

November 2007

HARVARD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

PO Box 114, Harvard, MA 01451

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING-November 1

- Kitchen...would like to purchase ice machine. Looking for an electrician.
- All culverts blocked again. Need new starpak for the road.
- Gate construction is going well. Side gate will be put in for heavy equipment. All emergency personnel in the three surrounding towns have combination.
- Committee is formed to pursue idea of Friends of HSC...a method of collecting donations so that donor can deduct donation from taxes.
- New building committee doing fact finding.
- Timber sales yielded \$1400 profit for club.
- All committee requests are now to be in written form.
- All range use requests will now require a written form.
- IPSC had 30 shooters at the rifle match. Portion of fee donated to disabled veterans.
- Ghostriders had 46 shooters to their cowboy event on a beautiful day.
- IDPA plans a "day after Thanksgiving" match. Six club level and one sanctioned match scheduled for next year.
- Class III get-together on Oct. 2 a success.
- Indoor range back in operation. Thanks go especially to Dan Hurley and Frank Marchilena, and to all the others who helped. Lead clean-up materials being investigated. New target stands to protect wall will be constructed.
- Some new ideas for the 100 yard range will be forthcoming.
- Middlesex County League/Mass. Sportsmen's Council keeps up to date with every club in the state.
- Youth program started October 23 with 11 shooters. New air rifle is operating. Some informal matches with Hudson and Keene, NH, are being planned.
- Friday night league starting also
- Starting January, newsletter will be sent out electronically only and available on the website.
- Motion made: Range requests will also require a certificate of liability. Motion tabled.
- Some discussion about how to handle police departments who use the ranges....what to charge and how to determine membership.
- New signs will be coming to Harvard.
- New gate cards will be free. Replacement will cost \$25.
- Rob Murphy is Media Coordinator and Club Photogra-

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Check page two for an explanation and information necessary to ensure that you get the new newsletter.

WEB SITES CHECK THEM OUT!

www.harvardsportsmensclub.com
 www.harvardactionshooters.com
 www.nvregulators.com
 www.harvardghostriders.com
 IDPA link: www.MetroWestTactical.com

Calendar of Events

November 17-Cowboy match
 November 23-IDPA match
 December 6-Board Meeting 7:00
 New members meeting 6:30
 December 9-Safety Briefing 10:00 am
 February 21. Annual Meetingm 7:00 pm

Check the WEBSITE calendar for the breakfasts and other events...not the forum calendar.

Action Shooting practice – Wednesdays @ 5 pm– IPSC pits-moving inside with time change.
 Multi-gun practice- Saturday-10 am weather permitting-IPSC pits
 IDPA Practice Indoors on Mondays . Check website. All are welcome.

Cowboy Shooting Practice
 Nashoba Valley Regulators
 Thursdays, 4 pm. All are welcome
 Ghostriders Thursdays, 4 pm
 All are welcome.

Friday Night League..starting again.

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR ALL CLUB

MEMBERSHIP New members/database	Betsy Grecoe BetsyHSC@aol.com 978-640-1241
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RENEW YOUR NRA WITH US when you renew your club membership!

Reasons to renew your NRA membership with Harvard: You don't have to send in proof of NRA membership, you don't have to send a separate mailing to the NRA, and the renewal amount is at a discounted rate and Harvard gets a portion from the NRA.

When renewing, write a second check made payable to the NRA for \$25 - 1 year membership - **Please put NRA# in memo line.**

A REMINDER..COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARTICLE VIII REPORTS:

All Officers, General Chairmen of Committees, or members of the club, when presenting a full report or a report in progress, or in correspondence pertaining to any of the various activities of the club, shall submit a copy of these reports or correspondence to the club Secretary for permanent file record.

ALSO:

Motions made at meetings need to be in writing.

New form for range requests available. They will aid in keeping track of range use. Please use them.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES –

Starting January 1, 2008 the newsletter will NO longer be mailed. This will be a substantial savings for the club.

The newsletter will be sent electronically to each member with an email address registered on the forum. In order to receive an electronically sent newsletter by email, you must be registered as a member.

Go to the following website <http://www.harvardsportsmensclub.net/forums/> and register. Note: you will need to enter the current gate combination. If your email changes or you would like to use a different one, it is your responsibility to change your email in your forum profile.

The newsletter will also be available on the club website at:
<http://www.harvardsportsmensclub.com/newsletter.html>.

Copies will also be available at the clubhouse.

If you cannot receive email and cannot get to the club to pick up a newsletter or you have other concerns, contact Lynn Thornton at secretary@harvardsportsmensclub.com or (978) 342-6076.

There will soon be a new gate at Hsc.

When the new gate is completed, all members will only have access to the grounds with their gate cards. The new cards will be mailed with the renewal stickers in January. In the mean time, the CURRENT combination will work on the new key pad.

Election Committee

Allard Beutel has volunteered to chair the election committee for the annual meeting in February. If you'd like to help, call him at 978-543-8232.

**SOME THOUGHTS ON CLUB MEMBER AND VOLUNTEERISM
Rob Murphy**

Growth and Good Things

The Club is growing at a record pace. Many good things are happening and trying to happen. Unfortunately, there are too few active members wearing too many hats. We can't keep pace with the growth and good things without more people becoming involved. Think of these good things as ships in need of a captain. The following is a partial list of areas and potential projects that need captains and/or mates:

- 1) We need a new, bigger, separate indoor range. The old one simply isn't adequate anymore for the amount of use it is getting. We've outgrown it. This is a huge project which will take a lot of effort to bring it to reality. There has been informal talk about the subject, now it is time to form a committee. Anyone who would like to help would be more than welcome to join this committee. A committee needs a chairman. You could be that person. The first step would be to go before the BOD at a regular meeting and ask permission to form this committee.
- 2) We need a dedicated .22 caliber range, one where the .22 disciplines could hold matches without shutting down the 50 and 25 yard ranges. We currently have at least 3 disciplines which would greatly benefit from such a range- Youth 3 position small bore, Biathlon, and Bench Rest. It would also benefit anyone who shoots .22's as they would be free to use the range almost all of the time, except during matches. This is a rather large project, as this range would also need a cover, benches and tables, parking, etc. A committee to make this range a reality needs to be formed, and that committee needs a chairman to get things rolling. You could be that person, or you could join the committee and help.
- 3) In order to pay for the new indoor range and other projects, we need additional streams of income. A couple of possibilities include: lease of Club land for cell tower or other uses, and town of Boxborough paying us for water (test wells are already done). If you have experience in financial areas and/or ideas about how the Club can generate income, you could be the chairman of an income committee. As always, anyone with interest in this area would be welcome to join the committee.
- 4) Election Committee. Anyone interested in helping with and/or conducting the annual Elections at the Annual Meeting in February should contact the BOD. Carl Hansen has done a great job with this in past years but has resigned his post and we need someone to step up.
- 5) Youth. Rick Johnson's youth programs are growing by leaps and bounds, Gerry Wood needs help with the Youth Pheasant Hunt program, and there are other opportunities as well. If you have any inclination toward helping to bring the young people along in the shooting sports, your help is needed. This is just a partial list of some of the more major things. There are a lot of other good things going on, too. If you'd like to help with any of them, contact any range/committee chairperson or BOD member and they'll get you going.

OPEN HOUSE

The 2007 Open House was a great success! In attendance were about 170 non-member guests that signed in, plus many members and their guests and families, and even a couple of photographers! Many thanks are due to those who participated and made it possible. If you did not participate, please consider doing so next year as we can use all the help we can get. This event is extremely important to the Club as it establishes and maintains good relationships with the surrounding communities. It also gives members the chance to come out and see what some of the other groups do. Thanks again to all those who made it happen. It was a job

DUES RENEWAL

We're beginning our annual dues renewal program. Although dues aren't technically due until mid-February, we'd like to encourage the membership to pay early. Early payment aids in funding projects and reduces the sticker and gate card backlog.

Please note that you are sending your dues to Lynn Thornton. Her address is on the RENEWAL FORM WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER OR FOLLOWS IT AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

We send the renewal form with each newsletter from now until February. Everyone gets one each month as we cannot tailor the newsletter to differentiate from those who have paid and those who haven't.

We will be sending out the new gate card in January. So....even though you pay your dues early, you will not receive anything from the club until January, at which time you will receive your sticker and your new gate card.

WANT TO BUY RELOADING SUPPLIES AT WHOLESALE PRICES?

Stan Sokolowski would like to start club members buying wholesale for gun supplies. The items would be purchased through Beikirch. No sales tax, delivery, or hazmat. There is a minimum order of \$1500.00 required. Beikirch delivers every two weeks in this area.

To build an order contact Stan Sokolowski by phone or email to take a look at the catalogue and get pricing. Place an order with payment and be there when the order is delivered...or Stan can store the items.

978-454-0025

Ssok543@verizon.net

HSC Junior Marksmanship Program

The Junior Marksmanship Program has begun. Pat Natoli and Lorin Johnson are newly crowned coaches. They completed their appointed coaching class last winter and will make the program even better.

This season, on Tuesdays, there will be two groups instead of one, one starting at 5:30pm and the second at 7pm. The split is largely done by age, younger kids at 5:30 and older kids at 7pm.

There are some great equipment additions to the program this year. I think everyone will enjoy using the Noptel electronic trainer as well as the new Walther air rifle. Both are great tools for developing marksmanship ability.

For more information on the program, call Rick Johnson 978 772 6534 or email rjjr @charter.net.

NEW GATE ON THE WAY

You may have noticed the construction being done at the entrance to the Club. The new gate is underway.

When the gate is complete, each member will have a personal card to use to open the gate which will close after the member enters. The gate will open automatically when a member wishes to leave.

The new gate will provide the Club with added security.

Live Rounds

Please keep better track of your live rounds! Just as you are responsible for every shot you fire, you are also responsible for the live rounds you leave behind.

Lately, members have been finding them all over, on the benches, on the floors and ground, and in the brass buckets. Stray live rounds are very dangerous indeed. They can make their way into the burn barrels, parking areas, and into the hands of children. All of these are dangerous situations and MUST be avoided.

If you find or see a live round, please pick it up and put it in one of the dud cans, or give it to a range chairman or Grounds Committee member. Our number one priority at this Club is to make sure no one gets hurt. Everything else is secondary.

From the Treasurer....

THANK YOU...for your 2007 dues and working together on the many 2007 HSC improvements.

Our 2008 dues renewal forms are going out with this newsletter.

Jeff Bradbury

New Building for Indoor Range.

I am very pleased to announce that a committee has been formed to obtain information about building a new building for indoor shooting; Pasty, Lynn, Paul, Rick, Carl, Clarence and me. We look forward to hearing from membership on their ideas and needs for a new building.

Regards, Jeff Bradbury

GHOSTRIDERS LAST MATCH OF THE SEASON.....

The Ghost Riders will have their last shoot of the year on Saturday, Nov. 17th. They will 6 stages at the cowboy pits. *Last chance this year to try your cowboy guns in a match setting.*

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE FORUM YET?

**Log on and
check out it out.**

**While you are on
the forum, enter your
email to receive the
electronic newsletter.**

WIN A GUN!

The Club is raffling off a Smith & Wesson, Sigma Series semi-auto pistol in 40 S&W caliber with the NRA Logo gold engraved on it. There will only be 100 tickets sold. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at any Board of Directors Meeting, at the Annual Meeting, at the Club when you see Clarence Floyd or Jeff Bradbury, or via mail. Need not be present to win. Make check out to Harvard Sportsmen's Club. To purchase via mail, send a check to either of the following persons who will send you your tickets:

Jeff Bradbury	Clarence E. Floyd
50 King St.	720 Goodrich St.
Littleton, MA 01460	Lunenburg, MA 01462
Tel: 978-582-9067	

Drawing to be held no later than 21 Feb. '07 (Annual Meeting) or sooner if all tickets are sold before then.

Only 25 more tickets left for the gun of year..contact clarence or Jeff....when they are gone ...they are gone

Treasurer is pleased to report: Bill Batty, Rick Johnson, Paul Innamorati and I are working on developing a non-profit group named: Friends of Harvard Sportsman's Club. The goal is to set up a group that members can make cash-charitable contributions to and obtain tax relief while the club benefits by such generosity.
Regards,
Jeff Bradbury

LTC RENEWAL ISSUES

GOAL wants to know if you experience LTC renewal problems. Some say renewals are running three to six months. So the "word to the wise" is to start your renewal as **EARLY** as your licensing agent will allow. The delay appears to be with the State.

If you have problems, contact John Caron or GOAL.

IDPA "Post-Thanksgiving" Match...November 23rd

IDPA will have its first fun "Cold Turkey" Match the day after Thanksgiving. First shot at 10 am. Monthly matches, special events, and regular practices are planned for the upcoming season. For more info go to www.MetroWestTactical.com

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IPSC PRACTICE AMMUNITION RESTRICTION

For health reasons, only jacketed rounds will be permitted on the indoor range for IPSC practice - no lead.

Informal Indoor Handgun Shooting

Join us Sunday evenings around 7 p.m. for some Informal indoor handgun shooting. (.22 rifles are okay, too.) We're a laid-back group, just like to shoot whatever we feel like bringing/sharing. Compare guns, ammo, and occasional friendly competition. All are welcome. See you at the newly refurbished indoor range around 7 p.m. Sundays through the winter.

Machinegun Range's fun shoot....was a great success.. refreshments, cigar smoke mixed with gun smokes...over 3,000. rounds were fired....lots of first time shooters were on hand..

Email Clarence Floyd: cfloyd720@msn.com for next fun shoot and machinegun info.

SHOTGUN RANGE....OPEN HOUSE THANKS

I would like to express my personal appreciation to those who stepped up to help at the shotgun range for the Open House. We had a work party the Sunday before to get the range ready, and the guys really worked hard to make it one of the best looking ranges at the Club. On the day of the Open House we had lots of help, which was good, because everyone was busy most of the day. Teaching the public about firearms safety and giving them a chance to participate, carefully supervising them and letting them try their hand at hitting some clay pigeons, is a very rewarding experience. Working with and getting to know fellow members is also a good thing for all of us.

I would like to thank the following members for a job well done: Peter Castinino, Ed and Nathan Lavallie, Mark Carlin, Andrew Duca, Clyde Dottin, Steve Davis, Joe Ronchetti, Randy Porteus, Dennis McCauliffe, Allard Beutel, Bill Truett, and Jeff Smith.

Thanks, guys, you really came through.

-Rob Murphy Shotgun Range Chairman