

NATURE CALLS

July 2007

York County Fish & Game

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Hello all:

The following is of upcoming events as scheduled at this time. Added events can be scheduled without notice upon approval of the Board of Directors

Archery: Mike Conley is seeking help for this fall & winters events. If you can help him, as well as the club out in events. It would be greatly appreciated. Call Mike at 284-6137 or e mail mc_hnter59@yahoo.com

The remaining Archery events are

July 22 Lake Side Archery

August 5th Buxton/Hollis R&G Club

Sept.2nd Sanford Springvale F&G Club

July 29th YCF&GC

August 12th Sanford Springvale F&G Club

Dec. 9th. YCF&GC Charity shoot, this

August 19th Lake Side Archery

shoot coincides for the Hunters for the Hungry.

Blackpowder: The remaining events, fmi contact George Sutton : 499-2073 or gpsutton@verizon.net

All shoots are Sundays : July 15th noon, August 12th 10 a.m., September 16th 10 a.m. Oct. 21st. 10 a.m.

December 16th. The Ray Bolduc Memorial Shoot/Hunters for the hungry shoot.

Entertainment: We will be collecting once again for a food drive as well as new unwrapped toys for this year's Hunters for the Hungry event. This is happening all year and is wished to be done prior to the Hunters for the Hungry Shoot in December. Our July BBQ, we will be seeking a \$5.00 donation. This donation will be going to the E-Hope support group. Which helps those with debilitating illness. We will have a representative speaker this night to explain briefly of this group.

We also will be having Cal Robinson on tap, putting on a slide show for us on that evening as well.

Tom Belanger will be preparing the BBQ this year as he has done in the past years. If at all possible, a head count for food preparation is being asked. Where numbers have varied over the past years, so we won't be under or over preparing. If you could please contact me Jan Bolduc at 205-2216 or e-mail me at chevy97@usadatanet.net or Tom Belanger 499-7357

(tbelang@roadrunner.com)

Jan Bolduc

Fishing: Saltwater news: Striped Bass are in, small Blue Fish being taken at this time. Some Sturgeon have be caught in the Saco River and immediately released. Pogies are in some of the rivers. Saltwater fishing is doing well. Salmon and brown trout are still being caught in the early morning at ranges of 10 –15 feet. Fisherman that are using lead core are running 4-5 colors for this. Lakers have gone deep, ranges between 60-80 feet in most lakes which sustain these fish.

Lamar Collins

Hunters Safety : We will be presenting the last Hunters Safety course of the year on **two consecutive Saturdays in**

September. The dates are September 15th and 22nd. FMI contact Margaret Heseltine 985-9030 or via the web

heseltine@gwi.net .

We will also be doing the last Bow Hunters Safety Course of the year. These will be **two consecutive Sundays in September**. These dates are September 16th & 23rd. FMI contact Butch Ridlon 499-2537

Cross Bow course: Sunday, October 7th. FMI call Butch as well.

Pistol/Rifle: The following are the remaining pistol mates for the year. FMI contact Joe Piatek 571 9426.

Shoots have been scheduled for every Sunday through to November 25th. For FMI contact Joe at the number above.

We would like to schedule the Running Deer in September on Saturdays starting September 8th. and running consecutive Saturday's through October. If the participation and desire is there we may go to both days. So sight the rifles in early. Don't wait until October to start. We have some help already and if you would like to help out call me. 590-8261 or e-mail

swanpond@adelphia.net

WORK DETAIL on the Rifle Range: A scheduled work detail has been formed for **Saturday, July 28th**. To stack and secure the RR ties along the berm. Equipment and lunch provided. Time will be from 9 a.m. until noon. **ALL FIREARM RANGES WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THIS WORK DETAIL.**

By the time this letter gets out, the Pistol range will be completed. There is no more 22 range. All rimfire shooters as well as handguns are to use new pistol range.

Trap & Skeet: Saturday, September 1st is the last scheduled registered shoot. ALL shooting facilities are CLOSED until the completion of this event. Per the Board of Directors.

While lighting and participation exists, we are currently running on Wednesday evenings from 5-7 p.m.

Fmi: Contact Dave Dulong 247-3119 or e-mail dulongd@hotmail.com

The Web: We would like to thank Bill Annis at this time for all the time, and effort his has put in to the web and keeping it going.

We have a new web master at this time, Brian Kurlychek. Brian brings to us web design and a host of other talents. Brian will be dressing up our web page, installing a message board as well as what ever else he has up his sleeves for the web page to enhance it. For more info, keep an eye on the web if you have access.

Maine Youth Field Day

Maine Youth Field Day will be held this year on Saturday, 25 August 2007, at the York County Fish & Game Club located on Route 35, Lyman, Maine.

The event is free to children ages eight to fifteen years old. The check in time for the scheduled activities is 7:00 AM with the events starting promptly at 8:00 AM. The activities include hooked on fishing & casting skills, .22 caliber rifle shoot, archery skills, skeet shoot & shot gun basics, Blackpowder muzzleloader shoot, and wildlife demonstration & compass practice.

Registration deadline is 08 August 2007 for the event. Participants bring their own snack, beverage & bag lunch. To obtain the registration material you can go to www.stickneylodge.com and download the package material which includes a poster, application form, field day instructions for the activities, and a map to show the way. Just fill out the application and mail it to the address noted at the bottom of the page.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For any further information please contact Bill Annis at (207) 929-6828.

The applications will be sent to Maine Youth Field Day Committee, P.O. Box 194, Springvale, Me, 04083-0194.

Conclusion/Proposal for required donated hours for reduced membership:

This year has been an extremely busy year for this club. A number of things have been happening. All committees have been busy trying to maintain a degree level of events. With safety in mind, upgrades to the ranges are in progress. Not as fast as some would have liked, but it is what it is! Our club grounds area looks the best it has in years. The Buildings & Grounds Committee pulled off a couple great workdays. We had a good number of members participating in upgrading the facility. Thanks to all who participated in this event. We are seeing new members, as well as non-members returning to events. To all of you who are supporting these ventures, a word of thanks goes out.

Now for the flip side of the coin, it is irritating to say the least when members complain of not being notified of event's or range closures. All members are aware of the clubs meeting dates and times, these dates and times haven't changed. The May meeting, notices were sent out for the special meeting to allocate funds from one fund to another to keep the Corporation solvent, as well as for the upgrading of the ranges. Mailings, as well as e-mails went out to all the address, which we currently have. To have approximately 18 members show up, that's about a 6% attendance of the entire membership. The members who are doing the complaining, haven't been to a meeting in some time. Events as well as range closures are brought up and discussed so members are aware of what is going on within the club at monthly meetings. On occasion, there isn't enough time to do a mailing for events. The committees try to schedule a year's worth of event's ahead of time. Some committee's just can't schedule ahead of time due to other clubs have not scheduled to coincide with other clubs events.

When bringing youth to the club facilities, the youth that are under 16 years of age **must be kept under supervision at all times.** This is to protect all who come to our club. So please bring added help in an adult form, if you plan to participate in events. This will stir the pot a bit, but I believe that the time has come for something of the proposed article to be put into place. I have proposed a suggestion for required participation for membership at the last Board meeting, as well as at the May general meeting. Many other clubs have instituted a similar requirement for dues in the membership. That a mandatory six hours of volunteer work within a year from the members be required to receive a discounted membership. How this would work, is that a set amount of dues one would pay for those contributing six hours of ones time in work details or scheduled events in a years time. If one opted not to participate, one would have the option as a buy out clause. Where your dues would be higher than the donated time member. What this will do is make it a great deal easier on all. Facilities will be kept up, more events can be scheduled and less cost to be paid out in having things done. As well as burn out of committee members who keep event's going for the rest of the organization. Of course, there would be exceptions to this for different cases. There are plenty of things that the members can do to get one's six hours in. This would go into effect for hours if it is passed in 2008 for the 2009 membership. As soon as more details are worked out, it will be put out in a newsletter. Please refrain from the July meeting to vent, for this is a social meeting as well as just a thought. For I will not be there for those who feel they must vent at me for this thought.

Regards
Jim Thyng
President