

Westford Sportsmen's Club, Inc.

80 West Street, Westford, MA

MARCH 2023 NEW MEMBER BRIEFING

- ★ **WELCOME !!!!**
- ★ What We're About
- ★ What We Offer
- ★ How We Operate
- ★ How to Apply

Who We Are

Not-for-profit **social organization** for:

- All ages
- All backgrounds
- All experience levels



What We're About

- ★ Preserving,
- ★ Promoting, and
- ★ Passing on... “The enjoyment of nature and the sportsman’s lifestyle”



What We Offer : Archery

WESTFORD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

- ★ 50 Yard **Bag Range**
- ★ Children's **Bale Range**
- ★ 2-1/2 Mile 31 Target **3D Course**
- ★ **3D League** Competitions
- ★ Basic **Instruction** & Traditional Craft **Clinics**



What We Offer: Outdoor Pistol and Rifle Ranges

- ★ 25 Yard Pistol Range, Covered Stations
- ★ 50 & 100 Yard Rifle Range, Covered Stations
- ★ Daylight Hours except Sundays (Start 1PM)
- ★ Requires Range Safety Briefing
- ★ Log In, Orange Card



What We Offer: Action Shooting Bays

- New in 2021
- Five bays for action shooting/training
 - IDPA
 - Steel Challenge
 - USPSA
- Requires a separate safety briefing & qualification



What We Offer: Indoor Pistol

- ★ 50' Indoor Range
- ★ 4 Lanes
- ★ Individual lane monitors
- ★ Individual target trolleys
- ★ 4-Target Spectator monitor



Available 24/7* (Event dependent)

- Access requires Gun Skills Safety Review (GSSR), log-in
- Precision pistol teams
- NVPL League Competition
- Junior Club activities



What We Offer: Trap

2 Fields, 5 Stations each, 16-27 Yards

- ★ **Year Round; Sundays 1-3 PM+ and when staff are present**
- ★ **\$4.00 per round for members, \$5.00 per round for non-members**
- ★ **Voice -Activated operated Trap machines**
- ★ **Air-conditioned, Wood-stove heated trap building**
- ★ **WSC Teams compete in Greater Lowell Trap League**
- ★ **Club “Fun” League began Spring 2020**



What We Offer: Sporting Clays

- ★ April – September Saturdays 9:15AM and 10:30AM
- ★ October – March Sundays 12:30PM and 2:15PM
- ★ 15 station, 50-shot course
- ★ \$15 for Members, \$20 for non-members for 50 birds. \$10 for 2nd round of 50 birds. \$5 for youths under 15. Tip the trapper \$5.
- ★ Heated trailer



What We Offer:

Upland Game Hunting

WESTFORD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

- ★ **October-March except Hunting Season**
- ★ **MA-licensed Game Preserve**
- ★ **BYOD (Bring your own dog)**
- ★ **Requires MA Hunting License**



What We Offer: On-Property Game Hunting

- ★ 280+ Acre Property
- ★ Follow MA Hunting Season regs.
- ★ MA Hunting License & Tag
Regulations apply
- ★ Member game cameras and tree
stands allowed



What We Offer: Fishing

- ★ **Year-round access**
- ★ **3 acre private pond**
- ★ **Trout stocked 1-2 times per year**
- ★ **Wheelchair accessible dock**
- ★ **3 trout daily limit**



What MORE We Offer:

ACTIVITIES

- ★ **ORIENTEERING** by compass, map, and pace
- ★ **LONG BOW MAKING** with hand tools & hard woods
- ★ **NRA HOME FIREARM SAFETY COURSE**
- ★ **WSC FUN TRAP LEAGUE**



Club Property

280+ Acres in Westford & Groton with:

- Lawn, Fields, Woods, & Pond
- Extensive Wildlife Habitat
- 2 Story Clubhouse

Structures for:

- Fish Pond
- Sporting Clays
- Trap
- Game Preserve
- Outdoor Ranges
- Maintenance & Storage





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40th Annual Childrens Fishing Derby on April 22nd

The [Westford Sportsmens Club](#) is sponsoring a [Fishing Derby](#) at our [trout pond](#). Open to all children up to the age of 14. Registration starts at 7:30AM, and admission is free! The Derby runs from 8:00AM-10:30AM, [rain or shine](#); prizes are awarded at 11:00AM. Please see our [fishing derby page](#) for more details on how to enter or support the Derby.

[A prior year's retrospective](#) has a gallery of Ken Proulx's great photos.

Questions to the club's [Fishing Derby Chair](#).



This entry was posted in [Community](#), [Fishing](#) on [February 6, 2023](#) by [Alan Martin](#).

2023 Membership Renewals

The Westford Sportsmen's Club 2023 membership renewal drive is now underway. Dues are payable, and due at [the beginning of January 2023](#).

Dues rates for 2023 are:

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SUNSET

Sat Mar 18 2023
Sunset: 06:55 PM EDT

RECENT CHANGES

[Lost and Found](#) newest additions ([lost](#) and [found](#)): Saturday, 25-Feb'23

New items:

- [Placeholder page](#) for the club's Action Bays.
- Publish the first edition of [our Trail](#)

Information Sources: Calendars

Not Secure — westfordsportsmensclub.org

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Calendar

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January 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Hanukkah Sporting Clays Trap Fields Open	Hanukkah Clubhouse cleaning (Indoor Range CLOSED)	New Year's Eve Pistol Team Match - Indoor Range Reserved	New Year's Day Pistol Team Match - Indoor Range Reserved			900 Precision Pistol Match
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Forestry Property Walk Sporting Clays Trap Fields Open	Clubhouse cleaning (Indoor Range CLOSED) General Membership Meeting (KITCHEN CLOSED)		Pistol Team Match - Indoor Range Reserved	Indoor Range Closed for Maintenance	Archery Work Party	900 Precision Pistol Match
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Outdoor Range Safety Briefing Sporting Clays Trap Fields Open	Trap Openers Meeting Indoor Pistol Range GSSR - Range Reserved		Pistol Team Match - Indoor Range Reserved			Cub Scout Pack Meeting
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Granite State Bowhunters 3-D Shoot, All Archers Welcome! New Member Presentation Sporting Clays Trap Fields Open	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Clubhouse cleaning (Indoor Range CLOSED) Executive Board Meeting		Pistol Team Match - Indoor Range Reserved		Ham Radio Winter Field Day Set-Up	Ham Radio Winter Field Day
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Ham Radio Winter Field Day Sporting Clays Trap Fields Open		Police outdoor range session	Pistol Team Match - Indoor Range Reserved		Membership Renewal Deadline	

Indoor Pistol Events

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Information Sources: Newsletter

- Monthly calendar
- Official announcements
- Event information
- Activity News
- E-Board Reports
- Contact Lists



Happening this month..... At-A-Glance:

March 1 & 8	Pistol Team Match (<i>Indoor Range Reserved</i>)	7:00 to 10:00 pm
March 5,12,19,26	Sporting Clays (<i>Holding two rounds starting on 3/12</i>)	12:45 to 3:00 pm
March 5,12,19,26	Trap Fields Open (<i>Trap now open to public</i>)	1:00 to 3:00 pm
March 6	HYBRID General Membership Meeting (<i>LIVE & via ZOOM</i>)	7:30 to 9:00 pm
March 12	<i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>	
March 12	Outdoor Range Safety Briefing (<i>Pistol Range CLOSED</i>)	12:30 to 2:00 pm
March 13 & 27	Clubhouse Cleaning (<i>Molly Maids-Indoor Range CLOSED</i>)	11:00 am to 12:00pm
March 14	Indoor Range GSSR (<i>Indoor Range Reserved</i>)	7:00 to 8:00 pm
March 19	New Member Presentation (<i>In clubhouse</i>)	9:00 to 11:00 am
March 20	Executive Board Meeting (<i>LIVE – In Clubhouse</i>)	7:00 to 8:30 pm
March 25	<i>Worcester Cty. League of Sportsmen's Clubs Banquet</i>	
March 31	<i>Game Preserve closes for summer</i>	

Welcome to the new WSC members voted in February 2023

- John Vincent Barcinas – Acton, MA
- Kevin Carroll – Westford, MA
- Ahbijit Deshmukh – Westford, MA
- Kimberly LaPointe – Westford, MA
- Wai Man (Eugene) Shek – Groton, MA
- Nicholas Camelio – Groton, MA
- Laura Carroll – Westford, MA
- Paul Hebard – Westford, MA
- Eric McGranahan – Groton, MA

New Member Applicant – First Reading

On Sunday, February 19, 2023, these prospective new members attended the Westford Sportsmen's Club New Member Briefing. Per the club bylaws, these names are being announced to the club membership:

- John DaSilva – Groton, MA
- Kevin Kyle – Westford, MA
- Scott Phillips - Littleton, MA
- Adrian Suciu – Westford, MA
- Talon Kephart - Lowell, MA
- Jason Myers, Billerica, MA
- Michael Picanso– Westford, MA
- Ben Wagner– Cambridge, MA
- Fred Wilkins– Pepperell, MA

If any WSC member has good cause to believe a new applicant would not be a positive asset to the Westford Sportsmen's Club, please contact the WSC Membership Secretary or contact a member of the E-Board at least 7 days before the next monthly general meeting to make your objections known.

Information Sources: E-Mail "Blasts"

Mail Chimp

Dear Members,

This week only!

Shop all embroidered Westford Sportsmen's Club apparel & accessories this week and instantly save 31%!

Test out just one item or try them all. There is no minimum purchase required! Plus, regardless of your order's size, it ships for just \$5.95; no hard math here.
There is no limit to the savings!

<https://westford.qbstores.com/OC/SF23313>

AL PRESCOTT, President
Westford Sportsmen's Club

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What MORE We Offer:

Club Apparel

★ Available from the “Members Only” page of our website.



What MORE We Do:

OUTREACH TO JUNIORS

- First sportsmen's **Junior Club** in MA
- Activity **intro sessions** with coaches and eqpt.
- **Free food** during events
- **Scholarships** for MA conservation camp & for college-bound seniors.



OUTREACH TO WOMEN

- Host WOT (**Women on Target**)
- WSC Women's Group-organized **special sessions**
- **Welcome** in all league teams and competitions



What MORE We Do:

OUTREACH TO OUR COMMUNITY

- **Children's' Fishing Derby** each Spring; free food & prizes
- **WSC Open House** with free food, intro sessions, public interest displays, children's' entertainment
- **Sponsor of Westford Cub Pack 95 and Scout Troop 95**
- **Westford Apple Blossom Parade**
- **Training Facility for Westford PD and NEMLEC Tactical Team**



How We Get It Done:

OUR OPERATIONS

- **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** mowing, plowing, and maintaining with our own equipment & labor
- **FORESTRY:** contract logging under state approved plan
- **KITCHEN:** ServSafe certified volunteers
- **PROJECTS:** work parties fulfill 4 hour work obligation



How We Get It Done:

Sign-up Genius



The screenshot shows the Sign-up Genius website interface. At the top, there is an orange navigation bar with the Sign-up Genius logo on the left, followed by links for 'Features', 'Pricing', and 'More'. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are buttons for 'Create a Sign Up', 'Log In', and a search icon. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is white. On the left side, there is a graphic of a green apple sitting on top of a stack of three books. The books are colored purple, yellow, and red, with the words 'BACK', 'TO', and 'SCHOOL' written on their spines in white, blue, and yellow respectively. To the right of the graphic, the text reads 'General Membership' in bold black font, followed by the seminar title 'Massachusetts Gun Law Seminar Separating Fact & Fiction' in large, bold, red font. Below the title, there are two icons: a red circle with 'AP' and the text 'Al Prescott', and a red envelope icon with the text 'Contact'. Below these, there is the text 'Already signed up?' followed by a red button that says 'Change my sign up'. Further down, there is a paragraph of text: 'Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!'. At the bottom, there is a calendar icon followed by the text 'Date 04/04/2023 (Tue.)'.

Governance:

Members Approve/Vote for:

- **NEW MEMBERS**

- **EXECUTIVE-BOARD POSITIONS**
 - Club Officers
 - Member-at-Large Representatives

- **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

- **ANNUAL DUES & BUDGETS Oct-Nov**

- **CAPITAL PROJECT SPENDING**
 - Access to Club Funds

- **WSC BY-LAW CHANGES**

How We Manage: E-Board Meetings review...

- **New Member Applications (First Reading)**
- **Problems and Solutions**
- **New Project Ideas**
- **Capital Projects for Recommendation**

What We Need from You: SAFETY FIRST!

RULES & BEST PRACTICES

- NEVER mix alcohol and shooting
- Follow all gun safety principles
- Know & follow range rule specifics

LEAD BY GOOD EXAMPLE OR FOLLOW

- Act if you witness safety issues
- If you don't know, ASK
- Take correction positively and seriously



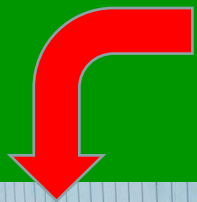
Safety for Our Members and Our Guests

Three Automated Emergency Defibrillators

In the clubhouse



At the Trap House



At the Outdoor Ranges



What We Look For: INVOLVEMENT

IF YOU JOIN US, JOIN IN!

- “We” do what gets done
- Work parties can be fun
- Meet involved members
- Many hands, light work



WSC WORK ASSESSMENT

- We'd rather see you than \$50.
- 4 hours / 1 work party does it
- If you can't make it, make it \$50.



Our Affiliations:

G.O.A.L. (Gun Owners Action League)

- Gun Owners Action League
- Most active 2nd Amendment Defender in MA with Comm 2A

National Rifle Association

- National 2nd Amendment Defender
- Sports Club Insurance Policy

NSSF (National Shooting Sports Foundation)

- Advocates for the industry, keeping guns out of the wrong hands, encouraging enjoyment of recreational shooting and hunting.

Worcester County League of Sportsmen's Clubs

- Since 1875 committed to an action program that promotes and protects interests of sportsmen and citizens in all aspects relating to outdoor field sports and conservation.

NEFC (New England Forestry Council)

- Proponents for responsible land management & sustainable woodlands

Dues & Fees

INITIATION FEE

- \$200 per member or household

ANNUAL DUES

- \$160 per adult member, \$80 per spouse
- \$80 per senior member, \$40 per senior spouse
- Not required of active duty military

WORK ASSESSMENT

- \$50 per member or household w/o work credit
- No work assessment for Seniors, spouses or Life Members

LIFE MEMBER

- 10x Dues, after 1 year membership, if available.

About Family Members & Guests

FAMILY MEMBERS (Immediate)

- Unlimited Visits
- Under direct supervision of member at all times

SPOUSE MEMBERSHIPS

- All privileges of regular membership
- Dues are 1/2 of regular dues
- Only one initiation fee per family
- Only one work requirement per family

GUESTS

- You're welcome to visit twice as a guest, beyond that, consider joining

Your Next Steps: HOW TO JOIN

ATTEND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- First Monday of each month
- Be introduced to membership before vote

ACCEPTANCE BRIEFING & PAYMENT

- After vote

AFTER JOINING:

- Attend monthly meetings
- Outdoor Range Safety Briefing
- Indoor Gun Safety Skills Review
- Action Bays Safety Briefing
- Attend a Work Party

A scenic view of a lake with autumn foliage, a dock, and colorful chairs in the foreground. The text "SEE YOU AT THE CLUB !" is overlaid in the center of the image.

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