



Black Ash Sportsman, Inc
Summer 2011

27 NEW HUNTERS

A Basic Hunter Education Class was recently conducted at Black Ash and 27 aspiring hunters were successful in their quest to obtain the coveted orange card that will let them get their first hunting license. One student was unable to complete the course even after remedial instruction. We hope that he will be successful in his next attempt. The next class will be held in June, 2012.

"This country was founded by religious nuts with guns." P. J. O'Rourke

WINTER SKEET

Clyde Courtwright has once again presented a winter skeet shoot that broke up the tedium of those snowy winter days from January to April. This year top gun honors and our congratulations go to Dick Adams.

"The Second Amendment is the Equal Rights Amendment." Jannalee Tobias

SUMMER SKEET

The summer skeet program is now under way. Shoots are held each Tuesday evening from 6:00 P.M to dark. The event is open to the public and members at a cost of \$3. per round of 25 targets. Free instruction is available for new shooters. It's a great chance to learn to shoot skeet and trap in a non competitive environment.

"Gun bans don't disarm criminals, gun bans attract them." Walter Mondale

DUES

If you haven't paid your 2011 dues, it's time to send them in. A form is included with this newsletter. The dues structure is unchanged for 2011. If you get the newsletter by e-mail and do not have

a way to print out the renewal application just send an e-mail to Carl Pelino and he will make sure you get an application.

"To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them." George Mason

PISTOL LEAGUE

Black Ash participates in the multi-county VIP League (Very Informal Pistol League). The league was established to be a fun shooting experience for new or experienced shooters. We use modified rules for NRA Bullseye shooting to keep things lightly competitive and a lot of fun. Participants can shoot in the rimfire or centerfire class or both. We shoot once a month starting in April at Black Ash. The league ends in September with all teams getting together for the only joint competition of the year. We are about finished with the 2011 season and the team is doing quite well. We hope to have a good showing on September 18th at the Saegertown Sportsmen's Club and bring the coveted rubber chicken (the traveling VIPL trophy) back to Black Ash where it belongs. We invite any member, including ladies and juniors, to join our team. There are no fees but shooters must provide their own handgun(s) and ammunition. For more information contact Carl Pelino at (814) 333-6533 or cpelino@windstream.net.
*"Owning one rifle and learning to shoot it is a smart thing to do. Owning many rifles and learning to shoot them all is a fun thing to do."
Jim Slinsky*

PICNIC

The annual Open House and Picnic will be held from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M on Sept 24th. This event is open to all members and the public is invited to attend and learn about the activities at

Black Ash. A free picnic lunch will be provided so you don't need to bring anything. Mark the date on your calendar and plan on bringing your spouse, children, and a friend or two. The Handgun Trail and .22 Golf Course will be closed during the picnic but will be open before and after. This is a family event so please do not bring alcoholic beverages.

"We should not forget that the spark which ignited the American Revolution was caused by the British attempt to confiscate the firearms of the colonists." Patrick Henry

SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

We are trying to do more contacts with members through e-mail instead of the regular mail. This reduces mailing costs and allows us to send information about club happenings out more frequently. Please use the line on your renewal application and **CLEARLY PRINT** your e-mail address. If you are a life member or have already paid your dues please send an e-mail to Carl Pelino at cpelino@windstream.net. Your e-mail address will not be given to any other person or agency.

"You can only protect your liberties in this world by protecting the other man's freedom. You can only be free if I am free." Clarence Darrow

HANDGUN ADVENTURE TRAIL

Competition on the Handgun Adventure Trail is well under way for 2011. For those of you who have never done this, it is about as much fun as you can have (legally) with a gun! Events are open for .22 handgun and rifle and centerfire handgun with either open sights or scopes. We even have a golf course for .22 rifles. Competition events are usually the 4th Sunday of the month. Remaining shoots for this year are on August 28th, September 25th, and October 23rd. Shooting courses are open for practice except for the week before

scheduled shoots and during special club events. Practice rounds are \$1. All events are open to members and the public. Help is always needed at the shoots in the form of range officers, target painters, and at the registration table. If you are willing to help, please contact Carl Pelino (814 333-6533) or John Scheuer (814 476-1189).

"May your waters be swift and pure, may your presentation be perfect, and of course, let there be trout." Jim Slinsky

NRA SILHOUETTE SHOOTING

We presently have some interest in shooting regular NRA Rimfire Rifle Silhouettes at Black Ash. A small committee is working on a suitable shooting spot on the club grounds and a set of rules. We do not plan on using the rifle range as we do not want to close it on a weekend. We hope to have a shoot in September or October. Contact Carl Pelino if you are interested or have questions. Plans are to keep this simple, fun, and safe. Steel targets are shot offhand at distances of 40, 60, 77, and 100 meters. Targets vary in size and include chickens (40 meters), pigs (60 meters), turkeys (77 meters), rams (100 meters). We plan to follow NRA rules for these shoots except for rifle classifications. We will probably develop our own classification system so we don't have to weigh rifles and check trigger pulls. This will not be an event that is sanctioned to qualify for competition at higher levels but it will be lots of fun and great rifle practice.

"Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves, and, under a just God, can not long retain it." Abraham Lincoln

2011 BUDGET

The following is a summary of the budget adopted by the Board of Directors. A detailed copy is on display at the clubhouse. Please be aware that

the budget is based on projected income and expenses and is not the "final word" on operating costs.

INCOME

Donations	\$200.00
Gas Well	\$640.00
Interest/Capital Credit	\$19.50
Member Dues	\$2,500.00
Skeet Shoots	\$5,209.00
Handgun Adventure Trail	\$2,500.00
Rifle Range	\$1,500.00
Kitchen	\$1,400.00
Brass Sales	\$200.00
Total Income	\$14,168.50

EXPENSES

Donations/Dues	\$675.00
Fuel	\$550.00
Insurance	\$1,500.00
Kitchen	\$1,500.00
Cleaning Supplies	\$100.00
Building/Grounds Maintenance	\$450.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$500.00
Office	\$750.00
Taxes	\$2,000.00
Skeet & Handgun Shoots	\$3,700.00
Utilities	\$1,540.00
Total Expenses	\$13,265.00

"I don't believe gun owners have rights. The Second Amendment has never been interpreted that way and every court case that has come down has shown that." Sarah Brady 1997

RIFLE RANGE

Summer is rapidly coming to an end and the use of the rifle range is increasing as people begin to look forward to hunting season. As our economy has weakened there has been an increased use of the range by non members who are reluctant to donate a dollar for that privilege and who tend to ignore the posted safety rules. Please remember to carry your

membership card to the range so that you can quickly prove your membership. Many non members tell range officers they are members in an attempt to shoot for free. If you observe a violation of the safety rules, please politely ask the violator to correct their behavior.

Following is a brief summary of the range rules.

1. No rapid fire. The two second rule helps to make sure that all shots are aimed and prevents stray shots from impacting in the residence areas behind the range.
2. Paper targets only. Targets must be affixed to the target boards.
3. No quick draw and shoot practice.
4. No human silhouette targets.
5. No shooting at targets on the ground. This rule prevents ricochets. Persons violating this rule will lose their range privileges.
6. All shooting must be from the established bench firing line.
7. All shooters will pick up their expended brass and remove their targets from the target boards.
8. Non member guests shall deposit \$1. in the range donation box BEFORE shooting.
9. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances before or during shooting is prohibited. Violators of this rule will be evicted from the range and lose range privileges.

"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." Abraham Lincoln

BIG TREE MATCH

On October 2, 2011, the skeet shooters from Black Ash and the Big Tree, New York, club will again meet at Black Ash to see who will hold the traveling trophy for the next year. The New Yorkers won last year and we want the trophy back Put the date on your calendar and come out and shoot on the 2nd. We would like to see at least 20 shooters from Black Ash. A good lunch will be served. Shooting hours are from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

"Ultimate authority resides in the people"

AUDIT

A financial audit of the record books of Black Ash Sportsman, Inc. for 2010 was completed on January 27th, 2011. The audit was conducted by Directors Tim Hunter, Tom Mattis, and Dennis Cronin with the assistance of Treasurer Carolyn Zur. All receipts and expenditures were examined. They included such items as membership dues and member lists, gas well revenue, shooting event revenue and expenses, fuel and utility costs, kitchen expenses and revenue, etc. The records were found to be substantially correct and in good order. Our thanks to the audit committee and to the members who diligently maintained records and receipts for the various events and activities.

"There are more instances of the abridgement of freedoms of the people by gradual and silent encroachment of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations." James Madison

HATS AND COATS

At the request of several members the club is looking into the possibility of obtaining hats and coats with the club logo. Both items will be American made. The hats will be the "winter" style as we currently have "summer" hats available for purchase. The jacket will be a fall or spring type jacket and will have the club logo embroidered on the left front. Members can have their name or "Life Member" embroidered on the jacket, assuming of course they are a life member. Plans are to have sample jackets and hats on display at the club house in the near future. The final selection of the items has not yet been made, so the purchase cost is not available at this time. Members who have their e-mail address on file with the secretary will be notified by e-mail as soon as more information is available. Members without e-mail will be notified

via the next newsletter. Information will also be available at the membership meetings.

"To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike especially when young, how to use them." Richard Henry Lee, 1788, Initiator of the Declaration of Independence and member of the 1st U.S. Senate which passed the Bill of Rights

BLACK ASH WEBSITE

The club has recently purchased the "blackashsportsman.org" domain and is working on a website design. The plan is to have it online this fall or early winter with club activities and scores. If you have any ideas about what should or shouldn't be on the site, or if you are interested in helping with it, please contact Tim Hunter. His e-mail address is thunter@allegheny.edu.

They are our lands. We bought them, we paid for them, and we will control them. Never should we allow society to compromise the true purpose of our state game lands. They are for the pursuit of the grand tradition of hunting."

Jim Slinsky

COOKS CORNER

Deer season is just around the corner and successful hunters will need to preserve their harvest. Most hunters preserve venison by freezing, but you might want to consider the time proven canning method. Canned venison is instantly available (no thawing time) and can be used in a variety of recipes. Here's a simple method for canning venison. Remove as much fat and fibrous tissue as possible from the meat and cut into one inch cubes. Wash meat with cold water and pack in sterilized pint jars. Add one half teaspoon uniodized salt and a small strip of bacon to each jar. Seal with sterilized lids and rings. Pressure can for 1 ½ hours at 11 pounds pressure or in a boiling water bath for three hours.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

DATE _____
 NAME _____ () MALE () FEMALE
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE () _____ e-mail _____

*******NEW MEMBER APPLICATION*******

 \$20.00 **ANNUAL MEMBER FEE**
 \$25.00 **ANNUAL MEMBER PAID BETWEEN SEP 15 THRU NOV 30 ***
 • Pays balance of current year and the following year

NAME OF SPONSOR _____ Phone _____
 (A current member in good standing of Black Ash Sportsman, Inc. or two (2) character references)

REFERENCE #1 _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____

REFERENCE #2 _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____

*******RENEWAL APPLICATION*******

 \$400.00 **LIFE MEMBER *** \$ 2.00 **LADY**
 \$ 20.00 **ANNUAL MEMBER** \$ 2.00 **JUNIOR - (18 AND UNDER)**

* see bi-laws

MISSION STATEMENT

The purposes of the Corporation are to promote the welfare of and conservation of the natural resources in wildlife in the community; to provide for instruction of and education of the youth of the community in good conservation practices and in good hunting and fishing practices; to provide recreational facilities for members and to promote hunting, fishing and shooting sports.

Article 2 of By-Laws: Membership - Any person of good moral character and in agreement with the mission statement of the Corporation shall be eligible for membership regardless of race, creed, color or national origin, pending majority vote at the next general meeting.

SURVEY: AREA OF INTEREST - SELECT AS MANY THAT APPLY

 TRAP SHOOTING SKEET SHOOTING HANDGUN SHOOTING
 VIP RIFLESHOOTING RIFLE RANGE CONSERVATION HORSESHOES

Mail this form and a self-addressed, stamped **LETTER SIZE** envelope to:
 (Make check payable to): **BLACK ASH SPORTSMAN INC.**
C/O Carolyn Zur
13532 Walker Street
Meadville, PA 16335

(Revised 11-2009)

RECEIPT

DATE: _____ RECEIVED BY: _____ \$400 LIFE, \$20 ANNUAL, \$2 LADY, \$2 JUNIOR
 CIRCLE ONE: _____ \$25 NEW (SEP 15-NOV 30)