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NOTICE

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL THE MEMBERS

First of all we need to thank John MacDougall, Don Laroche and Ken Johnson for painting the 25 yard range building at the Berwick Ranges.

At the January meeting we will be voting on the officers of the club. As of the Nov meeting all the seating officers are willing to run for another year. If you would like to be in the running for one of the officers you must let us know at the Dec. meeting.

At the December meeting we will have a pizza party to celebrate the holidays. Pizza, drinks and cake will be served. Please bring two non-perishable item for our food basket that will help a needed family. The party will start at 6:00 pm with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Let all remember that not everybody has it as good as we do. So get into the holiday spirit and help us make the holidays a little better for someone. After the meeting the 50/50 drawing will be held until we get a winner. You have to be present to win. You wouldn't like reading it in the next newsletter that if you was there you would have won. Remember to have to play to win also so when you come in to the meeting put down you \$1.00 and sign the book.

We will also be voting on who will plow the club house during the upcoming winter. Right now we have an offer to both plow the club house and to keep the Sanford range open. If you would like to make an offer in writing come to the meeting or let Gary know.

**THE OFFICERS OF THE CLUB WANT
TO WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A
GREAT THANKGIVING, A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

OCTOBER MEETING

Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. All present.

Mail: NRA Magazine

Legislative: No news

Youth Field Day: No News

Classes held at Sanford Elk.

C repair work being discussed. Security system needs to be repaired and discussed monitoring system.

Cowboy: no news

Monday .22 Shooters: 6:00pm in the club house basement

sand work needs to be done at the Sanford ranges to stop bullets. Red and green flags are to be used at the 100yd. Ranges. This is a safety issues and all members are required to hang the red flag when walking down range and the green flag when the range is clear.

Election of motions: None

to all that helped

for judges.

Finance Report Given: yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Bills: Present and passed to the committee

Acton Fair: no news

No. One Pond: No News

Archery: no news

Trap: No news

Membership: 168

New Business: 10/30 Fright nite at the Jr. High School starts at 5:00pm members needed

Unfinished Business: By-laws and berg work in progress.

The 50/50 was won and lost by **Doug Merton.** Sorry Doug!!!!!!!

Scholarship: no news

By-Laws: No news

Hunter Safety: Oct 7 sign up

Building/rental/maintenance: A/

Youth shoot: No news

Ranges: Berm work and screened

Gun Show great show thanks

NOVEMBER MEETING

Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. All present.

Mail: NRA Magazine

Legislative: No news

January meeting.

Hunter Safety: 124 signed up great class

Building/rental/maintenance: no news

Youth shoot: No news

Election of motions: None

closed for the winter the first of Dec. Thanks goes out to Rick for the berm work at the Sanford range. Red & Green flags are to be used Instruction posted on door at ranges. **Gun Show:** next spring **Unfinished Business:** A/C and heat repair quotes have been received. Alarm system bid accepted & approved. Snow plowing bids voted on at the Dec. meeting

New Business: Dicussed drain work improvements at the Berwick Range in the spring. Club will host the Maine State Single Action Championship again next year.

Nomination of Officers. Names taken at the December Meeting. Voted at the January meeting.

The 50/50 was won and lost by **Dan Bean.** Dan!!!!!!!

Scholarship: no news

By-Laws: Items to be voted on

No. One Pond: no news

Trap: Dates in newsletter

Range: 2 Port-a-potties will be

Finance Report Given: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

DECEMBER. MEETING

THE NEWSLETTER IS BEING SENT OUT A MONTH EARLY TO LET THE MEMBERS KNOW ABOUT SOME THING WE WILL BE DOING BOTH AT THE DECEMBER MEETING AND THE JANUARY MEETING. The December minutes alone with the minutes of the Jan, Feb, and the March meeting will be in the April; issue of the newsletter. At this time I am not sure of the dates for the Gun Show in March. Come to a meeting or call someone to get the date. There will be no newsletter before the gun show

CALENDAR OF MONTHLY EVENTS

DECEMBER

December 3, 2009	Regular Meeting club house
December 6, 2009	Sunday Pistol Shoot Sanford Range starting at 9:00am
December 7, 2009	Monday Night .22 Shoot at club house 6:00pm
December 14, 2009	Monday Night .22 Shoot at club house 6:00pm
December 15 2009	E-Board if needed (call an officers for more info after the meeting)
December 21, 2009	Monday Night .22 Shoot at club house 6:00pm
December 28, 2009	Monday Night .22 Shoot at club house 6:00pm

JANUARY

January 3, 2010	Sunday Pistol Shoot Sanford Range starting at 9:00am
January 4, 2010	Monday Night .22 Shoot at club house 6:00pm
January 7, 2010	Regular Meeting club house
January 11, 2010	Monday Night .22 Shoot at club house 6:00pm
January 18, 2010	Monday Night .22 Shoot at club house 6:00pm
January 19, 2010	E-Board if needed (call an officers for more info after the meeting)
January 25, 2010	Monday Night .22 Shoot at club house 6:00pm

FEBRUARY

February 1, 2010	Monday Night .22 Shoot at club house 6:00pm
February 4, 2010	Regular Meeting club house
February 7, 2010	Sunday Pistol Shoot Sanford Range starting at 9:00am
February 8, 2010	Monday Night .22 Shoot at club house 6:00pm
February 15, 2010	Monday Night .22 Shoot at club house 6:00pm
February 16, 2010	E-Board if needed (call an officers for more info after the meeting)
February 22, 2010	Monday Night .22 Shoot at club house 6:00pm

MARCH

March 1, 2010	Monday Night .22 Shoot at club house 6:00pm
March 4, 2010	Regular Meeting club house
March 7, 2010	Sunday Pistol Shoot Sanford Range starting at 9:00am
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March 16, 2010	E-Board if needed (call an officers for more info after the meeting)
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March 29, 2010	Monday Night .22 Shoot at club house 6:00pm

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We need to update the by-laws with the following changes. We will be voting on the changes at the January meeting. So if you have anything to say be at the January meeting.

We suggest the following changes:

Article 22

The Range Committee shall keep the Association informed of all matters relating to Range and Range Development and coordinate all activities on the range. The "Range" refers to both the leased property adjacent to the Town of Sanford Police Range located in South Sanford behind the airport as well as the Association owned land located in Berwick.

Any infraction to the Range rules or unsportsmanlike-like-conduct shall be investigated by the Range Committee and presented to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be notified of any infraction at the start of the investigation and the alleged member shall lose rights to use of either Range until the investigation is completed and the Executive Committee deliberates over the findings. The member may attend the Executive Committee meeting when the results of the investigation are presented. The Executive Committee shall notify the member of their decision to reinstate Range privileges or the proper corrective action taken, up to and including revocation of membership.

Article 26

These Scholarship Committee shall administer the annual scholarship fund; contact the local school departments for lists of graduating students who will be furthering their education in wildlife management; recommend a recipient or recipients; and act as the Association's spokesperson. In the event there are no names provided by the school departments, the scholarship monies may be used for a campership to a student attending a wildlife education camp. The scholarship fund will be set at a minimum of \$500 per year. If no scholarship/campership is awarded, the \$500 will be returned to the General Association Funds.

IF YOU HAVE ANY **QUESTIONS** ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER OR CLUB DUES PLEASE CALL:

RON GARLAND 324-3117 or e-mail high52@metrocast.net

DUES ARE **\$100.00** FOR NRA MEMBERS AND **\$110.00**

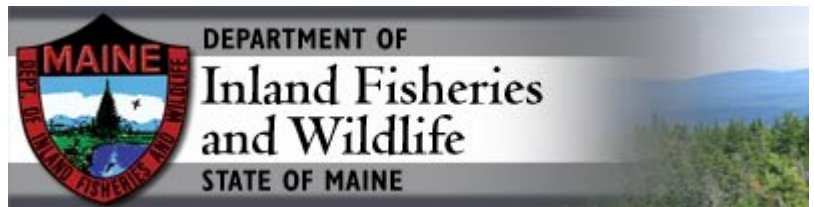
FOR NON-NRA MEMBERS EFFECTIVE THIS OCT.

MAIL YOUR DUES TO:

SSF&G P.O. BOX 788 SANFORD, ME. 04073

September 14, 2009

IF&W Surveying Anglers on Wild Brook Trout



Augusta, Maine - The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW) is asking anglers to give us their opinions on Maine's wild brook trout fishing opportunities.

Maine's native and wild brook trout populations represent a unique, valuable and irreplaceable resource. The Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture recently proclaimed Maine the last true stronghold for wild brook trout in the eastern United States, with more than twice the number of intact watersheds as the other 16 states in the eastern range combined.

MDIFW has partnered with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension to produce a questionnaire that is being sent via e-mail to tens of thousands of anglers throughout Maine and the United States to get their opinions about wild brook trout fishing. The questionnaire is part of the Wild Brook Trout Initiative, a three-tiered effort to promote the conservation of wild brook trout, to improve communications with anglers and outdoors groups, and to market Maine's unique wild brook trout resources.

Among the topics covered in the questionnaire are: Do you like fishing ponds or streams? Do you prefer remote or drive-to waters? Fly-fishing with lures or bait? Would you like to hire a registered guide? Do you camp out or stay in a lodge when out fishing?

Maine residents and non-residents each have a separate questionnaire they may answer. To take part in the survey, please go to www.mefishwildlife.com and click on the "Wild Brook Trout Initiative Questionnaire."

"Anglers' preferences will help MDIFW guide the future management of our brook trout resources. The goal is to help anglers enjoy Maine's unique gift of wild brook trout waters in a responsible and sustainable manner while connecting them with fishing services from sporting camps to fly shops," according to John Boland, Director of Fisheries Operations. "We're hopeful that the anglers who fish Maine's wild brook trout waters will develop a vested interest in protecting these resources."

Recently, the Department's Wild Brook Trout Initiative received two grants for the development of the web site and to fund other aspects of this endeavor. The Betterment Fund, created by the will of the late William Bingham 2nd of Bethel, awarded \$5,000 to the project, and retailer L.L. Bean of Freeport contributed \$3,000.

"The Department has received enthusiastic support from around Maine with respect to this Wild Brook Trout Initiative," Boland said. "These donations are greatly appreciated and hopefully will pave the way for a productive working relationship with the various groups connected to trout fishing in Maine."

May 24, 2009

Bald Eagle to be Removed from Maine's Endangered/Threatened Species List

EVENT: Gov. John E. Baldacci to sign L.D. 66, An Act to Amend Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List by Removing the Bald Eagle.

DATE: Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

TIME: 2 P.M.

LOCATION: Capitol Park, Augusta. (If it's raining, the event will be in the Hall of Flags, State House.)

ATTENDEES: Gov. John Baldacci

Commissioner Roland "Danny" Martin, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Deputy Commissioner Paul Jacques, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, IF&W Wildlife Biologist Charlie Todd, who for more than 30 years has worked to restore the Bald Eagle population in Maine., State Sen. Bruce Bryant and Rep. Mark Bryant, sponsors of L.D. 66, the bill to remove the Bald Eagle from the Maine Endangered and Threatened Species List., "Larry," a live bald eagle., Invited guests from the state's Congressional Delegation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state natural resource agencies, state conservation groups, and others.

PURPOSE: "A Celebration of Recovery."

In 1978, the Bald Eagle was first recognized as an Endangered Species in Maine and 42 other states. At the time, about 20 nesting pairs resided in Maine, primarily along the coast, and only one other nesting pair lived in the Northeast, and that was in New York.

Approximately 10 years later, the state mandated further protections to protect Bald Eagles and other endangered species in Maine.

The Bald Eagle is the first species to be removed from Maine's Endangered and Threatened Species List, the result of solid species management plans that have restored Bald Eagle populations to more than 475 nesting pairs now in all 16 Maine counties.

The legislation to be signed by Gov. John Baldacci will remove the Bald Eagle from the list, but it includes protections that ensure that the Bald Eagle population in Maine continues to thrive.

SANFORD-SPRINGVALE FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.

I hereby apply for membership to:SANFORD-SPRINGVALE FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, INC.and agree to subscribe to the Constitution and By-laws of the Association

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ NRA #: _____ Dues Paid: \$ _____

Recommended by: _____

Signed: _____

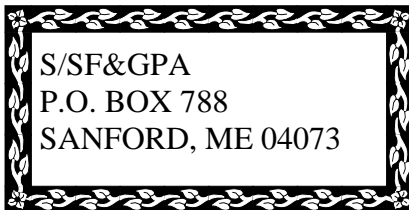
Membership Rates

**Family/Individual: \$100.00/year After April pay only \$50.00 for 1/2 a year
(for new members only you'll have to renew in Oct.)**

Non-NRA: \$110.00/year (includes a \$10.00 NRA membership)

Mail application and check or money order to:

***SANFORD-SPRINGVALE FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 788
Sanford, Maine 04073***



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