



Winter Newsletter 2010/11
Black Ash Sportsman, Inc.

OFFICERS FOR 2011

Officers for 2011 were elected at the membership meeting held on December 9, 2010. Elected were:

President	Ed Ferguson
Vice President	Don Graham
Treasurer	Carolyn Zur
Secretary	Carl Pelino
Directors	Tom Mattis Tim Hunter Dennis Cronin

"The strongest reason for people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government"

Thomas Jefferson

2011 DUES

Dues for the coming year are now payable. The dues structure remains the same as 2010. A renewal form is included with this newsletter.

If 7-11 is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the doors?

WINTER SKEET

The Winter Skeet League is now in progress. The first shoot was held on January 8th and shoots will be held every other Saturday from that day on until April 2. The cost is \$8. for a round of 50 targets. This includes the cost of a great steak dinner at the end of the season. You can shoot back or ahead, so you don't have to be at every shoot. This is a handicap scored shoot, so you don't have to be a top shooter to take home a prize. You must shoot at least five rounds to establish a handicap and be eligible for the final match. Come on out and enjoy the fun and friendly company.

"The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere and everywhere restrains evil interference. They deserve a place of honor with all that's good."

George Washington

BIG TREE MATCH

The annual skeet competition with the Big Tree Skeet Team resulted in the traveling trophy returning to the New York side of the border. The match was held at Big Tree on October 3rd. Once again, the home field advantage seemed to play a role in the final results. This match has been won by the host team every year since its inception. However, this year the visiting Black Ash team narrowed the difference between the final scores to seven targets. The 2011 match will be held at Black Ash and hopefully the traveling trophy will return to Black Ash for a longer stay.

"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens."

Unknown

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 and experienced shooters. We use modified rules for NRA Bullseye shooting to keep things lightly competitive and a lot of fun. Shooters can shoot in either the rimfire class, 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 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.

"Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone that approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are ruined... The great object is that every man be armed. Everyone who is able might have a gun."

Patrick Henry

HANDGUN ADVENTURE TRAIL

Competition on the Handgun Adventure Trail will kick off its 2011 season on Sunday, March 27, 2011, at 9:00 A. M. 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 rifle and handgun, and for centerfire handguns with open or scoped sights. We even have a golf course for .22 rifles! Events through the summer are usually on the 4th Sunday of the month. The proposed schedule for 2011 is: March 27, May 1 (Easter is on April 24), May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25, and October 23. All rifle and centerfire targets will be up on the trails in late February (weather permitting) for practice rounds. Practice rounds are \$1. for both members and non members. Practice and competition rounds are open to members and non members.

As with all club activities we can use more member support as range officers, target painters, and at the registration table. If we can get a few more workers then no one has to work all day and everyone gets a chance to shoot. Contact John Scheuer (814 476-1189) or Carl Pelino (814 333-6533) or talk to someone at the registration table if you are willing to help out.

"The beauty of the Second Amendment is that it will not be needed until they try to take it."

Thomas Jefferson

SUMMER SKEET

The Summer Skeet program will begin at 6:00 P. M., May 31, 2011, and will continue on each Tuesday evening until Labor Day. This is an informal event designed to provide an opportunity for interested shooters to learn the basics of skeet and trap shooting and for experienced shooters to practice. Free

instruction is available. The cost is \$3.00 per round of 25 targets.

Diplomacy is the art of saying "nice doggy" until you can find a rock.

SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

We are trying to do more contacts with members through E-Mail. This reduces our mailing costs and also lets us send information 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 (Secretary) at cpelino@windstream.net to provide your address. If you get this newsletter via e-mail and can't print out the application just send an e-mail to Carl and he will see that you get an application. We respect your privacy and your name and address will not be given to anyone else.

"The only bulwark of continuing liberty is a government strong enough to protect the interests of the people, and a people strong enough and well enough informed to maintain its sovereign control over the government."

Franklin D. Roosevelt

IWV COMPACT

As of January 1st, 2011, Pennsylvania became an official member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. This action ensures that convicted game law violators from other compact member states who have lost their hunting privileges will not be able to legally hunt in Pennsylvania. By the same token, hunters who have lost their licenses in Pennsylvania for serious game law violations will not be able to obtain a license in other states.

Applicable offenses include hunting while under suspension, jacklighting, buying or selling game, hunting under the influence, shooting at or causing injury to a human, using an altered or forged tag or license, endangered species

violations, assaulting/interfering with a Wildlife Conservation Officer, illegal taking of big game in a closed season, and an accumulation of violations for which the penalty is no less than a summary offense of the fourth degree and the violation is not the only violation in a 24 month period.

"Our task of creating a socialist America can only succeed when those who would resist us have been totally disarmed."

Sarah Brady to Howard Mretzenbaum 1984

RIFLE RANGE

Improvements were made at the Floyd Woods Rifle Range last fall by a group of volunteers who spent the day with axes, chain saws and shovels. Trees and brush were removed from the backstops and new target frames were installed. The backstops were rebuilt with the addition of a large quantity of fill. Our thanks to the Randolph Township Supervisors and maintenance crew for providing the "ditch dirt" that was used to rebuild the backstops and thereby improve the safety of the range. Plans are to cut back the growth on the north side of the range in 2011. If you like the improved appearance and safety, step up and volunteer to help in 2011.

"Yippies, Hippies, Yahoos, Black Panthers, lions and tigers alike – I would swap the whole damn zoo for the kind of young Americans I saw in Vietnam."

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

The Sportsman of the Year Award for 2010 was presented at the January membership meeting. The award is presented annually by the Board of Directors to a member who has provided years of dedicated service to the Corporation and whose service has continued over a period of years and stands above that normally contributed by its members. The Board selected Ed

Ferguson as the 2010 recipient. Ed has served as President of Black Ash Sportsman, Inc, for close to a decade and is active in the VIP League and the Handgun Committee. Ed is also a certified Hunter Trapper Education instructor and presents a large segment at the annual Black Ash Hunter Education Class. He is a regular "puller" for both the winter and summer skeet programs, and mans the .22 rifle shooting booth at Youth Field Days. Congratulations and a big THANK YOU to Ed Ferguson for a job well done.

"Americans have the right and advantage of being armed, unlike citizens of other countries whose governments are afraid to trust people with arms."

James Madison

COOKS CORNER

Squirrel Casserole

2 squirrels, halved

1 tsp Garlic salt

flour

6 slices bacon, diced

1 medium sweet onion, chopped

2 apples, sliced

½ cup apple juice

Preheat oven to 350. Shake meat in paper bag with garlic salt and flour to coat. Lightly brown bacon in frying pan., remove and brown meat and onion. Place in casserole dish with bacon, apples, and apple juice. Cover and cook one hour.

"Our safety, our liberty, depends upon preserving the Constitution of the United States as our forefathers made it inviolate. The people of the United States are the rightful masters of both Congress and the Courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution."

Abraham Lincoln.

