

Easthampton Rod & Gun Club

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Hey All,

We have four new members this month: Chad Gagne, James Duffy Jr., Dana Vignato and Christopher Skelton.

We have five prospective members this month: Russell Pellitier, Marc Szpila, Dennis Rogers, Scott Vishaway and Shane Kleeberg.

The 50/50 raffle went to Tom Vishaway.

Dock layout will be on April 24th and they are scheduled to go in on May 1st. The time is 8:30 A.M. for both events, all dock committee members are expected to show up and help. You guys know the format so I won't bother you with details. If you have any questions give Daisy a jingle. There are no points awarded to non-committee members stepping in for an absence, there are enough guys to take care of this so don't offer your help, as nice of a gesture as it is... You will probably just get in the way.

Ramp keys are in. They are \$10 a piece and available at the clubhouse. A membership card is required to purchase one. Now that the season is upon us,

remember we have a trailer lot available! Do not park your trailer in our regular lot, it takes up way too much space and will not be tolerated. Weekdays are not so bad, but the weekends can get a little hectic, have some respect!

Club cleanup will take place on the same day as the docks going in (May 1st/8:30 A.M.). This WILL earn you points, so by all means, show up for that.

Horseshoes, horseshoes, horseshoes! This will be kicking off on May 5th or 6th, depending on the interest of the group on which night they want it. The cost is \$7 a week, \$2 of which goes toward the end of the year banquet and \$5 to the kitty for the winning team of the night. Gary "Denied By The Pin" Jones will be heading it up and I will be helping, for the time being. I would like to see someone step up and give him a hand; I have enough on my plate as it is. Anyway, we will have a little meeting after our general meeting on May 2nd. We would like to try and get the pits in order before hand, so if you have ideas, want to lend a hand or plan on participating give me a call.

The 2010 Bird-Feed-Fund raffle tickets are now available for purchase from Jim Zedonis (527-0310). There are a limited

President – Matt Bishop
Vice President – Larry Carney
Secretary – Gary Malo
Treasurer – John G
Sergeant At Arms – Mike Careno
Dock Master – Dave "Daisy" Kieliszek

Trustees
Mark Newsome - Marketing
Wayne Buzzee
Al Davis
Tom Woodard
Bill Barcomb

number of tickets printed each year and will be sold on a first come, first served policy. If you purchased a ticket for the last year's raffle and wish to participate in 2010, please call Jim and let him know your intentions. Don't assume a ticket will be held for you indefinitely ... we have almost twice as many members as we do available tickets! For the benefit of our newer members, we will describe briefly how the raffle works.

Each ticket costs \$20, which must be paid in full no later than July 31. The number on your ticket is matched with a numbered ball, which is put into a basket. Beginning with our September meeting, three numbered balls will be pulled from the basket. If Jim pulls your ball, you win \$100! The balls are returned to the basket and are eligible to win again at the next monthly drawing. There will be three winners of \$100 in August, three in September, three in October, and one in November. As you can see, it is possible to win up to \$400 with each ticket purchased.

Jim has asked that you not delay in purchasing a ticket. There are repairs, which must be made to the Pheasant pen before we can take delivery of the chicks, and it is the income from the sale of these raffle tickets, which make these repairs and purchase of feed possible. Good luck to all of you ... I hope that Jim pulls one of your balls this summer!

If you wish to ride your quad in on of the upcoming Parades, there will be signup sheets hung in the clubhouse. One is the Memorial Day Parade and the other is June 19th for the Easthampton 225th Anniversary. Daisy will be organizing both events.

Dave Langevin would like you to know that club hats, T-shirts, etc. are now available. He needs a minimum of 12 I believe for special order items.

Ken Kapinos is holding another raffle! This round will be a \$500

Shopping Spree at Big Y! 200 tickets printed, \$10 a chance and the drawing will be May 22nd @ the Kids Derby. Good Luck!

Dave Langevin and Tom Woodard will be heading up our Spring Derby scheduled on June 18th ~ 20th. Yes, once again we are going to need help, earn your points, signup sheets in the hallway at the clubhouse. Ummmm, see your tickets? Don't tell me you didn't get them.

The same thing goes for the Junior Trout Derby, step up and help.

Ok, now a big-ticket item! As far as the workers party goes, you will have to earn your FULL 15 points in order to attend. No more buy-ins for being short. New members and spouses/significant others may be bought in at \$2 per point. All the more reasons to earn your points. This will take effect for the 2011 workers party. This is a by-law change, so if you wish to voice your opinion, I suggest you attend the next General Membership Meeting on May 2nd.

2010 Trout Allocations:

Bay State anglers can look forward to over 540,000 feisty brook, brown, rainbow and tiger trout being stocked this spring according to figures released by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife). Stocking will begin in the when ice, snow and mud conditions allow the stocking trucks access to the waterways. Anglers are advised to contact the District office for updates on when stocking will begin in the area.

"We'll be putting out 320,000 rainbow trout that will average 12 inches or longer, and about 78% of these rainbows will be 14 inches or larger," observes Chief Fish Culturist Dr. Ken Simmons. "They'll be distributed statewide throughout the stocking season by our five regional Wildlife District offices." 47,000 brown trout averaging more than 12 inches will be

stocked along with another 115,000 browns in the 9 - 11 inch range. The larger water bodies will receive the larger fish and the smaller brooks and streams will receive the majority of the smaller-sized fish. Brook trout will be stocked in a similar fashion with approximately 11,500 fish measuring a foot or better, and more than 66,000 in the 6 - 11 inch class. Dr. Simmons says he is particular excited about this year's crop of 2 year-old brook trout, which is one of the best in years. He attributes this year's success with the two-year old brook trout to a combination of hard work by hatchery staff and good growing conditions at the hatcheries where they are produced. Anglers can also anticipate trying to tame some of the 6,000 tiger trout to be released, all topping the 14-inch mark. These handsome fish, a cross between a female brown trout and a male brook trout, have become popular with folks lucky enough to hook and land one.

For a listing of Trout Stocked Waters or details on weekly trout stocking activities or call the nearest District office: Western 413/684-1646; Valley 413/323-7632; Central 508/835-3607; Northeast 978/77202145 or Southeast 508/759-3406. Don't forget to take friends and family fishing!

Check the website often, as that is where you will see important dates for upcoming events.

Last, but definitely not least, Ron Koziol has presented some preliminary plans for a deck to adjoin to our existing one and wrap around the front. It will be placed to bid and then we will decide whether to pursue this venture or not. All input is welcome; all you have to do is show up to the meetings.

Club Contacts:

Dave Langevin - 250-2394
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Dave Kieliszek (Docks) 210-1062
Gary Malo - 626-1993
Matt Bishop - 326-0538
Mark Newsome (Archery) - 552-8232
Gary Jones (Horseshoes) - 297-1694
Lisa Malanson (Points) - 455-8584

Icemasters:

Tom Yarra - 527-2271
Ron Koziol - 527-1533

Club Calendar:

Apr. 29 - E-Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.
May 02 - Members Meeting 10:30 A.M.
May 06 - Newsletter 4:00 P.M.
May 22 - Kids Derby/Grocery Raffle

**Meetings are held at the Legion Club in Easthampton in case of high waters.*

Until next month...See Ya on the rivers!

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