

Mansfield Fish & Game Newsletter for January, 2010

"Don't count the days, make the days count." - Muhammad Ali

NEXT MEETING

Membership meeting(s) in 2010 will be held on:

Wed, February 3, 2010

Wed, March 3, 2010

Wed, April 7, 2010

Wed, May 5, 2010

Wed, June 2, 2010

Wed, July 7, 2010

Wed, August 4, 2010

Wed, September 1, 2010 – Annual Meeting

Membership meetings are dinner meetings. They are great way to meet your fellow members and find out the latest news about the club. Dinner is served at **6:30pm**, the meeting starts at **7:00pm**. The food is great! Judy and Ken Anderson really do a great job. Come early, talk with friends and enjoy a good meal! Still only \$5.

Board of Director's Meeting(s) in 2010 will be held on:

Wed, January 27, 2010

Wed, February 24, 2010

Wed, March 31, 2010

Wed, April 28, 2010

Wed, May 26, 2010

Wed, June 30, 2010

Wed, July 28, 2010

Wed, August 25, 2010

The Board of Director's meeting starts at 7:00 PM. New Member Applications are accepted at these meetings.

Membership

Membership is "OPEN" at this time. Prospective new members should be present at a Board of Directors Meeting with their completed application. Membership in the NRA is a requirement (except Spouse Members) as is attending a New Members Orientation meeting (required for all new members). Contact Fred Giovino (fgiovino@msn.com) or the Mansfield Fish web site for more information. Applications are available on the web site --- www.mansfieldfish.com.

Mansfield Fish & Game offers a variety of shooting activities, Action Pistol, Cowboy Shoots, Pin & Plate Shoots, Black Powder and Rifle events. NRA and MA Safety Certification is available (extra fee).

NRA Membership Renewals

Fred Giovino, our official NRA Recruiter, reminds us that it is important to renew your NRA membership so that the Association receives recognition for your renewal. Renew through the web site, www.mansfieldfish.com, or contact Fred (fgiovino@msn.com) to make sure your renewal is processed properly.

Indoor Range Fund Raffle

Mansfield Fish & Game will be running a raffle during the months of January and February to raise money for the indoor range fund. A lot of progress has been made towards completion of the indoor range but without additional funding we will not be able to complete it. This raffle is one of the activities intended to raise money to complete

the indoor range. **All members are expected to participate in this raffle by buying or selling the six raffle tickets they are being given.**

First prize is a **Ruger 10/22 Rifle with a forged bull barrel, laminated wood stock, and a target trigger.** Second prize is **500 rounds of 5.56/.223 ammo.** Prices for the raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. The drawing will be held at the **March 3** membership meeting. You do not have to be present to win.

Members should have received their tickets during the month of January. The ticket stubs along with the money should be returned via the return envelope provided or in-person during a Board of Directors or Membership Meeting no later than the March 3 membership meeting.

If you have not received your raffle tickets, if you would like to purchase additional tickets, or if you have any questions please contact Nancy Cunniff at ncunniff@comcast.net or 508-339-1689 or Fred Giovino at fgiovino@msn.com or 508-339-6722.

Photo ID Badges

If you have not yet picked up your photo ID badge **WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!** Your mom isn't going to do it for you. Come to the next Board or Member meeting, see Dick Bryant, and pick up your badge and lanyard.

Members shooting on the ranges or using the Association's facilities are now required to display the Photo ID badge when on the grounds. Along with getting to know other members displaying the badge will be your way of knowing that the person shooting next to you has a right to be shooting next to you. If they are not a member of the Association or not a guest of a member of the Association that person has no right to be using the Association's facilities. They are trespassing. In effect they are stealing what you are paying for!

Don't be surprised if another member asks to see your Photo ID badge. It is your proof of membership and proof that you have a right to be using the Association's facilities.

If you cannot display your Photo ID badge your right to use the Association's facilities **WILL BE QUESTIONED.**

Activities

**Don't forget to check the web site for events at the club! www.mansfieldfish.com
AND don't forget to come shoot!**

Indoor Range

All of the steel has been cut and drilled to put up a safety railing around the perimeter of the second floor of the indoor range.

In addition to a lot of sweat equity it is going to take a lot more \$\$ to see us through the completion of the indoor range. As progress continues to be made available funds are being depleted. Any donations to the indoor range fund are greatly appreciated

If you want to learn more come to the February meeting, get involved, the club can certainly use your expertise!

If you have questions about what needs to be done and how you can help contact Bill Horton at 508-838-6460.

Clothing Items

The club is now able to offer various items of clothing carrying the official name and emblem of the Association. Some of these items are embroidered others are silk-screened. A variety of hats, shirts, sweatshirts, aprons, jackets, etc, are available. Don't want to buy another jacket? Logos can be screened or embroidered on that favorite jacket you own. See Dana Cunniff at the February meeting.

September Annual Meeting

“What the heck is that guy talking about?” It’s January and he’s talking about the September Annual Meeting.

Yeah, I know. Sounds crazy. Still, time flies. Before you know it we’ll be getting the boats out of dry dock and cleaning up the motorcycle for the summer riding season. Then we will be bitching about the humidity in July and August. All of a sudden it WILL be the first Wednesday in September 2010 and time for the Annual Meeting. It will be time to elect new officers for 2 year terms. Five officers; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Purser and two Directors will be elected at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

What? You never did like the direction the club was heading in. You were the member who, when the internet poll was on the web site, commented that you didn’t like the way the Board was running the show and that the whole thing ought to just start over. Well, your turn can come at the September Annual Meeting. Throw your hat in the ring. Instead of complaining about it ... **do something** about it. Bitching is easy ... DOING is the real test of a member. Run for office. New blood on the Board never hurt. **Think about it!**

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