

# THE ANDOVER SPORTSMEN

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## Andover Sportsmen's Club

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### President's Message:

December 16, 2006

As we near the end of 2006 I wish to express the appreciation of your Officers and Board of Directors for the genuine and consistent support that was provided us throughout the year by the overwhelming majority of our members.

With respect to this special time of the year we can reflect with pleasure on the successes and enjoyment we have garnered from ASC and with sadness at the passing of fellow members.

I, and my fellow officers, whom you have generously voted to serve you again in 2007, offer our collective assurances that we will again work for the best interests of ASC as a whole without fear or favor to any individual member, group of members or personal interests.

In closing, I wish every member and their families the happiest of Holiday Seasons as well as a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Dick Reichter,  
President

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**December Elections:** The elected club officers will remain unchanged for the 2007 year:

Richard Reichter, President  
Louis LoPresti, Vice President  
Mark Klove, Treasurer  
Christine LeClaire, Secretary

### Security:

Normal gate operation requires you to put your key card in the card reader to open the gate for entrance. You do not have to key out however to exit you drive up to the STOP sign and the gate will open automatically. Both entering and exiting the property you must always STOP and WAIT for the gate to FULLY OPEN.

For weekly scheduled events the gate will be in "free mode". This means that you or a non-member must drive up to the gate and stop at the card reader. The gate will open automatically without using a key card. The current "free in" times are as follows:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 4:30-10:30 PM  
Sunday 6:00 AM to noon

If you are in charge of the weekly events that these times cover, it is your responsibility to let non-members know about the gate operation. To accommodate non-member events not occurring weekly, such as Pistol Classes, the appropriate Board or club member can use his/her key to open the gate and leave it open until all the event participants have arrived. They will then use the key to reset the gate to normal operation.

**Attendance Drawing:** The December drawing was up to \$210.00 and it had been decided to give it away at the Membership Meeting in December. Only the names of those in attendance were eligible to win. The drawing went to badge #982, **Richard Reichter**. He donated his winnings to the same charity that the Holiday dinner donations would be sent to- the Shriners! Remember, you can not win if you're not present!

### Membership:

#### **New Members Voted In On November 9, 2006:**

James P McGrath, Saugus	James McGrath Jr, Saugus	Wayne D Rodger, Andover
Edmund F Leland, N. Andover	John R Miller, Saugus	Craig K Liversidge, Andover
Victor J Perin, N. Reading		

#### **New Members Voted In On December 14, 2006:**

Derek E Hickman, Saugus	Mark A Sutera, N. Andover	Gregg Von Sternberg, N. Andover
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Congratulations & welcome aboard! We hope you'll enjoy the club and get a chance to meet all of our members.

Important Notice: Our club by-laws stipulate: "Any member NOT PAID by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 will be dropped from the membership list and subject to a \$25.00 reinstatement late fee". Please do not let this happen- send in your dues renewals today!!!

### Archery News:

**Mark your calendars for the next 3D Shoots: Jan. 21, 2007 and Mar. 3, 2007**

The 2007 dates will be chosen soon. Also, it has been approved that the Archers may use the indoor range during the winter months on weekend evenings. Stay tuned for more details as the time gets closer.

## **Functions:**

The 2006 December Holiday Membership party was a success! A very special thank you to Phil and Susan Parker who made it a delicious event! There was plenty of food ranging from lasagna and meatballs to shrimp scampi and turkey pot pie. The dessert table was scrumptious as well. If you missed it, you really missed out. All donations received were donated by the club to the Shriners.

**Membership Meetings-** At 6:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month the kitchen serves up a delicious meal for a \$5.00 donation. This meal comes with dessert too! Our Membership Meeting follows at 7:30. This is one night a month to get out and meet new friends. We even hold raffles and try to schedule a guest speaker or a form of "entertainment". Please come by... We look forward to seeing you!

The kitchen is always looking for NEW volunteers to help cook breakfasts and assist the cooks. It is a fun time and you can meet many new members. If you have never been personally asked to help, consider yourself asked! With many events scheduled, and really need the help. *Please* help us to keep the kitchen staffed.

## **Indoor Range News:**

The pistol teams will continue to hold practice matches every Monday evening at 7:00. For anybody interested, this is a great time to learn more. Please see any one of the team members for more information.

## **Trap Range News:** Trap Field schedule: **Sundays 9:00 am; Wednesdays 5:00 pm and Thursdays 6:00 pm**

Any member who has received training is welcome to shoot any time. Please call Al Croteau 978 475-7094 for details. Trap costs \$2.50 /round or purchase a 10 round card for \$22.50. We do not supply shells.

The 2006 Turkey Shoot was a success! It was held on November 12<sup>th</sup>, and Al DesRoche ran the whole show with help from Tim Gallant and Jimmy Lumbard. Just about everybody went home with either a gift certificate or a turkey. Various games were played, such as "lucky bird", "hi-gun", "low-gun", "handicap", "elimination" and more. Some did better than others, but all in all, everyone had a great time. The club yielded a profit of \$125.00.

**Training News:** **Basic Pistol Courses-** January 7<sup>th</sup> and February 4<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast and lunch are included for all students. Please call Brian Madden at 781 856-6804 for more information.

## **Hunter Education Class:**

The club will be hosting a Basic Hunter Education course beginning on **January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007**. This is a six week course being held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:30 pm. The remaining dates are **January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6**. The course is free and open to the public. Minors aged 10-17 must have parental permission. A certificate of completion will be presented upon successful completion of the course. This course fulfills requirements for the FID Application. The certificate is also necessary for first time hunters who wish to purchase a hunting or sporting license in any U.S. state or Canadian or Mexican province. Certified volunteer instructors and the Massachusetts Environmental Police teach this course. Hope to see you there! Please call 978 664-4729 for more information. **Tim Gallant- Master Hunter Education Instructor**

**Community Relations/ Miscellaneous:** The lucky winners of the raffle were drawn during our December holiday party:

	<b>Grand Prize: \$500.00</b>	<b>Florence Leone</b>
	Sold By: \$50.00	John Leone
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$250.00	Jim Hehir
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$250.00	Sara Buckley
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$100.00	Sara Buckley
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$100.00	Frank Bleszinski
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$100.00	Boy Scouts
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$50.00	Nick Parnotta
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$50.00	Jim Marino
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$50.00	Charlene McCue
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$50.00	Tracie Parker
	Most tickets sold	\$50.00 John Leone

Thank you to all members who participated in making this raffle a success. We couldn't have done it without your help. A very special thank you goes out to Ken Hartman who ran this event and put in many hours of hard work.

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