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President's Message:

The first 3-4 months of 2007 were quite eventful indeed. We had the pleasure of having special events at each of our first three monthly membership meetings commencing with a self loading demonstration by Bill LeBlanc in January. That was followed by an inspiring presentation by Lt Posselt, USMC in February regarding his experience in Iraq and Afghanistan and then by the Director of GOAL concerning significant legislative issues. We expect to have programs of similar importance and interest in the future.

During the same period we were sad to lose the services and camaraderie of Christine and Wayne LeClaire who have contributed so much to our club and we wish them well as they take up their new residence in Florida. Following Christine's resigning as Secretary we welcomed David Paradise as a member of the Board of Director and as Acting Secretary.

In April the Board of Directors and Membership took up and resolved several difficult issues. One issue that has not been resolved is the potential future economic impact of the current Life Membership policy. Although the solution proposed by the Board of Directors was rejected by the membership the potential problem has not gone away. Therefore, during the coming months it will be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to try to develop alternative solutions for the membership to consider.

Improvements to the club's physical facilities have also continued. That has been reflected in the significant improvements being made to our indoor pistol range and in the kitchen.

As we rapidly approach the late spring and summer season when we all have the maximum opportunity to enjoy the club's facilities and when special club events such as the annual Youth Fishing Derby, a special archery shoot and archery training class take place, let us hope that Mother Nature will eventually decide to cooperate..

Respectfully,
Dick Reichter

Membership Meeting:

April's membership meeting certainly was an exciting one with the membership voting against any changes in the bylaws that pertain to ASC 's policy on Life Membership. Many of the members agreed that changes should be made, at a later date to protect the Members that joined with the assumption that they would qualify for this in the next couple of years.

Archery:

On April 28th & 29th we held an IBO (International Bow Hunters) and GSB (Granite State Bowmen) archery shoot. The weather was good on Saturday but Sunday was damp, nevertheless we still had a decent turnout. We had 44 IBO and 66 GSB shooters. Our next shoot is in October.

John Leone would like to thank Joe Robinson, Ed Mustapha, Jim Lombard, Bob Crossman, Pete Turco, Lou Patti, Richard Greenlaw, Bill Monet, Roger Congley, Art Najam for the good work done in the kitchen and setting up the course. I would like to say that with all the members here at the ASC we continue to get the same people setting up the course. We would like to see some new faces. So if you have a couple of hours during the week or on a Saturday or Sunday morning, give me a call and get some credit for working at your club. ASC would like to thank all IBO and GSB members for their participation.

Training:

The first Beginner's Archery Class will be held May 12 from 9:30 to noon with a rain date on the 19th. The class is open to club members and their children 10 years and up. It will have classroom followed by range instruction. This first class is open for 10 students on a first come first serve basis. The instructors will be Tony Aftuck, Jimmy Lombard and Dick Reichter. Contact Brian Madden to reserve a seat.

Fishing Derby:

May 5th the ASC held its annual Fishing Derby for kids 1-15 years old. The kids had a great time. There were 150 registered fishermen, with the youngest being 2 years old. We estimated the turnout to be close to 275 people including parents and scouts leaders. We awarded 5 trophies (donated by John Leone) and 3 fishing rods (donated by Chris Batterman). Phil Parker again brought his monster grill and with the help of Sue served food to more than 250 people. This is a major task and the Derby would not be the same without him. Al DesRoche and Jim Lombard set up the Derby, and stayed overnight at the lake to protect our equipment they also took it apart after it was over.. I also wish to thank Bill Hauck, Stu McNeil, Mark and Chris Klove for all the help they gave to the Derby. Without these people the 58th Annual Derby would not have happened. We also thank Dick's Sporting Goods for donating fishing equipment to help the people that did not have any.

This derby has been a tradition of our club since 1949, and is one of the oldest in the state. This is the chance for our club to show that we are true sportsmen and are eager to help the new generation of children start out with a love of the outdoors and the sporting life. Unfortunately this is not what happened. So few of our members volunteered that we were lucky to get the Derby going at all. I have a hard time understanding why so few members of our club are willing to get involved in anything unless it benefits them personally.

Outdoor Range:

The outdoor range will be closed for police training 9AM to 3PM the following dates, Andover and N. Andover P.D. May 7-11, Malden P.D. June 4-8, Medford P.D. June 18-22 and the N. Reading P.D. August 20-24. The indoor range will remain open and the outdoor range will be open to members after 3PM and the indoor range. If any member experiences a problem please contact Bill LeBlanc with your problem.

Indoor Range:

The sound proofing is making a great difference. Al Croteau and Brad Riechter are working very hard getting it ready it could still be 2-4 weeks away from completion. The range is closed Monday from 5-8PM and Wednesday from 5-6PM A few more helpers could really speed things up.

Trap Range:

Al DesRoche did another great job with his Ham Shoot. We had a large turnout with many members from other clubs in attendance. All parties had a great time. We actually saw Al Croteau win a ham after trying for 15 years.

Community Relations:

Please submit any names for the Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp. Children and grandchildren of an ASC member between the ages of 13-17 are eligible. The club sends two children each year to attend this overnight camp which will be held August 5th -17th

Membership:

Last months meeting we welcomed in 6 new members: They are:

- CRAIG T. BURTON Andover,
- ERIC HEINS No. Reading,
- JOSEPH P. O'BRIEN North Reading,
- MARK F. OUELLETTE Beverly,
- MARK W. SULLIVAN Methuen,
- DAVID A. WEINSHEI Danvers,

Security:

The gate is working fine. Remember security is every member's job at ASC. If you see something that is inappropriate please inform the closest range officer or Ken Hartman as soon as possible.

Opinion:

I think that we have the finest sportsmen's club in this area. It took many years to achieve this and it did not happen quickly or without the help of various administrations, going back many years. Positive differences of opinion are and will always be an important part of our growth, and a increase in individual involvement in all aspects of our club can only improve it and sustain it for future generations.

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