

Dear Member,

Each year we try to put out a News Letter for two reasons. #1. is to let you know your dues are due and #2. is to try to keep you informed. Lets go to #1. first. Your officers have proposed and the membership has accepted an increase in dues. The by laws read, you must bring it up at three different monthly meetings and then vote on it. This was done and it was accepted. Your dues for the year starting in 1981 will go from \$5.00 per year to \$8.00 per year. New Members will pay \$1.00 initiation fee plus the \$8.00 per year. Ladies and Juniors will go from \$1.00 per year to \$2.00 per year. Life Memberships will remain at \$75.00. We, like you, wish we could control the high cost of operating today, but we cannot. We hope, this increase does not discourage you from being a member.

Your club house, Skeet house, and Trap houses all received a fresh coat of stain and paint this year. It cost the club \$110.00 to have the job done. This included labor, spray gun, and paint brushes. With every paint brush, you got a man to donate two (2) days of labor. If we had more paint brushes, we could have cut the cost, down to one (1) days labor.

At our safe gun handling course, we had 42 youngsters and one (1) adult, who took the course. I think, all one has to do is check the accident reports on hunting, to know, that this is time well spent. Four (4) qualified members, gave a day of there time. "We need more instructors." Come to a meeting and find out how you can qualify, and maybe we can run two (2) or three (3) classes a year.

The 9th annual Kenny Jones shoot was a big success. For the third year, Dennis Jerome, was the high overall in Skeet and Trap, with a score of 98. "That's good shooting!" We had a six way tie in Skeet, with a down to the wire shoot off, and a three way tie in Trap. Forty-three (43) shooters shot Trap and thirty-five (35) shooters shot Skeet. Everyone walked away a winner, because, each shooter received a belt buckel.

For the first time, we had an Arms Representative on our grounds that day. The Winchester Representative for N.W. Pennsylvania was there. He shot Skeet and Trap, answered questions, fixed a few guns and donated a door prize. When the shoot was over he said, "This is the kind of shoot he enjoys the most. It's fun and you really get to meet the people." He said he would be back.

Our A.T.A. shoots are the second Sunday of each month, from March to October are the backbone of our financial needs. Sorry to say, our attendance this year was down. Our best shoot we had 82 events. In October, we had 14 events. Each event is 100 taggets. Last year we threw 50,300 A.T.A. targets. This year we threw 43,700. Down by 6,600. This is not the fault of the club or the dedicated people who run it. We try to run a good shoot, but with higher prices of componets and gas, people are not shooting as much or traveling as far. We did manage to settle some of the debt we have on the Automatic Trap. We now have a balance of \$600.00.

The Lake and Valley league is just starting a new year. It's only once a month so pick up a schedule and help the team. Lets try to finish first instead of second.

In our news letter last year, I said we would like to start a doubles league. I didnot expect too much, but what a response we got. We went for eleven weeks through the summer and we had 26 shooters show up. 18 shot all 11 matches, 1 shot 9 and the others shot 3 or 4. From match one, to match eleven, the scores really improved. Some comments from the shooters---- "I have shot in a lot of leagues, but this is the best!" "I hate to see it end." "Lets run it longer next year." "If you ran it 52 weeks of the year I would try to make them all." On the 11th match we had a cook out and a group picture taken, which will be hung in the club house. Next year we'll try and do better. This is a fun shoot, try and make it next year.

The Black powder boys are at it this fall. They held one shoot to see what the response was and received a good turn out. The first shoot was more of a stationary target. The third shoot they had time events, running deer, silhouettes, split the ball on an axe, knife throwing, hatchet throwing, and a woods walk with targets. The next thing I look for is to see a couple of tepee's pitched on the south slope on the lower 40, or one of my favorite deer crossings. So all you Passquall's, Davey Crocket's, and Daniel Boone's, put on your leather and try your skill. If any of you ladies would like to make some O'Possum stew to feed the men, I'm sure they will try it. I must warn you, don't wear your moccasins, it gets pretty deep sometimes. For information call Steve Wardian, Meadv ille, or Chuck Mulford, Titusville,

Our rifle range has taken on a new look. When Ray Armstrong hired a bull-dozer to level the saw dust pile and fill in the ruts from their timber cutting, we also, piled more dirt on the 200 yard and 100 yard backstop. We also, made a 50 yard backstop. This should give the hand gun shooters a place to hang targets.. Again, I would like to say, lets POLICE the rifle range. If a non member wishes to use the range try to encourage him to join. If he dosenot want to join ask him to put a dollar in the box to help with the up keep. If that doesnot work ask him to leave. How do you know a non member? ASK. If he wishes to join take his name, address, and money and turn it in.

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A BIG THANK YOU TO:

Grounds Keeper, Painters, Lawnmowers, ~~Repairs~~, Kitchen help,  
Bookkeeper, Pullers, Scores, Trap Bags, Handyman, House Cleaners,  
Plumbers, Carpenters, and all those who worked so hard for the right  
to say "I BELONG".

Club meeting's are held the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M.  
Your membership and active support are what makes our club strong.  
Your continued support will be appreciated. Our membership now stands  
at 109 members.

P.S. Definition of a Sportsman:

One who in sports is fair and generous, one who in any  
connection has recourse to nothing illegitimate.

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