



Chicopee Sportsmen's Club Newsletter



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From The President

To all Club Members I thank you for the safety you have shown throughout the year. Also thank you to all the Members who have helped make the club a better place and to keep moving forward. I would like to ask at this time that the younger members start to step up to help out and run for a committee or officer of the club. We need some younger people to carry on this club with some new ideas and fresh input for the club. The younger members should become familiar with how the club runs and the clubs by-laws. I also need people to help out on the grounds. Mainly like the weed wacking of the grounds, pond and ranges. Dick Mastronardi is my ground committee leader with only five people to do all the work and they do a great job, but they do need some help. If not, then I would ask the Board for a rate increase in membership dues so I can start getting some bids from sub-contractors to do the work that club members could do to save the club money. This will happen next May. Taxes, insurance maintenance of grounds etc. all go up in cost each year. I can't stop the cost of things going up but I do know how to share the cost by all fairly. Not by having five people do all the work. Everyone who has helped in your own way I thank you again. Fred Martin (President)



Fishing

Weather permitting, Ice Fishing will start at the club pond on the 2nd Sunday in January 2012 or when the ice is at least 5 inches thick. Starting time is 8:00am to 2:00pm. Two (2) trout limit per member per Sunday. For info call Tom Hudock @ 533-3057. Kids Fishing Derby will be February 10, registration at 8:00am. Kids 15 and under are welcome. There will be prizes and refreshments served. Kitchen will be open. For more info call Celeste @ 592-7747

Nomination & Election of Officers 2012

Nominations will open at the November 3rd regular meeting. Open for one year positions are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary, and there are four Director Positions open, one position for 2 years and three positions for 3 years. All nominated officers other than Directors must have no less than three consecutive years of membership in good standing as of January 1, 2011 and must be at least 21 years of age. Directors that are nominated must have no less than one year of membership in good standing as of January 1, 2011 and must be at least 18 years of age. Nominations will close at the end of the November meeting. Anyone nominated must be present or submit a letter accepting the nomination. Positions not filled in November will stay open until the December meeting.

Voting: To be eligible to vote at the December meeting you must show a **2011 membership card** and a member for a **minimum of one year. NO Exceptions, No Card, No Vote.**



Fun Pistol Shoots

Pistol fun shoots will start in the spring. This is an unconventional shoot. Any safe handgun can be used. There will be two relays, 9:00am and 10:30am. Scheduled dates are April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19 and September 16. Please call the clubs hot line or check the clubs web site for updates or call Sam Jaciow @ 583-2243

Important Notice

The club will need younger members to step forward in the near future, or better yet, we need you right now! We will need numerous committee members to manage events such as archery, fishing, ice fishing, ATV registration and more. If members don't come forward soon, a few of these programs and events might come to an end. Think about it! Dick

Work Parties

Starting next April please come and give us a hand at our work parties. The work parties are usually held every other Tuesday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Our objective is to clean up, mow and weed whack. It's only for two hours! Bring your gloves, a rake and maybe even a weed whacker would be great. Hope to see you there, Dick Mastronardi P.S. Thanks to Mike Bielanski, Bob, Mike O'Brien, Charlie, Dick Callahan for a good year of help.



ARCHERY

On September 15th the Club presented Rich Stallman with a plaque for over 25 years of supporting Archery. For the past 22 years Rich was my co-chairman in charge of the kitchen both 3-D and the Spring League. In 1973 I helped re-build the 28 station course. Before 73 it didn't exist. I have helped Archery for over 35 years, with the past 22 years as chairman. But due to health issues I am being forced to give up Archery for awhile until my health improves. I would like to thank Rich, Larry, Gordie, Roger, Zimmie, Sam, Charlie, Dick John and Ralph for all the help over the years. Thanks Mike Zybur



PIN & PLATE SHOOTS

All Shoots Start @ 9:00am in 2012

The 2011 season is almost over. Looking back, we have had a really good year; attendance at the shoots has been very good. Many new shooters are enjoying the competitions. We only have one more event. on November 13th. The "Master Blaster" shoot will be held on the November shoot, immediately after the .22 pistol match. Any shooters that have placed 1st or 2nd in the pistol matches are qualified to shoot in the "Master Blaster" event. The winner of this event will win the 2011 title of "Master Blaster" and the grand prize for the 2011 season. Several requests have been received from our shooters throughout the year referring to the start time. Currently we begin the .22 pistol event @ 10:00am. As of the beginning of the 2012 season the **new** start time will be **9:00am**. Additionally changes to the shooting schedule will include the center fire and shot gun pin shoot!! If you would like to receive a 2012 pin & plate schedule please call Walt @ 413-536-5695 or via the internet email, thompsonw41@aol.com



Pheasant Hunting

The club grounds will be stocked for Pheasant Hunting on Oct. 15th, 22th, 29th, Nov. 5th, 11th, 12th, 19th and 24th. **Starting time is 7:00am. ALL RANGES WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY ON THE ABOVE DATES. NO horseback riding or hiking on club grounds on the above dates.** This event is for **members only**. A Mass Hunting license is required. All pheasant hunters are required to wear a **Hunter Orange Vest and Hat**. One (1) pheasant per club member per day. Rules are posted on the club grounds. **Archery Deer Hunters must unload ATVs and enter the woods at the first road on the left after entering the gate.** For info call Tom @ 533-3057

Memberships

Enclosed with the newsletter is the 2012 membership application. For additional applications call Mike Zybur @ 413-594-9021. A mailing fee of \$1.00 per **Senior** and \$2.00 per **Family** memberships is required due to the increase of postal rates. Plastic Holders for membership cards are available at \$1.00 per holder. Please include the above fees with your membership fee. **New Window Decals** are available at club meetings for a cost of \$5.00.

Reminder: Members may bring a guest to the grounds but the guest cannot shoot a gun nor discharge an arrow. The club member may have his membership revoked if caught letting a non member use the shooting or archery ranges.



ATV's

ATV: As of January 1, 2012 all ATV's must have a current registration from the state of Massachusetts. All ATV's must register with the club each year with a cost of \$10.00 per machine. If you don't have the current year's sticker you will not be allowed to ride on the club grounds. Any member caught bringing a non member to ride a non registered ATV will be summoned to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the club. Stickers must be attached to the rear of the ATV in a location that can be seen. Stickers can only be obtained at monthly meetings or at the club, see the 1st V.P. or 2nd V.P. or Mike Zybur. No stickers will be issued through the mail. Please stay on club grounds at all times, and do not ride on posted sections. The EPO has been notified of the problem. There is a \$125.00 fine and they can take your ATV. When you get to the power lines, you are off the club property. Follow the rules please.



Camping



Camping was different this year. Not as busy as the past but a lot of new faces and members. Hopefully for next year I will have a new building on site for storing tools. You are welcome to use the rakes & shovels to clean up your site, but please put them back as it is a cost to the club. Also the wood you burn. keep it small enough to fit inside of the fireplace. People are burning wood that is too long and it is knocking down the wall of the fire places. Thanks to Ken & Lori and Tom Hudock for doing the cooking at their camp site for the work party crew. Thanks and see you next year, Fred Martin. For more info or to reserve a camp site please call Fred @ 413-467-7916.

Safety Committee News

Reminder, every member has to obtain a range pass in order to use any firearm range or archery range. Classes are scheduled all year. If you cannot attend call or see Dick Mastronardi at 538-8617 after 6:00pm. We are all trying to make the club a safer environment for everyone. Have a safe hunting season and think "safety" at all times. Thank you, Dick Mastronardi (1st V.P. & Safety Chairman)

Chicopee Sportsmen's / Springfield Falcons

Sunday, November 27th @ 3:00pm \$11.00 per person

The Chicopee Sportsmen's Club and the Falcons are getting together. The Falcons are taking on the Albany Devils. Contact the Chicopee Sportsmen's Club to place your orders. Or you can contact Ted Niemiec at The Springfield Falcons Office for more info. 739-3344 Ext. 117 or email: tniemiec@FalconsAHL.com

Industrial Pistol League

The Western Mass Industrial Pistol League is scheduled to begin their 2011/2012 season on November 3rd. This is a .22 pistol league that runs for 15 weeks at Ludlow Sportsmen's Club on Thursday nights. The league is always looking for new shooters. For info call Ron Beaulieu @ 413-323-5545.

NRA Certified Pistol Course

This course will meet the training requirements for obtaining your LTC. A Massachusetts Department of State Police Certificate and an NRA Certificate will be awarded for satisfactory completion of the course. This is a one day course that starts at 8:00am and is on the following dates: April 14, June 9, August 11, and October 6. Please check the clubs hot line, the web site or call Sam Jaciow at 583-2243 or any other member of the pistol committee: Charlie @ 530-1881, Dick @ 593-0141, Stanley @ 593-5058 or Dick @ 538-8617



High Power Shoots

Look for the 2012 High Power Rifle schedule which should be posted in March 2012. I would also like to congratulate Brian Williams on his outstanding shooting @ Camp Perry this year. Brian not only received league points in the Competition league match but actually won the match and set a new National Record. He shot a 394-16X out of possible 400. There were 620 shooters in this match. Good job Brian!!!!!!

New High Power F – Class Matches New

These matches are fired with any high power caliber rifle, any sights and any rests. Matches are fired at 200 yards at a B3 pistol target from a prone position. Course of fire; you will have ten (10) minutes to shoot as many sighting shots as you want. Then you will shoot three (3) B-3targets for score. Ten (10) shots per target. If you are interested in this match or for more info call Ron Beaulieu @ 413-323-5545.

Club Meetings

First Thursday of every month @ 7:30pm at the American Legion on 292 New Ludlow Road Chicopee. Please attend as many meetings as possible. This is your club and your input is very important to us.

DEER CONTEST RULES 2011

Open to club members only.

1. Starts 9/1/11 ends 12/31/11.
2. **Entries must be received prior to the Deer being shot.**
3. Deer must be taken by legal methods in state where shot.
4. All deer must be weighed at an official station and the attached slip must be filled out and signed by the official weighing the deer.
5. The deer must be available for inspection by a committee member and deer must be in one piece, except New York State. **(Documentation is needed)**. Call Dick @ 538-8617
6. Deer must be weighed field dressed, without heart, liver and lungs.
7. 100% of entry fees returned as prize money.
8. **CSC donated \$200.00 to the deer pool.**

1 st -- Largest Deer	45%
2 nd -- 2 nd Largest Deer	30%
3 rd -- Closest to Average Weight	25%

Cut along dotted line & Mail this form

To enter please fill out this section of the form and mail it before deer is shot with a check for \$3.00 payable to the Chicopee Sportsmen Club.

To: Dick Mastronardi
377 Montcalm St.
Chicopee, MA 01020

Name _____
Street _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Mail this form

Cut along dotted line & Keep this form

Keep this section of the form, you will need it with you when the deer gets weighed.

Present this slip After Shooting Deer

To: Dick Mastronardi.

Buck or Doe (Please circle one)

Name _____

Weight _____

Weighing Official _____

State _____ Date _____

Keep this form