



Tyngsboro Sportsmen's Club

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<http://www.tyngsborosportsmen.com>

The Club Newsletter

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Club Calendar

January 3th ...Indoor Pistol Practice
6:00pm
January 5th ...Indoor Pistol League
6:00pm
January 6th....Archery League Indoor
6:00pm
January 10th....Indoor Pistol Practice
6:00pm
January 12th....Indoor Pistol League
6:00pm
January 13th....Archery League Indoor
6:00pm
January 13thE-Board Meeting
6:30pm
January 14th....Business Meeting
7:30pm
January 17th....Indoor Pistol Practice
6:00pm
January 19th....Indoor Pistol League
6:00pm
January 20th....Archery League Indoor
6:00pm
January 24th....Indoor Pistol Practice
6:00pm
January 26th....Indoor Pistol League
6:00pm
January 27th....Archery League Indoor
6:00pm
January 28th....Social Meeting
7:30pm
January 31st....Indoor Pistol League
6:00pm
February 2nd....Indoor Pistol League
6:00pm

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Annual Spring Ham Raffle

This year's Ham raffle will take place on Friday March 25, 2011 starting at 07:30pm

Please remember that the spring ham raffle tickets apply toward your Trout pond button. (Sell 2 books)

Work Party

Will be posted in clubhouse and on website as needed.



Pistol



Indoor Pistol League

The Indoor Pistol League will be starting their practices sessions on Mondays, from 6:00-9:00 pm beginning September 13th. They are looking for some shooters. .22 short, long rifle only. No experience required or equipment needed. Come and join the pistol team and have some fun shooting. They will be shooting indoors until March 2011.

Nashoba Valley Pistol League 2010-2011 Schedule can be found on the Tyngsboro Sportsmen's club website

Archery



Outdoor Archery will continue until snow blocks the trails; Indoor Archery will be held in case of inclement weather and starting the first Thursday in January 2011.

Trap Team

The Trap Team has finished the 2010 season and will restart in the spring, dates to follow in upcoming newsletters.

Outdoor Ranges

All outdoor ranges will be closing after the New Year's weekend, if the ground freezes before then all flags will be removed and locked in the club office. A reminder will be given during the last

meeting in December and will be posted on the TSC website.

300 Club Tickets

Tickets are in, if you would like to keep your number from last year please see Dave Coles at a club meeting or call him at 978-649-9240

Land Improvement

If you have a number for the monthly Land Improvement drawing and you would like to keep the same number for 2011 please see Dave Coles at a club meeting or give him a call at 978-649-9240.

Ice Strength & Safety Tips

This ice strength and safety information is presented for the benefit of ice anglers and other winter sports people recreating on iced-over bodies of water.

The figures in the table below are for clear, blue ice on lakes and ponds. Reduce strength values 15% for clear blue, river ice. Slush or snow (white) ice is only one-half the strength of blue ice and can be very treacherous.

"Honeycombed" ice, which occurs in the spring or during major winter thaws as the ice is melting, is the most dangerous ice, and best avoided unless the angler is certain there is a safe layer of solid ice beneath the honeycombed surface.

Anglers should also be aware that many lakes and ponds contain spring holes and other areas of current that may create deceptively dangerous thin spots in areas that are otherwise safe. Always use caution, and don't venture out onto unfamiliar waters without checking ice thickness frequently.

There are no guarantees -- always consider ice potentially dangerous. Assess ice safety by

using an ice chisel to chop a hole in the ice to determine its thickness and condition. Make sure you continue to do this as you go further out on to the ice, because the thickness of the ice will not be uniform all over the pond or lake. Be aware that ice tends to be thinner on lakes and ponds where there are spring holes, inlets or outlets. Don't venture on to ice bound rivers or streams as the currents make ice thickness unpredictable.

Ice Thickness and Strength	
Ice Thickness (inches)	Permissible Load (clear, blue, lake ice)
2" or less	STAY OFF!
4"	Ice fishing or other activities on foot
5"	Snowmobile or ATV
8" - 12"	Car or small pickup truck
12" - 15"	Medium truck

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