

Fin, Fur, & Feather Club of Mattapoisett Quarterly Newsletter – March, 2011

We hope to be able to do four of these a year but we need input from our membership to succeed so let us know what you would like to see in here or send us information to include in the next issue – the Newsletter Committee **Executive Board Meetings** are the first Thursday of every month at 7 pm and are open to all unless an “executive session” has been requested. The **General meetings** - second Tuesday of the month at 7:30: April – E-Board on 4/7, General on 4/12; May - E-Board on 5/5 General on 5/10; June - E-Board on 6/2, General on 6/14; July – E-Board on 7/7, General on 7/12; August – E-Board on 8/4, General on 8/9; September – E-Board on 9/1, General on 9/13; October – E-Board on 10/6, General on 10/11; November – E-Board on 11/3, General on 11/8; December – E-Board on 12/3, General on 12/13.

Workdays will be the third Saturday of each month: April 16th, May 21st, June 18th, July 16th August 20th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th and December 17th. We are in the process of printing a list of things that need to be done to be posted online and at the clubhouse so members have a better idea of how they may help – come and join us!

Sunday Morning Breakfast

From 7:30 – 10 am every week at the clubhouse for only a \$4 donation. 2 eggs (any way you like them), bacon or sausage, toast (white, wheat and raisin); 3 slices French toast (regular or Texas style), bacon or sausage and home fries; 3 pancakes with bacon or sausage; breakfast sandwich (\$3) with bacon or sausage and home fries. All come with a glass of orange juice and bottomless coffee or tea!

Election Results

The new slate of officers for 2011 is: President – Paul Bonville, Vice President – John Mello, Secretary – Sue Fernandes, Treasurer – Harold Eckert, Membership Secretary – Walter Gajewski, Directors – Betty Monk, Bob Burrill, Joe Cabral, and Robert Tweedie; Trustees – Cheryl Randall, Wayne Arruda, Gary Bendiksen, Bob Perry and Rob Dakin.

Upcoming EVENTS

Ham & Bean Supper

April 30th, from 5 - 8 pm at the clubhouse.

Only \$7 per ticket advanced purchase only. Get them at the club or call: Mark Gundersen @ 774-263-2279 or Walter Gajewski @ 508-763-2706

Massachusetts junior conservation camp

Week-long conservation, leadership, and instruction in outdoor skills for

boys and girls 14-17. We are already sponsoring 1 but would like to send 2 teens this year – let us know ASAP if you have a child, grandchild, other relative or friend who would be a good prospect. Registration ends soon.

Women on Target

May 14th, Call Joe Cabral @508-965-4609 to volunteer your help.

Trout Derby

On the Mattapoisett River only

May 1, 2011, 6am to 12 pm. Registration morning of Derby.

Only \$8 entry fee and the kitchen will be open for breakfast at 5 am.

Ham Shoot

Date not yet set – call the club at 508-758-6790 for more information.

Possible **Bar-B-Que or Clamboil-**

Call 508-758-6790 or let us know at breakfast on Sundays or meetings.

We're kicking around ideas for this summer for FAMILY events like the club had in the "good-old-days." Let us know what you think about either of these or something else you would like to see take place at YOUR club!

RANGES

Archery – Open every day, Sundays from 9-11 there are more people to assist newcomers and 3-D targets are available. Donations are appreciated.

Rifle & Pistol – Open to all members and guests but currently you must bring your own targets. Any questions go to the Range & Safety Officer, Mr. Sonny Medeiros onsite or call 508-642-4242

Trap – Open Sundays, year-round from noon to 3 unless there is greater demand. It is open to the public and costs \$3 for club members and \$4 for non-members.

COMMITTEES

We always need new members and ideas for all our committees so look and see if one of these is a good fit for you: **STANDING COMMITTEES** –

Kitchen, Buildings & Grounds, Archery, Rifle & Pistol, Trap, and Women

on Target. **New Committees** are: By-law Revision – trying to bring the club into this century and the future; Grants – trying to secure monies from the NRA and others to improve YOUR club. Newsletter – trying to get one of these out four times a year to keep the membership informed and involved! Land Conservation & Acquisition – looking into the possibility of buying more land for the club and protecting what we already have.

NEXT ISSUE – MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT!!! Info on a Gun Raffle, summer events, and hopefully copies of new proposed bylaws.