



Save the Dates

- Oct. 12: Military Shoot
- Oct. 18: Fall Work Party
- Oct. 19: Granite State Archery 3D Shoot
- Oct. 25: ASC Annual Pig Roast
- Nov 16: Turkey Shoot
- Nov 23: Turkey Shoot (Rain Date)

FALL WORK PARTY

The fall work party will be held on Saturday, October 18th, from 8 am to 3 pm, breakfast and lunch will be served. **All Ranges will be Closed.** Please bring rakes, grass swing type cutters, shovels and sidewalk brooms.

ASC ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Come join the fun! This year the ASC Annual Pig Roast will be held on Oct. 25. The pig roast in July was great. Thanks to all who made it possible. Hope to have more people attending our October event.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone:

First, let me express my deep appreciation to Holli Marrs, a new member, who has graciously volunteered to take the lead in getting our newsletter back in publication. According to member comments, it was sorely missed all last year.

I trust everyone had an enjoyable summer. Now that we are back, we have much planned for the upcoming months. There will be a Youth Program getting under way, a Trap Champion- ship, a turkey shoot, a pumpkin shoot, a military shoot, a pig roast, archery shoots, a work party, and a Christmas cheer shoot. Please see the dates for each of these events elsewhere in this newsletter.

The kitchen has returned to its Sunday morning breakfasts. It's a great way to meet other members, have a delicious hot breakfast and support your club.

After membership meetings, we are resuming the practice of presenting interesting programs for attending members. After the September meeting Brad Reichter put on a slide show of early development of the club. After the October meeting, Bill LeBlanc and Tony Aftuck will present a sampling of early American firearms, and after the November meeting we will return to Brad Reichter who will have a short movie of raising the clubhouse to upgrade the indoor pistol range.

The membership has voted to keep the application fee and dues unchanged for 2009. This is due, at least in part, to the dedicated efforts of your Board of Directors who have managed their respective areas with efficiency and prudence, constantly under budget but not without several improvements to our ranges.

Let's make the balance of this year a continued success. Please support your club.

My Best Regards to all.

Louis LoPresti

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NOTICE

To All New Members of the Andover Sportsmen's Club

Please be advised that many of the current rules and regulations, are revised and do change from time to time as stated in the Range Rules and Regulations you received with your membership package. Please be advised to check, read, and observe any current postings at the various ranges you may elect to use. This is to insure your and everybody's safety to utilize and enjoy the facilities.

All **new** changes will be posted in a conspicuous location and please, **DO NOT HESITATE** to ask or question anything you might not understand, or want explained further from the Range Director or a qualified member. It's always better to err on the side of caution than regret any unsure or dangerous choice. As a member it's our obligation to keep ASC the best and safest in NE.

Any thoughts or suggestions as to club procedure are always welcome, and we appreciate your input and ideas. Thank you, and welcome to the club.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR BADGE ON THE GROUNDS AT ALL TIMES!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS SUMMER

Brad Reichter and Al Croteau insulated the entire clubhouse ceiling with 9.5 inches of fiberglass insulation. We expect that this will save the club at least 25% on their fuel usage. At the same time we refurbished the gable exhaust fan over the stage. The fan is now temperature controlled and it should help to keep the clubhouse cooler in the summer months. The BOD authorized \$3000 dollars for this project. We completed the project for under \$1800. Lighting was also installed in the fan area.

A security monitoring system was installed. We have now two secure areas where our firearms and sensitive papers are kept. Thanks to the efforts of Brian Madden, Bill LeBlanc, Brad Reichter and Al Croteau, all materials are now protected against fire and from being stolen. This project was budgeted at \$8000 and was completed under budget. The club will receive an insurance discount due to this system.

A new entrance card reader system was installed by Brad Reichter, Jim Heir and Al Croteau. This will allow members to enter the indoor range from street level. I believe the budget for this item was \$1000 we came in under budget.

As mentioned at the last meeting, the damage received by the lighting has been corrected. Many security cameras, entrance card readers, and other equipment was either repaired or replaced by Brad Reichter, Jim Heir and Al Croteau.

Bill LeBlanc is currently working on installing a new club house entrance door.

Additional Improvements under consideration:

1. Fencing in the area.
2. Side or paint the club house
3. Build a gun storage rack
4. Install a target moving system in the indoor range.
5. Build a skeet field.

If anyone has a business or any ideas on the above, we would be glad to hear from you. Please call Al Croteau at (978) 475-7094.

***** DEPARTMENT REPORTS *****

*** SECURITY ***

The security of our club is the responsibility of all members. If you see anyone at the club without a membership badge please ask if they are a member and to see their badge. Please report any infractions of our rules to an ASC Board member or to a range officer. Our rules are in place to protect our members and our club. Wear your badge at all times when on club grounds.

*** COMMUNITY RELATIONS & DEVELOPMENT ***

POLICE TRAINING SCHEDULE--2008

Range will be closed on these dates and times for Night Training

DATE	Police Department	TIME
Oct. 6th thru 10th	Wilmington	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Oct. 13th thru 17th	Wilmington	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Nov. 3rd thru 7th	Andover & N. Andover	5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Nov. 7th	Andover & N. Andover	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

2008 Scholarships

The Andover Sportsmen's Club awarded four \$500.00 scholarships to four graduating seniors for the year 2008. This year we awarded two of the four to seniors who are offspring of club members.

This year's winners were:

ASC: Leigh S. Croteau –and- Christopher M. Burden
Andover High: Hannah V. Hastings
North Andover High: Rebecca Baker

Conservation Camp 2008

The Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp is a two week experience allowing youth to develop skills and confidence that will last a lifetime. It was held from August 10 –22, 2008.

The Massachusetts Sportsmen's Junior Conservation Camp program is open to boys and girls aged 13 to 17. Currently, it is hosted at the Chesterfield Scout Reservation on 521 acres near Scout Pond in Chesterfield, Massachusetts.

Every year we sponsor two campers for the two weeks. This year's campers were the grandchildren of Gerry Woodmansee: Sarah and Craig.

*** TRAP ***

Trap is open Sun from 0900 to when completed, Wed from 1700 hours (5:00pm) to 2100 hours (9:00pm), and Thursdays open Wed. hours except meeting nights at Al's choice. If members would like to learn the game, or has an interest, they may contact Al Croteau for a private lesson. Also any member may use the equipment on his own, provided he has received training from Al. Contact Al Croteau at (978) 475-7094.

*** Time for the Annual Turkey Shoot ***

Once again, it's time for The ASC Annual . This year the Turkey Shoot will be on 11/16; the rain date will be 11/23.

Al Derosé has agreed to run the Turkey Shoot this year. As in the past it will be great fun. Al has done a great job with prizes and fun games.

***** MEMBERSHIP *****

New members voted in on 9/11/2008: David B. Wilson (Andover, Ma.)
Frank P. Rivera (Stoneham, Ma.)
Paula B. Leed (Andover, Ma.)
Thomas J. Schutz (Charlestown, Ma.)
Scott Parrish Jr (Andover, Ma.)
Peter E. Zavras (Lynnfield, Ma.)
Benjamin W. Collins (Andover, Ma.)
Kathleen B. Scuzzarella (Danvers, Ma.)

Welcome to the club, and hope to see you there.
PLEASE WEAR YOUR CLUB BADGE WHILE ON THE PREMISES.

NEW MEMBER RANGE ORIENTATION PROGRAM
TO: ALL NEW MEMBERS

Due to a recent change in procedure effective October 1, 2008, all new members will be required to attend a Range Orientation Class to become familiar with the pertinent details of range operation and safety issues. After being voted in at a regular membership meeting when you will receive your club ID badge, you must then attend the range tour (about 45 minutes in length), after which you will be mailed your key card for access to the club. This tour will be on the Sunday (10:00 AM) following the usual Thursday membership meeting unless preempted by a holiday, in which case alternate dates will be provided on our website and/or newsletter. Please be sure to read and bring the Range Rules Regulations material you received with you to the scheduled meeting.

Be advised that this is mandatory to obtain your key card, which allows you full access to the club, all ranges at all times. We know you will find this tour interesting, informative, and will answer any questions you might have to add to your enjoyment as a member of the club. Please bring ear protection if you have any or the club will supply same. If you have a problem or question in this regard please contact:

Brian Madden, Training Director.....btmadden@comcast.net
Ken Hartman, Security Director.....kbhartman@verizon.net

NOTE: Any current members are also welcome to attend if interested

***** TRAINING *****

The next Basic Pistol Class will be on October 5th. Please contact Brian Madden at btmadden@comcast.net to apply. The last class of the year will be on November 9th.

We are restarting the Youth program with Frank Bleszinski in charge. There will be a *mandatory* class on Saturday October 18th for both parents and students who wish to participate this year. The class will cover basic safety and firearms knowledge, will run from 4:00pm to 6:00 pm, and conclude with shooting on the Indoor Range which will be closed during that time. A parent or guardian must attend the class and sign a release waiver prior to the student shooting. Once the student and parent have completed the class, the student may shoot at the subsequent monthly shoots. We will run another class in January for those that couldn't make this one.

The monthly shoots will be limited to 10 students since we only have 5 single shot .22s at present. We will post the dates for these shoots on the website and in the Newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Madden at the above email address or Frank Bleszinski at bleszinski@aol.com.

The club is auctioning off four pistols bought some time ago. They are two Ruger MKI .22s and two Browning Buckmark .22s. We are beginning with one Ruger and one Buckmark. The auction is a silent auction with bids placed at the membership meetings on September 5th, October 9th, and November 13th. The high bid amount will be announced at each meeting. You must be at the meeting to bid and you may bid more than once. The winners, who will be the first (in case of equal bids) highest bidder, will be announced at the close of the bidding at the November meeting. You must be a club member in good standing and have a valid Massachusetts Class A or B license to receive the guns. The transfer will be a personal transfer from the Club's Class A license to you.

We will offer another Beginners Archery Class next year in early April. The date will be posted early next year.

***** ARCHERY *****

Andover Sportsmens Club will be having a GSB 3-D Archery Shoot on October 19, 2008. Registration will run from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Breakfast and lunch will be available. Bring the family; there's Plenty of parking; Open to public. Trophies will be given to 11yrs - 17yrs; medallions to 10 yrs and under.

Cost: Members of GSB: \$9.00 Non Members: \$10.00 17 yrs and under: Free

Here at ASC we have approx.160 archers and yet not many participate in these shoots, so why not come and meet you fellow archery members.

Our work party will be on Oct. 18, 2008 at 8:00 AM. Please sign in for work assignment. Breakfast and lunch will be served. **Remember to wear your badges.**

We had good turnouts on our Saturday morning shoots. The Saturday morning shoots will start up again in March, 2009. Check the website and future newsletter for more information.

***** INDOOR RANGE *****

There is an opening for an indoor range chairperson. If anyone is interested, please contact the club president or Al Croteau.