

Black Ash Sportsman's Club Inc.

December 1975

Another year has passed since we have been in touch with you as to the progress of your club. The year 1975 has been a very active one as a result of the efforts of the many committees, the officers, directors and workers. A total of 13 registered A.T.A. Shoots were held on second and fourth Sundays of most months; Lake and Valley Trap League competition on the third Sunday of each month; the Kenny Jones Memorial Shoot plus the raffle of rifle, scope, and knife; the Halloween Shoot; various functions at the Rifle Range; two "10 - 10 Clubs" will have been completed by the end of the year. A hunter safety education course was taught in August of the year. We now have the hot water system installed and have enough money in a separate fund to complete our kitchen. We have in stock over 800 cases of clay targets which are paid for. An approximate total of 75,000 clay birds were thrown by our trap and skeet traps. We also have a cemented 10' X 30' roofed-in patio on the east side of the building.

Financially this has been a banner year. In just six years since re-locating at our present site, we have our club house, rifle range with 10 covered benches, 100 and 200 yard targets, 2 skeet and 2 trap fields, plus 118 acres of land, and your indebtedness on these entire facilities is now less than \$2,000.00. Many thanks to all who have made this possible.

Our fruit orchard is continuing to thrive and the evergreen seedlings that were planted are shooting up in many places.

In 1976 we hope to continue with nearly the same activities, plus any new ones that are possible to work into our schedule.

It is time for 1976 dues. They may be paid to Tom Smith, Membership Chairman, or to Paul Walker or any officer. For mailing purposes use the following addresses:

Tom Smith
283 John Street
Meadville, PA 16335

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R. D. # 2
Guys Mills, PA 16327

In addition to the informative part of this bulletin, we are enclosing a questionnaire for some long range thinking on the fate of our facility plus many more throughout the county.

During the past few months, considerable discussion and talk has taken place as to the possibility of a merger of clubs in the area to form one large club. Since there are so many clubs all trying to exist via very similar shooting and fund raising projects, it is most difficult for some to have ample help and support to make them successful. Again, we repeat, this is long range thinking. Your President appointed a committee to review this possibility and we ask you to please respond to these questions and hopefully add your comments in the space provided.