Member at Large. "Not fewer than three (3) nor more than five (5) members appointed at large from the voting membership in good standing. At-large members shall be appointed by the elected members of the Executive Board, and shall serve a one (1) year term, renewable with the individual's consent and subsequent Executive Board concurrence."

"Executive Powers and Duties.

- a. The Executive Board shall:
 - 1) cause the provisions of these bylaws and all club rules and regulations to be faithfully executed;
 - 2) have the duty of keeping the club financially sound;
 - 3) approve all club functions and activities;
 - 4) appoint all committees;
 - 5) review and take appropriate action upon all new member applications;
 - 6) review and take appropriate action upon all dues discounts;
 - 7) review and take appropriate action upon all reductions or waiver of dues and fees for cause;
 - 8) review and take appropriate action upon questions of member suspension or expulsion and all questions of removing an elected officer from office;
 - 9) approve all instructors of, and fees to be paid for, courses of instruction;
 - 10) approve and submit to the membership all Life Membership nominees;
 - 11) discharge such other duties as shall have been directed by the membership or as the proper operation of the club may require.
- b. The Executive Board shall be empowered to appoint a voting member in any elected office which becomes vacant. Interim appointments of this nature shall become effective immediately and shall terminate on the last day of the month in which the next occurring annual meeting is held."

If you are interested in applying for the Secretary or Board Member-at-Large positions, contact Jim Schmidt at 924-1980 or Granpy@gmail.com

April 2008

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		1	2 9:30-12:00 Open Skeet Practice	3 9:30-12:00 Open Trap Practice 7:00 Executive Board Meeting	4	5 9:30-12:00 Open Skeet Practice 10:00-12:00 Indoor - Youth & Novice Program
6 9:30-12:00 Open Trap Practice 10-2:00 New Member Orientation	7	8	9 9:30-12:00 Open Skeet Practice	10 9:30-12:00 Open Trap Practice	11	12 9:30-12:00 Open Skeet Practice 10:00-12:00 Indoor - Youth & Novice Program
13 9:30-12:00 Open Trap Practice	14	15	16 9:30-12:00 Open Skeet Practice	17 9:30-12:00 Open Trap Practice 7:00 Club Member's Meeting	18	19 9:30-12:00 Open Skeet Practice 10:00-12:00 Indoor - Youth & Novice Program
20 9:30-12:00 Open Trap Practice	21	22	23 9:30-12:00 Open Skeet Practice	24 9:30-12:00 Open Trap Practice	25	26 9:30-12:00 Open Skeet Practice 10:00-12:00 Indoor - Youth & Novice Program
27 9:30-12:00 Open Trap Practice 1:00 – 3:00 Club Office Open	28	29	30 9:30-12:00 Open Skeet Practice			

May 2008

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