

CLUB NEWS



The Game Dinner is back!

Yes folks, April 17th, 2010 looks like the date for our 20th annual Game Dinner . More info will follow as this date approaches.

Our Sporting Clays Course has added a 5 -Stand set-up to our winter shooting events.

On 1/16/10. 30 shooters attended a combination 5-Stand/ Sporting Clays shoot. The event consisted of 50 targets shot on the 5-Stand, and 50 shot on a limited numbers of Sporting Clays stands. The Club generated good revenue and we also had 9 shooters sign up for our Winter League.

"Executive Chef" Chris Mann cooked a delicious ham, baked beans, and desert for the shooters. Chris was flanked by "Sous-Chef" Jim Ripa and "Expediter" John Pietros who both helped with the other kitchen duties. http://www.cuisinet.com/digest/custom/restaurant/chef_ladder.shtml. Gordie Forbes also did some cooking of his own. He "cooked" up some spectacular target presentations on the course (NOTE-in attendance were some of the best Sporting Clays shooters in the area and they all comment on how challenging, but hittable, the target were!) George Cosmo helped in the course cleanup. I cant forget our chauffeur, Jeff Bilicki, he made sure our guests made it to the course safely.

2010 Election Results

Officers:

Gordie Forbes - Pres.

Jeff Balicki - VP

Bill Forbes - Treasurer

Olin Bielski - Rec. Sec.

Billy Forbes -Corr. Sec.

BOD

Roy Gumlaw

Chris Mann

John Pietros

Doug Gladding

Thank you to all members that showed up to vote!

Next Regular Club Meeting Feb. 4th 2010 at The Polish American Club
Rt202 S. Hadley

Jim Waitkus,

(waitkus2@comcast.net) our Bird chairman, has a new phone number it is 413-433-5211 .

Friday May 7th, 2010 will be our annual dinner meeting to be held, once again, at the Munich Haus in Chicopee. Olin Bielski - sportsman9165@hotmail.com will once again Chair this event. Details will follow as they become available.

Our Annual Woodcock Trial is scheduled to start in March. Please contact Gerry Williams gerry-williams@comcast.net for details.

I'm running this section again. Please read it (twice)

There has been much confusion about the procedure for, paying for, filling out the necessary paper work for, and releasing Birds. This next section will help (I hope).

Lets Start from the beginning.

Step#1 - When you arrive at the club to release birds the FIRST thing to do is check to see if we have the species and amounts you wish to release. (go to the pens and LOOK)

Step#2 - Enter the basement of the Club House. This is were all the necessary forms are kept. (The Key is in the shed combo#1-8-2-2. Read ALL the SAFETY and CLUB rules posted on the bulletin board.

Step#3 -

A- Make sure you and your hunting party all have valid MASS. Hunting licenses. If not you need to purchase a one day license from the club. They are located in a binder on top of the desk in the basement. Fill out the form COMPLETELY! (there are instructions in the binder on how to do this correctly)

B- If you cannot provide all the info or cannot figure out how to do it, Call and ask someone. Phone numbers are posted by the phone and on the wall. If you still are having problems STOP, TURN AROUND, and GO HOME. You CANNOT hunt on Club grounds without a valid MASS. hunting License. That may sound harsh but there are 99 other members that will loose hunting privileges if our club is shut down.

Step#4 - **This step must be done before any birds are taken out of the pens!*

Pay for your birds. Use the small envelopes to deposit your cash and checks into the wall safe . Please fill out ALL the info on the envelopes -(Your Name, #of birds/species, Dollar totals, check or cash, etc.) Put the, properly filled out, sealed envelope into the wall safe located by the entrance door and to the right of the desk.

Step#5 - Fill out the State AND Club records books. These are located on the desk. Look at past entries to see how it is done. If you cannot figure it out refer to **Step#3 part B.**

Step#6 - **Read ALL the SAFETY and CLUB rules posted on the bulletin board.*

Catch birds. The combinations for the bird pens are 1-9-3-7. Use the game nets and crates that are in the shed to catch birds. Be gently, move slow, and try not to "spook" birds. BE VERY CAREFUL INSIDE THE CHUKAR PEN ,WALK ON THE BOARDS NOT THE NET.

Step#7 - Check water and food levels before you close and lock up the pens. If low replenish the levels. I know this is a PITA but it is your club and we do not have a care taker so someone needs to do it.....YOU.

Winter is extremely hard on the birds. Our bird chairman has done a fantastic job keeping the prices low on birds. this could change in a moments notice if our bird mortality rate increases.

Step#8 - Before entering the bird fields make sure you are shooting non-toxic shot. You could and can be checked by your fellow members and if found without, asked to leave the bird fields! We are presently off the "lead shot" watch dog list's and we intend to keep it that way.

Make sure you tag your birds legs with the yellow tags that are in/on the desk. If you are stopped by an EPO you could be fined, arrested, loose your license or C, all the above.

Step#9 - Pick up after your self and your guests. Lock the club house, Shed, Barn and pens.

It is vital that we keep our records correct, accurate, and up to date. Our records get sent to the State of Mass. each year for review and our preserve license hinges on the accuracy of these records.

* It is club policy not to shoot Grouse or woodcock on club grounds.

* Remember quail are for training purposes ONLY . The shooting/hunting of quail is NOT allowed on club grounds.