PHIPPSBURG SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

8am-2pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Youth Field Day

January 11th

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January 17th	Bean Supper	4:30-6:30pm
January 19th	Members Meeting	7pm
February 1st	Breakfast Buffet	7am-9am
February 8th	16th Annual Ice Fishing Derby	
February 16th	Members Meeting	7pm
March 16th	Members Meeting	7pm
March 21st	Bean Supper	4:30-6:30pm
April 5th	Breakfast Buffet	7am-9am
April 9th	Bow Hunters Safety Course (see below)	
April 14th	Firearm Hunters Safety Course (see below)	
April 20th	Members Meeting	7pm
May 16th	Bean Supper	4:30-6:30pm
May 18th	Members Meeting	7pm
June 7th	Breakfast Buffet	7am-9am
June 15th	Members Meeting	7pm

For more information please visit us on our Facebook page.

16th Annual Dickie LeMont

"Take-A-Kid Fishing" Ice Fishing Derby

February 8th, 2015

We are planning this year's derby and are looking for volunteers. The derby committee will meet at 6pm every Wednesday evenings leading up to the event.

Tickets will go on sale January 7th. This is our biggest annual event and we are getting excited to see what this year's event will have in store.

Please stop by the club and see what you can do to help out at this year's event.

If you would like to donate to this year's event please contact us. We are always looking for monetary donations (which we use mainly to pay for the pack baskets and traps for the youth fish prizes), items, services and gift cards that we can use as prizes as well. We could not do this event without the support of our members and the local business community.

Winter Youth Field Day January 11th

This free event has become as popular as our Summer Youth Field Day. We continue to introduce local youth to activities that they may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience. The day consists of snowshoeing, Nordic skiing, dog sledding and a rescue dog demonstration. This is a great event where we partner with Maine IF&W, Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA, Maine Search And Rescue Dogs (MESARD) and Maine Youth Sports Opportunities (MYSO).

Registration is from 8:00-8:30am -This is a round robin event so it is important that participants be prompt to sign up during our designated registration times. Participants will be divided into 4 groups and each group will visit 4 stations. We will stop for a group photo and lunch which is provided by the club. The day usually wraps up by 2pm.

Remember to dress for the weather. It's not a bad idea to bring extra sets of mittens/gloves, socks and shoes.

If you have questions please contact us at via email phippsburgsportsmens@hotmail.com via Facebook-https://www.facebook.com/

PhippsburgSportsmensAssociation or leave a message on the clubs answering machine and someone will return your call at their earliest convenience. 443-9426 As with all of our events, we always welcome new volunteers to help out. The Winter Youth Field Day Committee will meet at the club on Wednesday January 7th at 6pm and again on Saturday January 10th at 4pm. Please stop in if you are able to pitch in.

UPCOMING SAFETY COURSES

Bow Hunters Safety Course (3 parts)

April 9th, 21st & 23rd, 6pm-9pm

Firearm Hunters Safety Course (2 parts)

April 14th 6-9pm, 26th 8am-4:30pm

To sign up for any of these course contact Bath Adult Ed.

http://bath.maineadulted.org/ or call 443-8255

We do not do sign ups at the club.

For more information on other courses visit IF&W's website

www.maine.gov/ifw/education/index.htm

Phippsburg Sportsmen's Association

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Email Newsletter Sign-up

I am excited that we now have members who have signed up to receive the newsletters via email. It is cutting down on time and cost. If you have not yet signed up to receive the newsletter via email instead of via USPS, and would like to, send an email to phippsburgsportsmens@hotmail.com

Volunteers Needed

We are a non-profit organization that is purely run on volunteers. We are always looking for members who would like to get more involved. Whether it be helping out at Wednesday night work nights, volunteering at our Youth Events, washing dishes or bussing tables at our Breakfast and Suppers or sitting on a committee. Organizations like ours are a dying breed because of lack of volunteers. Please consider being a volunteer member and help us keep this club strong and active.

Ice Safety:

General Ice Thickness Guidelines - For New, Clear Ice Only:

2" or less - STAY OFF

4" May allow Ice fishing or other activities on foot

5" often allows for Snowmobile or ATV travel

8" - 12" of good ice with supports most Cars or small pickups

12" - 15" will likely hold a Medium sized truck.

Remember that these thicknesses are merely guidelines for new, clear, solid ice. Many factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe.

http://www.maine.gov/ifw/warden service/safety.html

For the latest on what's going on at the club check out our facebook page. Social media has become a great way to keep our members and friends up to date with the latest events and last minute changes. There is no cost involved in using it and it has enabled us to reach out to so many. We currently have close to 750 followers. So if you haven't yet, please like us on facebook at the address below.

www.facebook.com/phippsburgsportstsmensAssociation

Free Family Fishing Days will take place on February 14-15, 2015 and May 30-31, 2015. On these days, any person (except those whose license has been suspended or revoked) may fish without a license. All other laws and regulations apply on these days.



Our float entry in the Phippsburg 200th Celebration Parade.

We focused on youth involvement and the Bear Referendum. We want to thank our youth members, Eden Koehling, Michael Burpee, Michaela Burpee (Bear) and Miranda Burpee for joining us on our float. Thank you to all who volunteered to put this all together.



2015 Breakfast & Supper Schedule

Breakfast are held on the 1st Sunday from 7am-9am
February 1st, April 5th, June 7th, August 2nd, October 4th and December
6th*

Bean Suppers are held the 3rd Saturday from 4:30pm-6:30pm January 17th, March 21st, May 16th, July 18th, September 19th and November 21st

Adults are \$7.00 and kids 12 and under eat Free.

Open to the public

If you would like to volunteer please contact Norma @ 504-1227 or via email at phippsburgsportsmens@hotmail.com

2015 Monthly Members Meeting Schedule

Monthly Members Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month. Meetings start at 7pm (*except for annual meeting in August which starts at 6pm).

January 19th

February 16th

August 17th*

March 16th

April 20th

May 18th

July 20th

Cotober 19th

November 16th

June 15th

December 21st