



Hamilton/Wenham Rod & Gun Club



### Newsletter – February 2014

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**The Hamilton Wenham Rod and Gun Club meets the third Tuesday of each month.**  
**The next meeting will be February 18th @ 7:30 PM @ the Hamilton Legion, 37 School St., Hamilton, MA**  
 Visit our website for club news and to see updates to the club calendar.  
 Club Website : [www.hwrclub.org](http://www.hwrclub.org)

**2014 Club Calendar:** <http://hwrclub.org/calendar/HWRG2014Calendar.pdf>

#### Inside This Issue

##### President’s Message

- As I sit in my kitchen working on this message we are expecting another five to eight inches of snow. Those who make a living from plowing will be happy to be able to add to their income and the kids may get another day off from school. With this in mind, the snow at our Club does not move itself off the roads and pathways. Several dedicated members have done the lion’s share of the snow removal at our Club, and many have brought their own snow plows and tractors to get the job done. Thanks to Carl Stanley, Jim Dudley, and Ron Vandt for plowing us out. Not once, but every time it

snows. Thanks to Joe Crowell, Kalil Boghdan and a host of others for their shoveling efforts. Not once, but every time it snows. Make sure to at least say “Thank You” when you see them; even better, come down and help out!

- The Town of Hamilton has begun work to cap the dump. The work began last week, much sooner than we expected. Due to the work being done, and the amount and size of equipment used, access to our Club will not be allowed Monday through Friday, between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm. If the Town gives permission for the company doing the work to work four – ten hours days then this may change. This limited access is not negotiable. The work should be completed in August.

This will be an inconvenience but we stand to gain some benefits. The Town has promised us a new road with our own access gate, as well as supplying and delivering most if not all the fill to complete raising the berms as required in our lease. There may be other benefits for our Club and we will let you know when we know.

- When you visit our Club make sure to lock the Chebacco Road gate. There are two locks on the chain. One is ours and one is for the contractor. Make sure when locking up that you secure one lock to the other lock to allow access to both members and the construction company. The inside chain has been removed and will be down for the duration of the capping project. With the construction equipment working, the roads are bound to become muddy when the weather warms up. Be careful on the roads and be prepared for muddy conditions.
- It would be great if more members would show up at meetings. In order to entice you to attend, we will be offering a couple of things. All members attending will get a free ticket for a door prize to be given away at the end of the meeting. Additionally, we will be beefing up the monthly raffle. I heard that there will be some great raffle items, like a Thermocell to keep away those nasty mosquitos, ammunion of various calibers and other good stuff. Tickets are still a buck apiece. We don't need to make a profit on the raffle but we need to at least come close to breaking even. So come on down to the meeting on Tuesday, discuss the issues, and buy a few raffle tickets! You might get lucky.
- Looking forward to our March meeting: mark March 18th on your calendar. That is the date of our March meeting when we will have our Second Annaul World Famous Awe Inspiring Wild Game Dinner. Cook up some of your harvest and bring it to share with your fellow Club members. If you don't hunt or fish, or were not fortunate enough to have some extra to share, come anyway and bring a side dish. Homemade bread, salads, vegetables and homemade desserts are welcome. No store

bought allowed! See the flyer included in this newsletter. Stay for the meeting afterward.

- In addition to our new and improved raffle, we will be raffling off a Smith and Wesson .22 target pistol from Patriot Arms. Tickets for the pistol raffle will be 5 bucks. Again, we are not looking to make money on the raffle but we need to break even. If we can sustain raffling off a firearm at select meetings we will!

Win This at the March Meeting!  
Smith and Wesson Model 22



- Members are reminded that metal targets are only allowed during sanctioned Club shoots. Please do not shoot bottles and cans because the trash builds up when members do not clean up after themselves. "Shoot N Burst", "Dirty Bird" & "Big Burst" type targets are available at Walmart and online at dealers such as Midway and Birchwood Casey. Members can also use the "self-healing" type targets as long as the target remains ON THE BERM so that all shots go INTO THE BERM!
- We also need members to step up and run some shoots. Plate shoots, water bottles, eggs, military shoots, and poker shoots have all been run successfully but we need YOU to volunteer. This Club is run by volunteers.

Don't leave all the work to the few that always step up.

See you around the Club and at our meetings!

~ Bill Terry

Video clip for this month:

[http://www.youtube.com/embed/w8Sbf\\_piIQQ?feature=player\\_detailpage](http://www.youtube.com/embed/w8Sbf_piIQQ?feature=player_detailpage)

**“Too many people are only willing to defend rights that are personally important to them. It's selfish ignorance, and that's exactly why totalitarian governments are able to get away with trampling on people. Freedom does not mean freedom just for the things I think I should be able to do. Freedom is for all of us. If people will not speak up for other people's rights, there will come a day when they will lose their own”**

~Tony Lawrence, writer and producer - 12/28/95

### **General Membership Meeting Minutes January 21, 2014:**

- Meeting came to order at 7:30 PM. In accordance with custom, the meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence to honor all our deceased members and for all our men and women serving in the armed services that have lost their lives or are still fighting for our freedom.
- Board members present were Bob Young, Paul Rullo, Ronayne Schild, and Jim Maccarone. Attendance was logged in as 16 members. Please remember to sign in prior to the meeting.
- **QUORUM-**  
Based on Club bylaws, a quorum for general meetings shall be the average of attending membership at the regular meetings for the past calendar year. The average attendance at the general meetings for calendar year 2013 was twenty six members. Based on attendance of sixteen members at the January 21, 2014 general meeting, a quorum was not

established and therefore no official business can occur.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

### **Secretary Report:**

- Approximately 100 renewals have been received so far.
- Quorum for calendar year 2014 general meetings is set at a minimum of 26 members.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- No Report

### **Range Officer Report:**

### **Range House Keeping**

### **Trash:**

- Please continue to take your trash with you after shooting. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated.
- Clay target boxes can be burned in the burn barrels. All other trash should be hauled out with you.
- At the 5-Stand Range: Members are reminded to only place shotgun hulls in the blue recycle barrels near the warming house. Thank you!

### **Targets Frames:**

- Please feel free to continue to use the target frames that are located in the pistol & rifle houses. Once you finish shooting please return them inside the respective house. The rain destroys the target backing and causes unnecessary work to replace them.
- **The Club Calendar** is kept up to date. Go to the Club website to view it or click the link in the Newsletter heading above.
- **Trap house keys.** See the Range officer to make arrangements to go through the safety

and set up procedure for the skeet traps at the skeet range. It is normally done during the work party on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month (the Saturday following the membership meeting). Cost is \$10.00 for the Key.

- **All** shoots must be posted on the Club Calendar.
- **As always!!** Anyone organizing a shoot is asked to notify members via email at least one week in advance.

### Range Construction Officer

A Work Party was scheduled Saturday January 25. The next work party is Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Chief Instructor

- The next safety class is Sunday, February 23rd. There has not yet been a schedule set for March.
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- Course content includes: Identification of the parts of Revolvers and Semi Auto Pistols, Loading/Unloading of Firearms, the storage and function of ammunition, Class A, B, C Restricted Licenses, Concealed Carry and transportation of firearms In Massachusetts, Concealed Carry and transportation of firearms outside of Massachusetts, Pepper Spray; use and legal requirements, Case Law will be reviewed, Live Fire with Pistol and Revolver. Eye and ear protection is mandatory Students may bring their own protection or purchase them from the club for an additional \$20.00.
- Students will receive their [Massachusetts State Police Certificate](#) at the end of the day.
- Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.

- Remember, there is no fee for Club or Family Members to take the safety class.
- Non-Members - \$100.00 with a \$50.00 deposit which is refundable up to 48 hours before class date.
- For registration contact Mike P. at [mike@mabs777.com](mailto:mike@mabs777.com) or by cell phone @ (978) 815-6989

### Call for New Members

- One application for membership from Gary Evans of Danvers was received and reviewed. However, a vote to approve the application was postponed due to lack of a quorum

### New Business

- No New Business

### Good of the Order

- Bob Young will donate a chronograph to the Club for pistol target verification.
- Please be aware of nonmembers who maybe using the Club without authorization.

### Annual Game Dinner:

The 2nd annual game dinner will be held on March 18th 2014 at the American Legion Hall 150 School Street, Hamilton MA 01982. Set – up: 5:30 -- 6:00 PM Dinner: 6:00 PM SHARP!! Business Meeting: 7:30 PM. Please see the attached flyer. Please come along with a covered dish and serving utensil of your choice. RSVP Contact (s):  
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### Environmental Stewardship

- No Report

### **Essex County League:**

- The Essex County League Banquet is April 17. Contact Bob Young to purchase tickets at \$30 each.

### **Newsletter**

- Showoff a little, brag, tell some lies and share a short write up or photo with a brief description of upcoming or past club shoots, events, work parties or your days afield to [newsletter@hwrclub.org](mailto:newsletter@hwrclub.org)
- **Newsletter Deadline:** The Tuesday 7 days before the monthly membership meeting.

### **News from the Hollow / 5 – Stand / Shotgun**

#### **Upcoming Shoots:**

- **The Fifth Annual Punxsutawney Phil Spam and Egg Open ~ Sunday Feb. 16th**

Due to Snow ... This year's shoot will take place on Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 9:30 am / (not the 2<sup>nd</sup>). Spam and eggs (everybody needs Spam once in a while) on an English Muffin with a side of roast beef hash will be served.

Shooting starts at 9:30 AM, but come on down to the Hollow earlier to help set up, have a cup of coffee, eat some spam, smoke a cigar, shoot the bull and tell some lies.

I hope to see you in the Hollow.  
Kalil [downrivercharters@comcast.net](mailto:downrivercharters@comcast.net)

- **Dump Cup**

The annual Dump Cup between the Miles River Marsh Rats and our club is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 9:30 am. Traditionally this shoot is open to five shooters (sometimes 6) from each club. If you are interested in participating in this,

please let Michael Giardina, shotgun coordinator, know of your intentions  
[mgiardina@klingsubbins.com](mailto:mgiardina@klingsubbins.com)

Even if you don't shoot, come to the Hollow and cheer the HW smoothbore shooters on and enjoy a BBQ lunch afterwards.  
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.  
See you in the Hollow,  
Kalil [downrivercharters@comcast.net](mailto:downrivercharters@comcast.net)

**Sunday Shoots** at 10 AM are ongoing. The cost is \$4.00 for a round of 25 clays thrown from the 6 station course. Come on down and break some clays!

**Wednesday Shoots** are currently not being held as the club ranges are closed Monday – Thursday until 3:30 PM during the landfill capping project.

### **News from the ~ The Pistol House / “the Brass Factory” & Rifle House**

~ Saturday Feb 22 from 12:00-2:00 pm Certified Pistol Instructor Brian Loebelenz from The Shooter's Edge Firearm Safety Training will be offering :

Introduction to the Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting Class

Students will learn to safely load, unload and shoot: single action revolvers, double action revolvers as well as semi-automatic pistols.

Pistols and ammunition will be provided. If you have never shot pistol before or if you are simply interested in improving your consistency, this class will give you a solid foundation to get started safely.

Topics will include:

Safe pistol handling rules

The three most common ammunition malfunctions and their appropriate responses

The elements of three shooting positions: seated bench rest, two handed standing and one handed standing

Both Isosceles and Weaver shooting stances / the pros and cons of each

Proper and appropriate grip for each type of pistol

The Five Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting: Aiming, Hold Control, Breath Control, Trigger Control, and Follow through.

Live fire exercises

The class will be limited to four students and is currently full. It filled within hours of the notice going out to the membership. Students should provide their own eye and hearing protection. The fee is \$75. Contact Brian Loebelenz at: [shootersedge@live.com](mailto:shootersedge@live.com) if you are interested in getting on his list for future classes.

### **Classifieds – For Sale & Wanted**

*By publishing items For Sale or Wanted in this newsletter, the Club does not warranty, guarantee or endorse any sale that may result. Buyers must do their own due diligence.*

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