



DECEMBER 2008

**Save the Dates**

Dec 11: Xmas Dinner Party  
 Dec 14: Holiday Trap Shoot  
 Dec 21: Holiday Trap Shoot (Rain Date)  
 Jan 8: Antique Guns Show & Tell  
 Feb 8: Granite State Bow Hunters Shoot  
 Feb 12: Pistol Auction; Cleaning an AR15 Show & Tell

**Gun Auction**

We will be auctioning off two more pistols, a Browning Buck Mark and a Ruger MKI, both .22 caliber beginning in February. You must be at the Feb. Member's Meeting to submit a bid.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Whit Haselton (2008 Trapshooting Championship Flight Winner), Mark Rochon (2008 Trapshooting Championship Flight Runner Up), Frank Bleszinski (2008 Trapshooting First Flight Winner), Jimmy Hehir (2008 Trapshooting Second Flight Winner), Bill Sallie III (Military Shoot 1<sup>st</sup> place), Larry Chapper (Military Shoot 2<sup>nd</sup> place), Tom Lumb (Military Shoot 3<sup>rd</sup> place), Ed Goonyep (Pumpkin Shoot 1<sup>st</sup> place), Matt Williams (Pumpkin Shoot 2<sup>nd</sup> place) and Ed Soares (Pumpkin Shoot 3<sup>rd</sup> place).

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I wish all a very happy and healthy Holiday season.

Louis LoPresti

**NEEDED: HUNTER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS.** The ASC is in need of Hunter Safety Instructors. Tim Gallant is the only one the club has and he cannot continue to do it on his own. To date the club has relied upon the availability and goodwill of instructors from other clubs. This source of instructors may not continue to be available to the club in the future. It is crucial to our sport to have more hunters, especially young hunters. In order to hunt in Massachusetts you must have taken this course. The requirement to become a Basic Hunter Education-qualified instructor is minimal. Please contact Brian Madden at 781-856-6804 or Tim Gallant at 978-664-4729 if you can help. The Andover Sportsmen's Club is in danger of losing the "convenience and privilege" of hosting the Massachusetts Basic Hunter Education course.

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR BADGE ON THE GROUNDS AT ALL TIMES!**

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**ASC 2008 Trapshooting Championship:** We hope that anyone interested in Trap Shooting, or the sport of shooting in general, will consider participating next year in that which has become an annual Club Championship Series. Although a “championship” is involved, the true emphasis is not on competing but on camaraderie and simply having a great time. The event is organized in a manner that provides an equal opportunity to win prizes to both accomplished “trappers” and those that have never tried the sport. Prizes include the winners name being placed on a permanent plaque in the club house wall plus individual trophies and free trap rounds. We are delighted that participants now include ladies, children and families, and we hope that trend will continue. The event is organized in a manner that creates continuing interest throughout the summer months ending with a “Finals Day” in September. Every person that participates will not only enjoy the summer preliminaries but will also have an opportunity to win prizes on the Finals Day, regardless of their level of experience.

The 2008 event had 27 participants which was up from 22 in 2007 and 15 in 2006. We sincerely hope this trend will continue and that more ASC members will look upon this event as an opportunity to enjoy one of our club’s excellent facilities. The results of the 2008 Championship series were as follows:

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT: Whit Haselton (Winner) and Mark Rochon (Runner Up)  
FIRST FLIGHT: Frank Bleszinski (Winner)  
SECOND FLIGHT: Jimmy Hehir (Winner)

In order to help us get through the cold winter months we will soon commence the second annual HOLIDAY CUP, a companion event to the annual summer Club Championship Series. We again encourage all members that have an interest in simply having a good time to join us. If you need anything including equipment, instructions, etc please see Al Croteau or Al DeRoche and they will be delighted to assist you.. The only restrictions are that children under 12 years of age may not participate and youth under the age of 18 must have the consent of, and be accompanied by, a Parent or guardian

**Miscellaneous Tidbits:** In October, Al Croteau returned to Vietnam after 40 years. According to Al, “the country is a great place to visit and the people are the most kind and gentle people I have ever met. It is my belief that the Americans who served there had a great impact on the lives and customs of these fine people. In my travels I met two former VC who fought in 68. They held no ill feelings towards me or my fellow Americans. The country is trying to enter the modern world and you would never know it is a dictatorship.”

### **Department Reports**

**Trap:** Our very special thanks go to Al D and Jim L. for their great effort in putting on the Turkey Shoot. The weather was great except for the wind. We had a large turn out and many birds will be eaten. The next event will be Sunday Dec 7 2008 “Christmas Spirit Shoot” Al D. again will run this shoot. Now the bad news. Due to the increase cost of oil the clays have increased in price by over 35%. This increase has forced ASC to therefore increase the cost per round. Effective Jan 1, 2009 the new schedule will be \$3.00 per round for members with a card of ten for \$25.00. For non-members it will be \$4.00 per round with a card of ten for \$39.00. Again if there are any members who would like to venture into the trap world please contact myself at N733YZ1@yahoo.com or 978-475-7094. We have a good group who always enjoy and welcome new people to our sport. Also on Wed. nights after Trap we gather for a little poker, food and other events.

**Indoor Range:** We have something new on the indoor range. In three of the stations you may note an extra switch. These ports have a target return system. To operate the system, perform the following: 1. Send the target all the way down range. 2. Turn the top switch to the on position. The target will now come towards you. You may fire at it, as it is moving. 3. Once it has stopped turn the switch to off. Some members have used the system and enjoy shooting at a moving target. If possible use the smaller target holders. For any questions you may contact Al Croteau at 978-475-7094 or [N733YZ1@yahoo.com](mailto:N733YZ1@yahoo.com).

**Outdoor Range:** Please do not use armor piercing rounds on the range as the permanently damage the steel plate targets. Some ammunition is not stated as being armor piercing when it is, so please be sure of what type ammunition you are shooting. Recently there have been a few range rules violations that could have resulted in serious injury. In order to insure the safety of those enjoying the facilities, we have instituted some changes to the outdoor range rules. (1) The maximum allowable capacity for handguns is now 5 rounds. (2) The minimum age for all persons on the outdoor range is 12 years of age. The minimum age for .22 caliber, non-semi-automatic rifle shooters is 12 to 14 years of age. The minimum age for all other rifle calibers and gauges is 15 years of age. The minimum age for handgun shooters is 16 years of age with a Massachusetts licensed person. (3) Members bringing guests to the range must stay within arm's reach of their guest at all times when the guest is on the firing line. If the member cannot stay within arm's reach of the guest, while the guest is on the firing line, the guest must move behind the safe line. When the member goes down range the guest must either go down range with the member or the guest must leave the range. Going forward, copies of range rules and bylaws will be posted on the table in the club house, as well as on the bulletin board at the range.

**Membership:** The club has added 70 new members in 2008: Nicholas Cazeau, Paula J. Hart, Hollis R. Marris, John J Marris, Michael S. Mattuchio, Roland R. Michaud, Joseph B. Phelan, Joseph A. Veno, Michael a Agosti , Michael G. Miller Jr., Gregory M Scott, Andrew W. Sukiennik , Michael P Tannian, Dion S. Dinatale , Jonathan F. Morley, Mark A. Walters, Robert J. Walters, Michael A. Agosti , Andrew W. Sukiennik, Gregory M. Scott, Joshua D. Romanski , Zachary J. Romanski , Raymond D. Veader , Matthew T. Lavoie , Joseph E. Barber, Edward D. Berman, James F Brooks, Sean M. Callanan , Paul D. Dorsey Jr. , Thomas A. Look , James P. Maccario, Eric A. Masiello Jr., George D. Michaels, Erik K.. Oines, Azat Arbatov, Nicholas G. Luksha, John P. Oberto, Michael T. Stella Jr., David B. Wilson, Francisco P. Rivera, Paula B. Leed, Thomas J. Schutz, R. Scott Parrish Jr, Peter E. Zavras, Benjamin W. Collins, Kathleen B. Scuzzarella, Thomas P. Angeli, Jacob D. Bosse, Anthony J. Chamay, Jon Corbino Jr. , James Donovaro, Frank S. Giles, Lauren G. Hyde, David T. Lane, Christopher J. Lane, Janeen Shipley, Mark A. Shipley, Randy Theriault, Louis S. Biondo, William F. Douty, Richard S. Gorzela, Jose N. Gregorio, Michael A. Jacobs, Peter B. Mckeough, Joseph M. Risteen, William M. Thorpe Jr., Richard B. Abt Jr., Cathleen R. Buckley, Neil J. Frasca, and Sean M. Quick. Welcome aboard!

**Security:** We have had a few members who are confused by the front gate. You must move your vehicle up close to the gate so that the sensors imbedded in the ground can open it. If you do have a problem with the gate opening, please move to the side so that others can pass. Some members have left their cars or trucks blocking the road. This prevents others from entering or leaving, especially emergency vehicles. Remember it is the responsibility of all members to know the current range rules. These rules and all changes are posted at all ranges, and copies are available at the clubhouse.

**Archery:** We are tentatively planning another *Beginner's Archery* class for May, subject to demand. If you or your children or grandchildren are interested, please contact Brian Madden. GSB delegates needed: We need two volunteers to attend the Granite State Bow Hunters meetings in NH. If anyone is interested, see John Leone, or call him at 781-321-9244. The next GSB shoot will be on Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. And finally, to all members of the Andover Sportsmen's' Club and their families, the archers would like to wish them all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

**Training:** The schedule for the *Basic Pistol Class* is posted on the website and on the clubhouse bulletin board. Please contact Brian Madden at (781) 856-6804 or [btmadden@comcast.net](mailto:btmadden@comcast.net) to sign up. There is a \$10.00 increase in the course fee to \$95.00 for next year. Due to the heavy demand, we are requiring students to register and pay in advance. We are accepting the first 16 prepaid students. The number is determined by the fact that we have 8 firing points on the indoor range. The students that are too late may have their payment applied to the next class or refunded. The Dec. class is already filled. Future classes this quarter will be held on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> , Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> , and March 1st. The *Youth Program* is proceeding under the direction of Frank Bleszinski. The next Youth safety Training Class is scheduled for January 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the clubhouse. If you have children or grandchildren that would like to participate you and they must attend this class before they will be allowed to shoot. The minimum age for students is 12 years. Please contact Brian Madden or Frank Bleszinski at [bleszinski@aol.com](mailto:bleszinski@aol.com). We have begun a mandatory *New Member Range Orientation*. It covers the high points of the Range rules as well as range procedures. Current members are welcome to attend if they wish. The course is held on the Sunday following the member's meeting each month beginning at 11:00.