



**BELKNAP COUNTY SPORTSMENS ASSOCIATION**  
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**February 2010 Newsletter**

**Membership Renewal**

For those members who have renewed already, thank you. For those of you who need to renew your membership an application is attached for your convenience. Reminder that all members who renew before March 1, 2010....you will receive the Outdoors Magazine as a part of your membership. This will be your last renewal reminder.

**Italian Night**

On Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, why not come with your family and enjoy La specialita' della BCSA, meet some of the other members and just enjoy a wonderful pasta meal, followed by "Hunting the Western States" from speaker Dennis Whitcher. Dinner is \$10.00 for adults. Wine not included -BYOB  
Buon appetito!

*The trouble with eating Italian food is that five or six days later you're hungry again*

**Kid's Winter Derby**

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9 am on Lily Pond, come spend the morning with your kid's ice fishing. At noon come to our club house so that you can warm up and have lunch on us.

## **Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

Laddy on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, why not bring your family to our corn beef and cabbage dinner followed by a speaker. We can't promise you a Pot O Gold but we can promise that you'll have a blarney good time. Bring your own Guinness – BYOB Dinner is \$10.00 a person.

*What do you call a fake stone in Ireland? A sham rock.*

## **Bow Hunter Education**

Per NH Fish & Game, classes cannot have more than 35 students per class, so you will need to go to NH Fish and Games website, click on Hunter Safety and follow the instructions to register for the class. If you do not own a computer contact Mark Lewandowski at (603) 528-9199. Dates BCSA will be hosting a Spring Bow class at our facility on

March 21<sup>st</sup>, class is from 8 am to 5pm.

## **Hunter Safety**

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March 24 <sup>th</sup>	6pm - 9pm	Hunter Safety (day 1 of a 3 day class)
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	8 am - 5pm	Hunter Safety (day 2 of a 3 day class)
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	8 am - 5pm	Hunter Safety (day 3 of a 3 day class)

## **Children's Safety Day**

Will be on May 8th .....more details to come soon.

## For Sale

200 .22 mag JHP \$20

100 once fires 10MM brass \$25

Bonanza .44 SPC & Magnum three die pistol set \$15

Call Rags - 524-2628

100 .22 CCI CB short lead \$5

50 .32 ACP JRN \$10

## Members Corner

Because we have so many members who own their own businesses or have real talent. I thought this would be a great way for the membership to learn a little about other BCSA members. This month I would like to feature a member that has really gotten involved with the club in the last few years and heads up our Hiking Program. Don Watson is a singer/songwriter from Gilford, NH, whose music has been compared to John Denver, Jim Croce and Dan Fogelberg. His songs are upbeat, inspiring and easy on the ears. Don often performs with several talented Lakes Region musicians to form the "Don Watson and Friends Band". Don is also an outdoor enthusiast who loves hiking, canoeing, skiing and all that the great outdoors has to offer with the exception of mosquitoes and black flies. He coordinates the Belknap Range Hiking Patch program and tries to promote awareness and respect for nature through this and his music. You can learn more about Don's music and listen to samples at his web site

[www.donwatsonmusic.com](http://www.donwatsonmusic.com)

If you would like the BCSA to feature you in one of our newsletters, please let us know by emailing [bcsa@metrocast.net](mailto:bcsa@metrocast.net).

## Fish & Game News

Try Your Luck in the 2010 N.H. Moose Lottery

**CONCORD, N.H.** -- Lottery applications are now available for the adventure of a lifetime - hunting moose in New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's 2010 moose hunt lottery is open! The nonrefundable application fee is \$15 for New Hampshire residents and \$25 for nonresidents. New Hampshire's moose hunt is nine days long, starting the

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third Saturday in October. This year's hunt runs from October 16-24, 2010. The overall odds of being selected in last year's lottery were 1 in 22 for New Hampshire residents and 1 in 63 for nonresidents, some of the best odds in the nation for moose hunting.

Visit the Fish and Game website at **[www.HuntNH.com](http://www.HuntNH.com)** to enter the moose hunt lottery online or print out an application to mail in. Applications can also be picked up from Fish and Game license agents statewide. Moose hunt lottery applications for 2010 must be postmarked or submitted online by May 28, 2010, midnight Eastern Time, or they may be delivered to the Licensing office at N.H. Fish and Game headquarters in Concord prior to 4:00 p.m. that day. Winners will be selected through a computerized random drawing on June 18.

Each applicant can enter the moose hunt lottery once each year. A bonus point system improves the chances for unsuccessful applicants who apply each consecutive year. For example, last year those resident applicants that had a total of 6 points had a 1 in 12 chance of being drawn and a non-resident with 6 points had a 1 in 37 chance of being drawn. It is not necessary to have a current hunting license to enter the lottery, but hunters who are offered and accept a permit must buy a \$150 resident or \$500 nonresident moose hunt permit, as well as a New Hampshire hunting license.

Both state residents and nonresidents may enter the moose lottery. The number of permits available to nonresidents is capped, based on the prior year's sales of nonresident hunting licenses (about 15 to 17 percent of the total).

On the Fish and Game website, you can find more information on moose hunting at **[www.huntnh.com/Hunting/Hunt\\_species/hunt\\_moose.htm](http://www.huntnh.com/Hunting/Hunt_species/hunt_moose.htm)**; including a moose hunt Q&A, regional success rates and photos and stories from past New Hampshire moose hunts.

The state's current moose population is estimated at about 4,500 animals.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works in partnership with the public to conserve manage and protect the state's fish, wildlife and marine resources and their habitats; inform and educate the public about these resources; and provide the public with opportunities to use and appreciate them.