



Tyngsboro Sportsmen's Club

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<http://www.tyngsborosportsmen.com>

The Club Newsletter

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Club Calendar

September 6 th	Trap Practice	5:00pm
	until dark	
September 9 th	E-Board Meeting	6:30pm
September 10 th	Business Meeting & ... Club Elections	7:30pm
September 13 th	Indoor Pistol Practice	6:00pm
September 15 th ...	Indoor Pistol League	6:00pm
September 20 th ...	Indoor Pistol Practice	6:00pm
September 22 nd ...	Indoor Pistol League	6:00pm
September 24 th ...	Social Meeting & Spaghetti Dinner	7:30pm
September 27 th	Indoor Pistol Practice	6:00pm
September 29 th ...	Indoor Pistol League	6:00pm
October 4 th	Indoor Pistol Practice	6:00pm
October 6 th ...	Indoor Pistol League	6:00pm
October 7 th	E-Board Meeting	6:30pm
October 8 th	Business Meeting	7:30pm
October 11 th	Indoor Pistol Practice	6:00pm
October 13 th ...	Indoor Pistol League	6:00pm
October 18 th	Indoor Pistol Practice	6:00pm
October 20 th ...	Indoor Pistol League	6:00pm
October 25 th	Indoor Pistol Practice	6:00pm
October 27 th ...	Indoor Pistol League	6:00pm
October 29 th ...	Social Meeting	7:30pm

Club Elections



The annual club elections will be held at the business meeting on **September 10, 2010 7:30 pm.**

Massachusetts What Season Is Open?

NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY

Please check the Massachusetts Hunting Rules abstracts of specific rules and dates.

Birds:

Pheasant Oct. 16 - Nov. 27
Quail Oct. 16 - Nov. 27
Ruffed Grouse Oct 16 - Nov. 27
Turkey Fall Oct. 25 - Oct. 30 Zones 1 - 9 & 13

Mammals:

Black Bear Zones 1-9
Sep. 7 - Sep. 25
Nov. 1 - Nov. 20
Gray Squirrel: Sept.13 - Jan. 1, 2011 Zones 1 - 9
Oct. 16 - Jan. 1, 2011 Zones 10 - 14

Opossum Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, 2011
Raccoon Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, 2011
Fox (red, gray): Nov. 1 - Feb.28, 2011
Coyote: Oct.16 - Mar.8, 2011
Bobcat: Dec.20 - Mar.8, 2011

Cottontail Rabbit Oct. 16 - Feb. 28, 2011 Zones 1 -12
Nov. 15- Feb. 28, 2011 Zones 13, 14
Snowshoe Hare: Oct 16 - Feb 28, 2011 Zones 1 - 4
Oct.16 - Feb 5, 2011 Zones 5 - 12
Nov. 15 - Feb. 5, 2011 Zones 13, 14
Jackrabbit: Nov. 15 - Dec. 31 Zone 14 Only

Deer Season 2010

Massachusetts

Deer Season

Archery:

October 18 – November 27

Muzzleloader:

December 13 – December 31

Shotgun: Nov 29 - Dec 11



New Hampshire

For List of Season Dates and Regulations see the Web Link listed below:

<http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us>

BBQ

Don't forget 2nd annual Southern BBQ

Tyngsboro Sportsmen's club

Saturday September 11, 2010

Starting at 2PM

Spaghetti Dinner (Free)

That is right on September 24th following our social meeting there will be a FREE Spaghetti dinner. You will be hard pressed to find a sauce this good outside of the North end in Boston. The Sauce is prepared by Chef Walter.



Turkey Raffle

Our Annual Turkey Raffle will be held on Friday, November 19th at 7:30pm. So bring your wife, your brother, your sister, your Mama, your Papa, your friends, and your relatives. The Admission is **FREE** and the public is invited. So come on down and win a turkey and some prize money.



Work Party

- Help needed for the Spaghetti dinner September 24, 2010
- Help Paint the Club House Saturday October 2, 2010 and Sunday October 3, 2010 New members and sponsors can work off their required hours

Pistol



The Tyngsboro Pistol Team has begun tuning up for the 2010-2011 season meeting on Wednesday nights 630pm at the Indoor Pistol Range. The team welcomes both experienced and new shooters for participation in the Nashoba Valley Pistol League and TSC matches. Come to the range on Wednesday nights to tune-up and/or to learn about match shooting. Contact Liz Coughlin 978-758-2680 for details.

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.

Tyngsboro Sportsmen's club hosted a Traditional 3D shoot for the White Mountain Traditional Bowhunters on August 6, 2010 thru August 8, 2010 below is a thank-you letter for hosting their shoot.

White Mountain Traditional Bowhunters Newsletter

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Wow! What a weekend. The 9th annual White Mountain Traditional Bowhunters Weekend Rendezvous was a huge success again this year. The weather was perfect. The Saturday evening BBQ dinner was excellent. The raffle table was loaded with great donations. Herb Ettelt our friend and special club member from Connecticut again donated a bow. A nice club house and a great piece of property and a well run shoot has made this a "can't miss weekend" for Northeast traditional archers.

A special thank you to the Tyngsboro Sportsman Club and Roger Daley the Archery Director for having us back again this year. And a pat on the back to the WMTB members that helped out particularly Charlie Wilson our club president for his tireless efforts.

Trap Team

The Trap Team practice session on Monday nights will now be winding down for the season now as the days grow shorter.

Trap Team Standings for 2010

B Team: 1st Place

D Team: 1st Place



Life Jackets are required for CANOEING, KAYAKING or DUCK HUNTING after September 15, 2010

Between September 15 of this year and May 15 of 2011, ALL persons in canoes and kayaks must be WEARING lifejackets. Most boating fatalities in Massachusetts are due to accidents in small craft such as this in cold water/cold weather situations. This applies to waterfowl hunters as well.



Kidney Transplant Donors needed

The National Kidney Foundation estimates that about 350,000 people in the United States have end-stage renal disease and about 67,000 people die of kidney failure every year.

In the year 2000, nearly 47,000 people in the United States were waiting for a kidney transplant.

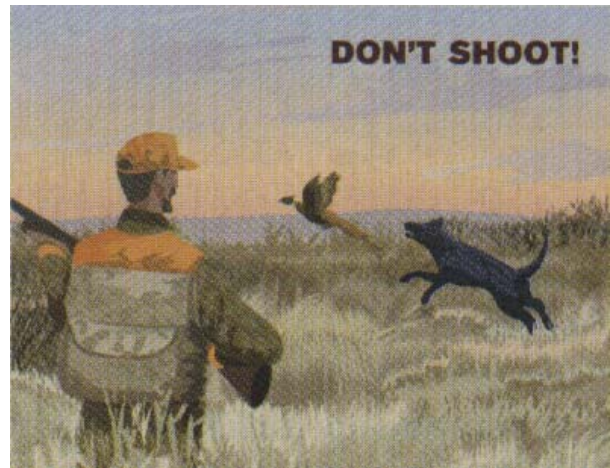
Because of a shortage of donor kidneys, each year only a small percentage of people who need a transplant actually receive a kidney. The wait for a donor kidney can take years.

A living donor may be a family member, a friend, a coworker, or any person who is willing to give a kidney to someone in need. A person only needs one healthy kidney to live.

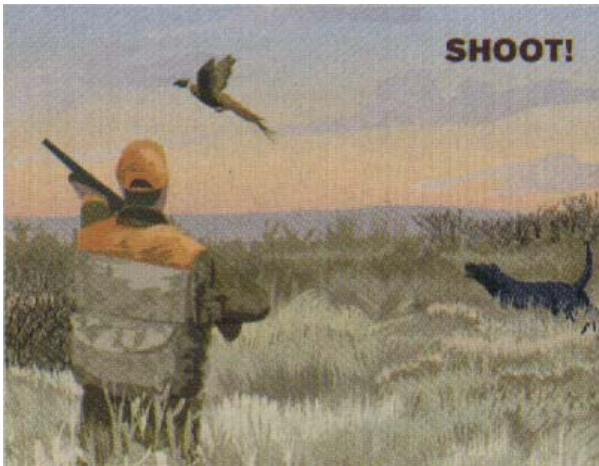
Anyone interested in donating a kidney can contact the Renal Clinic at Brigham and Women's hospital at 1-617-732-6383; they are located at 75 Francis Street, Boston, MA, 02115.

Hold the Shot

Don't Shoot: Flushing dogs, such as Labrador retrievers, are known to sometimes leap after a bird that they have flushed. Don't even raise the gun to your shoulder unless the dog is firmly positioned on the ground.



Shoot: Another rule of thumb to keep in mind when upland hunting: Wait until the flushed bird has cleared the horizon. You should be able to see sky between the bird and the ground before you shoot.



Turkey Hunting - Strategies

Turkey Hunting - Decoy Setups

We've developed a love-hate relationship with decoys over the years. Granted, some lovesick toms run to fakes. But we've watched far too many birds stop 50 yards out, explode into strut and wait for the "hen" to walk the rest of the way to them. Here's a good way to cut down on some of those hang-ups.

Stake a fake hen 20 yards past a calling setup. This puts you smack between the decoy and the gobbling turkey you're yelping to. If the bird works in and stops 50 yards from the imposter, great! He's 30 yards or so off the end of your shotgun barrel.

A few final notes: Pack two foam hens and a foam jake (from Feather Flex or Carry Lite) in your vest. Set the trio on their stakes; they'll spin enticingly in the breeze to catch the eye of a gobbler. Setting a jake with a hen or two is important; as a mature gobbler will sometimes see him and come in to kick his butt (the old guy thinks the jake is courting a hen). Decoys work best in fields, logging roads and other open areas where gobblers can spot them a long way off.

Turkey Hunting - Roosting Birds

One of the oldest tricks in the book in to "put a gobbler to bed." On spring evenings hit the woods and listen for a turkey to gobble when he flies up to roost at dusk. If a bird doesn't roar on his own, owl hoot, crow call or hen cut. Hopefully one or more birds will gobble and give away their roost trees. Even if no toms talk you should listen for heavy wings thumping up into the treetops.

If you hear a turkey gobble or fly up, you know where to hunt the next morning. Slip into the area well before first light, set up 100 to 150 yards away from a turkey's roost and wait for tom to roar. Then give him your best

calling.

"A roasted turkey sure isn't a roasted turkey!" goes an old Southern saying. That's right. You might come back the next morning and a turkey you roasted won't gobble. Or he might gobble his fool head off, fly down and run straight away from your calling. You just never know. Still, you should try to roost a few birds each spring. It sure never hurts to plan a morning hunt in an area where you put a gobbler to bed the night before.

Turkey Hunting - The Shot! Set-Up Specifics

When calling to a turkey, most of the time you should sit with your back against a wide tree. This helps to break your outline and hide you from the probing eyes of incoming toms. It also provides the foundation for a rock-solid shooting station.

Try to set up against a tree that sits slightly above a flat, hillside or bottom. Gaining an extra foot or two of elevation increases your visibility as you scan the foliage for approaching turkeys.

If you shoot right-handed, twist into a set-up tree so that your left shoulder points in the direction you think a gobbler will appear (vice versa for southpaws). Pull your knees up into your body and rest your shotgun over them.

From this "turkey hunter's coil" you're ready to call in and shoot a gobbler.

Fine-tune your shooting form before laying eyes on the turkey that you're calling. Each time a bird gobbles (or yelps or kee-kees in the fall) out in the foliage, shift your coiled body and shotgun in his direction. Continue to flow your body and gun with subtle sounds like drumming and the shuffling of leaves as a turkey draws nearer. Don't make fast, foolish moves; just ease your body and shotgun around to cover a bird as he comes in. When a tom's read-white head pops up in the brush, you'll be on it and ready to shoot.

Making the Shot ·

- When you spot an incoming turkey take a deep breath to calm your frazzled nerves and racing heart.
- Identify the target. Look for a gobbler's red, white or blue head and red neck. Check for a beard (the longer the better!).
- In the spring if a turkey struts before your eyes, examine his 18 tail feathers. If they are even in length you're looking at a mature gobbler. The middle rectrices of a jake's fan are noticeably longer than the sides of his tail.
- Don't be scared to move a little bit to fine-tune your aim. When a turkey's head ducks behind

brush or a tree, ease your shotgun around to cover an opening where it should reappear.

- Look for foliage between you and a turkey. You'll have to shoot through some small stuff most of the time, but don't let something like a 2-inch sapling destroy your shot pattern and cause you to miss. Slide your gun barrel left or right to take a pattern-busting obstacle out of play.
- Wait for a turkey to close within 40 yards before firing. Letting a bird walk inside 35 paces is better yet.
- Aim for the lower third or middle of a tom's neck. This way a shot pattern covers the entire head/neck vitals.
- Dig your cheek firmly into your shotgun's stock. Keep your head down to keep from pulling the shot high.
- If necessary break a turkey's strut before firing. Cluck on a diaphragm or even yell "hey!" to make a bird run up his neck.
- Wait until a shot looks and feels just right. But if a turkey putts and gets jittery you'd better shoot if you can. Sensing trouble or seeing something that he didn't like, a gobbler is fixing to duck his head and leave.
- Press the trigger. Don't yank it or you'll pull the shot high.
- You don't have to sprint like Michael Johnson, but get on a flopping turkey fast after the shot. Don't let a "dead" bird roll over, run off and fly away.

Turkey Recovery

I once called up a big gobbler for a friend of mine. He fired. The bird catapulted into the air and flew away! While my buddy threw down his hat and stomped around and cussed, I kept my eyes glued on the tom. A hundred yards out it dropped a wing, folded and fell stone dead. We ran over and recovered the bird, which made us both feel a lot better.

Strive for one-shot kills. But if you shoot and mess up, keep your wits and watch the turkey. You might get lucky and see him fall from the sky. Listen close for a 20-pound tom to fold up and thump to the ground.

If a wounded bird runs away, track it. Follow upturned leaves and scattered feathers. You might find a turkey buried in thick brush. He might try to run or fly away, so be poised for a follow up shot

Emergency First Aid

Carry Super Glue for emergency first aid for cuts. Clean the blood from the skin, close the wound and then apply a thin coat of the glue. It will harden immediately and keep the wound closed.

Six Easy Steps to Scope Mounting

There is no mystery to mounting a scope on a rifle and there is no reason a beginner cannot do as well as an expert if they follow these simple guidelines.

Before you start, consider buying a rifle cradle. It's a smart purchase, even if you foresee only one-time scope mounting or occasional other uses.

Matching Rings and Bases

Virtually all modern rifles are either pre-drilled and Tapped for scope bases or grooved for the appropriate Mounting attachments, so the first step is simply to Make sure that the mounting system you select is the Proper fit for your rifle and that the rings are the right Diameter and height for properly positioning your Scope.

Certain types of scope rings fit only certain types of Bases, so make sure the components match. Scope Rings also come in different heights, which might cause some confusion.



Mount Bases

It's usually best to mount the scope as low on the rifle as possible without the objective bell touching the barrel, and allowing clearance at the eye-piece for free operation of the bolt. Ask a savvy gun shop operator for advice. Most bases and rings are attached with screws by using socket heads or Torx wrenches.

Begin attaching the bases by wiping the attaching surface dry and clean and then applying a thin coat of oil or rust preventive. Check that the bases are properly aligned and that you're not attaching them backwards.



Lock the Screws Down

For maximum security, apply a small drop of a thread-freezing compound such as Loctite (the semi-permanent Blue is best for scope mounting). Ensure an even fit by alternately tightening the screws. If you use rings that attach to the front base by rotating socket system, do not use the scope as a lever to pivot the ring into position. Use a wooden dowel or something of similar diameter instead.



Align Reticle

With the bottom half of the rings in place, position the scope forward enough to allow the top halves of the rings only enough to allow the scope to rotate and move back and forth. With the rifle held level, rotate the scope until the reticle is precisely vertical and horizontal.



Adjust Eye Relief

Position the scope forward enough to ensure your eye is safe from recoil. As a rule of thumb, move the scope about an inch farther forward than you think it ought to

be. (See the picture below for an example of proper spacing.)



Tighten Screws

Double check the scope's position and tighten the ring screws. Alternately tighten the screws for even spacing between the ring halves.



Now you are ready to go to the range and sight the rifle in. Use at least a 4 foot by 4 foot piece of cardboard to start. Adjust the point of impact using the scope adjustments under the caps on the top and side of the scope.

Hunting Tip

To keep your broadheads from rusting, apply a thin coat of Vaseline petroleum to the blades. To cut down on string slap noise, apply some moleskin to the back face of the bow. The moleskin, plus a string silencer, will keep your bow whisper quiet.

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