

EASTHAMPTON ROD AND GUN CLUB

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Hello!

We have 8 new members this month...Leonard Arcott, Roger Ball, Kenneth Blanchard, James Lusher, John Owczarski, Matthew Placzek, Jozef Stankowski and Tom Whiteley. Welcome to the club!

Membership is now capped at 203 members. Prospective members will be put on a first come first serve basis once a spot opens up. Until then, you'll have to wait in line.



GROUNDS

Let's all give a HUGE THANKS to Rich Young and crew for donating their time to clean up the club grounds and clubhouse TWICE after the two floods that occurred here...Hurricane Irene being the first and the CT River rising a 2nd time in 2 weeks from all the rain we had, being the 2nd. This had a very devastating effect on us and all the residents that reside along the riverbank here. Thank you again to everyone that helped. Great Job!

Anyone interested in renting either of the 2 party tents that the club owns, needs to contact Rich Young for approval. Approval consists of checking with Rich to see if tents are available for your function date and to pre-pay for use of tents before using them. Fee is \$25 per tent. A check is to be made payable to Easthampton Rod and Gun Club and submitted to the club's Treasurer, John Grygorcewicz.

HEATING SYSTEM

We will be starting to go ahead with the project of installing the heating/cooling system inside the club house. **Saturday, September 24 8:00 am and Sunday, September 25 at 8:00 am**, Matt Bishop will begin old heating system removal and new heating system installation.

Come on down and help. This is a good way to earn some points!

FALL FISHING DERBY



This year's fall derby has been **POSTPONED** until October 7, 8, 9 and will be held from **4:00 pm** on

October 7th until 2:00 pm on October 9th. The reason for the postponement was that the D.E.P. put a ban on the CT River for any water bound activities...boating, swimming, fishing, etc. We had to wait until this ban was lifted as well as do a lot of club cleanup (due to Hurricane Irene and river levels rising) to get the clubhouse ready for this event. David Langevin and Duffy Tougas will be heading up this derby. If you have signed up to help out for the previous derby date, please contact Dave Langevin to let him know if you are still able to keep your work spot. Dave has put up new sign-up sheets for the new date. Some people cannot work their original shift that they signed up for. Please call Dave at (413) 250-2394 to let him know.

Tickets were enclosed in July's newsletter. The SAME tickets will be used, just pencil in the new date on your tickets if you choose to sell them. No need to print new tickets with new date and waste paper and ink. Extra tickets are available at the clubhouse and also at these locations...

**Ferry Street Package Store
Pulaski Club
Peter Pan Café
Granby Bait
Easthampton Feed**

If anyone chooses to stay overnight during the Fall Derby, please see Rich Young for permission and location of camping unit. Don't forget there is a \$10 donation per RV and a \$5 donation per tent. Maximum 2 night stay only. Arrive on Friday and depart on Sunday. All trash is to be cleaned up and removed by camping unit upon departure. No exceptions on any of the above rules.

The students who did the mercury study for the Spring Derby may be back for the Fall Derby to repeat the mercury testing again.

BASS DERBY



The Bass Derby has been **POSTPONED**. The new **tentative** date for this derby is either on Saturday, October 1st from 6:00 am until 1:00 pm or during our Fall Derby at the ERG. This event is still up in the air for a definite date. Please check the website or the clubhouse for any updates. John Martelli and George Allen will be hosting this derby. This is a private event for **club members only**. Derby rules are: only 2 people per boat

OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT – Matt Bishop
VICE PRESIDENT – Mark Newsome
SECRETARY – Lisa Malanson
TREASURER – John G
SERGEANT AT ARMS – Mike Carenzo**

DOCK MASTER – Dave “Daisy” Kieliszek

TRUSTEES

**MARKETING TRUSTEE – Gary Jones
Bill Barcomb
Wayne Buzzee
Al Davis
Tom Woodard**

and one of the 2 people MUST be a club member from one these clubs...Easthampton Rod and Gun Club, Pioneer Valley Sportsman's Club or South Hadley Rod and Gun Club. Food will be available during the derby. The cooking will be done by John and George. All proceeds will benefit ERG. Besides our club, we have invited 2 other clubs to participate...Pioneer Valley Sportsman's Club and South Hadley Rod and Gun Club.



WATER / WELL ISSUE

We have received word that the Dept. of Public Health has ordered the DPW/City of Easthampton to install municipal water supply onto River Street and Old Stagecoach Road! Our request was to have municipal water and municipal sewer. At this time they only approved water. This is a Godsend for us as this takes us off the hook to install a new well. It's a great start! Thank you to all who attended the Dept. of Public Health meeting on Monday, September 12, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.! Along with the residents of River Street and Old Stagecoach Road, the 16 attendees from the club were: Matt Bishop (President), Lisa Malanson (Secretary), John Grygorcewicz (Treasurer), Bill Barcomb (Trustee), Al Davis (Trustee), Tom Woodard (Trustee), Dave "Daisy" Kieliszek (Dock Master), Matt Boulanger Sr., George Dorman, Tracy Jacot, Dave Langevin, Jerry LaPointe, Drew Malo, Gary Malo, Jeremy Smith, and Sue Woodard. Maybe someday soon we can have a photo taken with each of us holding a glass of fresh clean water for our future members to see some of the history we have made?

PHEASANTS and PHEASANT RAFFLE

Pheasant raffle tickets are available from Jim Zedonis or Rich Young. Buy a raffle ticket to help the pheasant feed fund. The drawings are held at every General Membership Monthly meeting. If your numbered ball gets pulled, you win \$\$\$.

This month's Pheasant Raffle winners are: #99 Al Krause, #106 Joe Stankowski, and #24 (was drawn but not sold). Therefore the winnings from #24 go back into the Pheasant Fund.

Some sad news is upon us for the pheasants...Rich Young has informed us that we lost approx. 30 birds to two (2) tragedies, Hurricane Irene and some local raccoons. Hopefully we won't lose any more! Pheasant season is only one month away.



HORSESHOES

End of the season horseshoe party has been set for Saturday, October 1st after the Bass Derby ends. (Around 1:00 pm.) Please check your emails for any updates or changes. You can also contact Gary Jones at (413) 297-1694 for any questions.



ARCHERY

The archery committee has postponed any upcoming archery shoots due to the field being difficult to access from all the flooding we had. No archery shoots until further notice.

3-D BOW SHOOT

Michael Carenzo has informed us if any of you archers are interested there is a 3-D Bow Shoot and Wild Game Supper at Deer Run Acres in Huntington on Sunday, October 9 @ 8:00 am until???. Tickets are \$35 day of event (or \$30 if purchased in advance). What's included in meal ticket price...Wild Game breakfast, lunch and dinner and all you can drink (including beer). 3-D Shoot ticket prices are: \$14 - Adults and \$6 for Kids 12 and younger. Event total \$44 for meals and the shoot when bought in advance...Plus 5 bonus raffle tickets. Mail check or money order to: Paul Chapdelaine @ 61 Old Chester Road, Huntington, MA 01050. Call Paul @ (413) 667-5504 or email him at deerrunacres@comcast.net Flyer posted in clubhouse.

DOCKS

DOCKS will be coming out Sunday, October 23 @ 9:00 am. It is MANDATORY for ALL DOCK owners/members to attend and participate! Disciplinary action will be taken if obligations are not followed. Thank you in advance for your participation.

CLUB HALLOWEEN PARTY

Dave Langevin has requested the use of the pavilion on Saturday, October 29 (all day and night) for a club event for members and their families. He will be hosting a **Halloween Party** for all ages (during the day) and adults only (in the evening). Times to be announced in next newsletter. There will be a kid's sign-up sheet available for the daytime part of the event posted in outdoor kitchen.

BY-LAW CHANGE

Larry Carney along with Mark Newsome and Rich Young, have presented the E-Board and the general membership with a request for a by-law change to our membership rules. This is the part that is on the membership application when you sign up to become a member. It currently states the following:

"It is mandatory that every club member must work a minimum of four (4) hours each year. A \$20 fine will be assessed to those who fail to meet this obligation."

*In **addition** to the above, every member is required to fulfill ONE of the following four requirements annually:*

1. *Work an additional four hours at any club function, maintenance, or cleanup project.*
2. *Serve on one of the various club committees.*
3. *Buy or sell the 5 raffle tickets mailed 4 times annually.*
4. *Pay an addition \$20 with your next renewal.*

All applicants will be voted into the club following the screening committee's guidelines. This will take a minimum of two (2) membership meetings. All applicants must appear at the first general membership meeting following their meeting with the screening committee. New members voted into the club during the months of November and December will not be allowed to vote for new club officers at the annual meeting following their approval to the club.

By signing this application, I agree to the membership conditions stated above.”

The change has been made into a motion and 2nd the motion and was then fully approved by the general membership at September’s General Membership meeting. The change is as follows:

First year membership is \$80. 2nd year membership renewal (without working and earning any points) could cost you up to \$120. 3rd year membership renewal will not be allowed if you don’t fulfill your obligations during the previous year. You will not be able to renew your membership for a period of one year if you don’t fulfill the stated obligations (working 4 hours and working an additional 4 hours). This is to get more people to participate in helping with the club. We understand there will be exceptions for any disabled or handicapped members. We will view this on a case by case basis privately through the E-Board. For example: if you have bad back or a broken leg, there is no reason why you can’t fold a piece of paper, stuff an envelope, lick an envelope shut, put a stamp on an envelope or apply a mailing address label on newsletter night. There are numerous ways to help out that don’t require a lot of heavy physical labor. Please note this is not geared towards any particular disability. This was merely an example.

This is in no way to be mistaken as a way to get help with our everyday cleaning issues or to boost club revenues.

This is a sportsman’s club, not a bar or marina. Any corrections will be posted in next month’s newsletter, if I missed anything. Thank you for your cooperation.

EMERGENCY CREW COMMITTEE

Matt Bishop, Larry Carney and Tracy Jacot will be forming an emergency event plan/committee. This became apparent that we were not prepared for Hurricane Irene and her devastating effects on us. We lost a lot of items and suffered damage due to the rapid flooding from the hurricane. More to come on this issue.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sue Woodard will be heading up the nominating committee once again this year. Please see her if there is anyone you wish to nominate for a position. Voting will take place at December’s meeting.

POSITION OPENINGS for 2012

The Marketing position will be opening up for the following year. Anyone interested in this position can contact any one of the Executive Board members for more information.

POINTS

Just a reminder for your points...WRITE THEM DOWN and give them to meeeee please!!! My phone # for calling, leaving a voicemail or texting is: (413) 455-8584

My email is lmalanson@yahoo.com

CLUB CLOTHING



If anyone is interested in club clothing, we have t-shirts, hats and koozies currently available. Matt Boulanger Sr. will be placing an order soon for some

specialty items. You can order hoodies/jackets with your name embroidered on the front, etc. Special orders require payment in full before ordering.

MISCELLANEOUS

We are now taking applications for next year’s Kid’s Conservation Camp. You may contact any one of the e-board members for more information.

CLUB CONTACTS

Matt Bishop (*President*) (413) 326-0538
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Gary Jones (*Horseshoes*) (413) 297-1694
Neil Arnold (*Membership/NRA*) (413) 527-1420
Al Davis (*Trustee*) (413) 695-6116
Rich Young (*Groundskeeper*) (413) 250-2567
Adam Crosby (*Housekeeping*) (413) 454-3083

CLUB CALENDAR

Sept. 24 & 25 - Heating System Replacement @ 8:00 am - both days.
Sept. 29 - E-Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm
Oct. 1 - Horseshoe Party @ 1:00 pm
Oct. 2 - Membership Meeting @ 10:30 am
Oct. 6 - Newsletter @ 6:00 pm
Oct. 7, 8, 9 - Fall Fishing Derby (All weekend)
Oct. 23 - Dock Removal @ 9:00 am
Oct. 29 - Halloween Party (Times to be announced)

***Meetings are held at the American Legion Club - Post# 224 in Easthampton in case of high waters.**

Newsletters...please send an email to easthamptonrodandgunclub@yahoo.com with the word "NEWSLETTER" typed in the subject line so that you may receive club newsletters. Don't forget to state your member name in the email. Please help us with "going green". This will save us approximately \$3000.00/year if we went to email only. Tickets will remain being sent via postal mail in future mailings (without newsletter). Newsletters will be sent via email year round. This will reduce cost of mailing down to \$600.00/year. Thank you for your participation.

For those of you who do not have an email address and if you have a new postal mailing address, please contact Lisa Malanson for an update. Thank you.

Until next month...See ya around the water!

Lisa Malanson



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