



Somerset Sportsman's Club,

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AS WE BEGIN 2009 NEWSLETTER

CONSERVATION CAMP

Applications for the Jr. Conservation Camp must be received no later than April 4, 2009.

GAME DINNER & GUN RAFFLE

A game dinner will be held on February 15th. Tickets are \$25.00 each and club members will be given preference until January 15th. A raffle will be held for a Savage Mod.10GXP3,.223 bolt action with scope. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00

HUNTING COMMITTEE

The hunting committee will be meeting monthly on the same night as our regular club meeting nights at 6:30PM, an hour and a half before the regular 8:00PM club meeting. Anyone interested is welcome. If you have any questions you can contact Tom Ferry at tommy_boy@msn.com.

PASSED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

Any member having a son or stepson on active military duty, that person (son or stepson) will be considered a honorary member of the club until they are no longer on active duty. If they should wish to join the club within one year of leaving active duty, the club initiation fee would be waived upon receipt of their application and a copy of their DD214 form verifying their active service.

CARD LEAGUE

A new card league is being formed, \$5.00 per week to play. League meets on Monday night, Tuesday night the week of the regular club meeting. All are welcome.

CORNEBEEF DINNER

The club will hold a Corned Beef Dinner on March 14th. Tickets will be \$10.00 each.

DUES & VOLUNTEER HELP

If you have not paid your 2009 dues, do so as soon as possible. March 31st is the deadline. If you joined between June 2007 and March 2008 and have not yet completed your **10 hours** of help for the club, you have until March 31st, 2009 to do so. All other new members have one year from date of joining. The upcoming events, the *Game Dinner* and *Corned Beef Dinner*, will fill the bill. Working these events will avoid the \$50.00 assessment per Club Rules.

LTC COURSE

The next LTC course will be held on Saturday May 2nd at the club. For any questions contact Peter Bernard.

JIM'S CORNER

It's hard to believe but boating season will soon be here. I found an interesting site on the web that offers free navigation charts that come in an 8x10 format, ideal for small boaters. It's called "Office of Coast Survey" and contains up-to-date charts that you can print at home for free. Called *BookletCharts*, it covers the Atlantic Coast, Gulf Coast, Pacific Coast, Alaska, & the Great lakes. The charts are divided up into matching pages that can be kept in a standard 3 ring binder. Just flip from page to page as you navigate, it sure beats trying to manage the much larger charts especially when in a smaller boat. Go to:

<http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/BookletChart/>.

MEETING DATES 2009

*January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14,
October 12, November 9, December 14*