

The 'EMBER' for July 1968 - - - Official Newsletter of The Black Ash Sportsman Inc. Published by the Sec. Bob Pease, 623 Washington St., Meadville

If you didn't receive an 'EMBER' in June....don't be alarmed....we didn't print one last month and the result now is that there are a number of things all members should be aware of and the activity reports to date and the schedules for coming events will convince you I'm sure that we have the most active club in the entire area.

For those who have not been to the club grounds recently we'd like to mention a new addition in the form of the completed restroom structure featuring both a His and a Hers. Constructed from plans similar to those used at the Game Lands picnic area, this was a much needed project. Howard Byham was the general (un-paid) contractor gladly donating of time, garage space and son-in-law advice. Sub-contractors on the job (also unpaid) were Paul Walker, Don Owens, Tom, Tim and Rae Smith along with Bill Pease, Jack, George, Cub and several others. A sincere thank you to all who worked and particularly to Howard for staying with it in spite of h.. and high water. We had a big assist from the Meadville Rescue Squad on this project as well.

It looks as if each new issue of the 'EMBER' will need a correction section to make right the errors and omissions from the previous month. Last issue we had at least three boo-boos. One of the first paid advertisers in the 'EMBER' was the Wentworth Auto Sales and we inadvertently left out their ad completely. Everyone please read it twice this month.....then with regard to the required Hunter Safety Course for new beginning hunters the date is SEPTEMBER 1969 by which time a new hunter must have passed the NRA Hunter Safety Course goes into effect. It was also omitted regarding the excellent help given by Mrs. Don Armbrurger and husband Don at the April Chicken Dinner. My apology to each and all of you.....

SHORT SHOT STRINGS.....or notes on the skeet side

The 'Youth Movement' is coming into its own on the Black Ash Skeet Team. It all started when Captain Bob Riordan shot his first perfect score against the Corry Sportsmen Club. Bobby Bill bought a book on how to shoot skeet, and we do believe he has been giving lessons.

Tim (Smokey) Smith and brother Tom were among the top five shooters at Spartensburg. Tim, on the strength of his first perfect round in competition. Congratulations young fellows ! !

The team record is now five wins and two losses, with five more matches plus Post Season shoots to go. Also on the bright side, we have a new member and skeet shooter in Jim Van Dyke, who looked quite impressive at Sparta.

Now, if our legislators let these young (and old) shooters retain their right to own guns and shells, to continue in their chosen sport, maybe next year we can bring the Winners Trophy home to Black Ash. Skeet Shooters.....get out and practice...everyone.

..... The Gold Dust Twins.....

Ran across an interesting thought provoker in another clubs' newsletter. Give this thought a moment of your time.....

"I would rather be tried for shooting a criminal than to have a criminal tried for shooting me."

SAVE THIS DATE..... SEPT. 29th SAVE THIS DATE ! ! ! ! !

This will be the BIG fall FIELD DAY for the Black Ash Sportsman and you will be hearing a lot more about it. There will be ham and turkey shoots for shotgunners as well as Skeet!!! A raffle with five or six big prizes including a brand new rifle.....a rod and reel.....a scope plus other items.

Dynamite Shoot for the rifle boys!!!! 100 yards offhand for hams & turkeys
125 yards benchrest for sporter guns.
175 yards benchrest for target guns.

PLUS+++++++OTHER ATTRACTION ! !

Field Day!

AND BEST OF ALL.....a portion of the profits will be used for drilling a well to add water for drinking purposes at the clubhouse and ranges. Keep this date open.....ON YOUR CALENDAR ! ! ! ! !

For any who may have missed this in an earlier 'EMBER' it was voted into the BLACK ASH by-laws last winter that a life membership could be purchased for \$35.00. Fellows if you are younger than retirement age this has to be a real bargain and one which should be taken advantage of. Contact any officer or write or call me and we will be glad to make up a LIFE MEMBER card for you. Those who have done so to date are.....

- Jack Kelley
- George Piazza
- Rae Smith
- Bob Pease
- Howard Byham

We have tried to keep the 'EMBER' fairly free of political and gun legislative items feeling that the pros and cons are being exploited daily by newspapers politicians and many of even questionable character. However if you HAVE seen the light and if you do want to do something about it...then please write a BRIEF, COURTEOUS letter to either Harrisburg or Washington asking them to carefully examine all legislation that will infringe on your rights as a law abiding citizen to own, buy, use and keep firearms. Forget the local arguments on the street corner or at the local 'pub', these are not where the laws are made. The ONLY place your opinion counts is when you vote for or against a candidate or write to an elected legislator. I was recently very releveld by two letters I received in answer to letters I wrote. I would like to quote them in part.....

Senator James E. Willard stated in part " During my 12 years as a member of the Legislature, I have continually opposed gun restrictions and will continue to do so."

R. Budd Dwyer stated on June 27, 1968...." I am absolutely opposed to 'gun control' legislation as advocated by the President and various other government officials that harasses and restricts law-abiding citizens"

To this every hunter, shooter, collector and sportsman should add.

.....Thank you Mr. Willard and Thank you Mr. Dwyer.....

The NBRSA HUNTER CLASS and VARMINT MATCHES on the Black Ash rifle range have provided some real competition so far this season. To date, three of the HUNTER matches and one VARMINT match have been held with good attendance and some real good shooting in each. Several new shooters have turned out and this is the real heart of any club. We are very pleased to see the new fellows and seek to encourage them to come back again and bring friends with them. No one wins all the marbles the first time out and the name of the game is still SHOOTING FOR FUN. Here are the top shooters to date:

	<u>May 26 HUNTER</u>	<u>June 9 HUNTER</u>	<u>Jun25/26 HUNTER</u>	<u>Jun 30 Varmint</u>
FIRST PLACE	Don Nolder	Harold Smith	Bob Pease	Bob Pease
Second Place	Jack Kelley	Bob Pease	Don Nolder	Don Nolder
Third Place	Harold Smith	Paul McClain	Harold Smith	Rich Hogue
Fourth Place	Dr. Wood	Bill Pease	Jack Kelley	Jim Hogue
Fifth Place	Bob Eddy	Don Nolder	Paul McClain	H. Rommerdale

In the Hunter Class, Harold Smith has shot the highest score of the year to date a real hot 242 with 5 x's and one of his targets was a perfect 50 for 50. One of the most encouraging things about this Hunter Class is that in three shoots we have had three different winners. This makes for interesting and challenging competition and we hope it will continue throughout the three remaining matches. The 200 yard Varmint Shoot on June 30th was a first time ever on the Black Ash range and as such established a new range record for the smallest group at 200 yards. I was fortunate enough to outguess the wind and turn in a group measuring 1.093" for five shots at 200 yards. A close second group of 1.118" was fired by Rich Hogue using a 40X Remington 6mm. This is a difference of only .025" and we were fortunate to have special measuring equipment loaned to us by the NBRSA Deputy Director.

The Black Ash rifle range is restricted to use by MEMBERS !. Signs will soon be posted to this effect. As a member you can ask a stranger regarding his membership and you can accept his \$2 if he wants to join. Money may be turned in to me, to Rae Smith or at Wentworth Auto Sales. Do not be offended if 666 you are asked if you are a member. Only in this way can our club continue to grow in membership and facilities. 3 more HUNTER SHOOTS July 21 and August 25th starting at 1:00 PM sharp

Sept. 8th Double Point match at 10:00 AM and 2:00 P.M.

!!!!!! CLUB MEETING DATES!!!!!! Aug. 14th & Sept. 11th 8:00 P.M.

Paid up members may advertise on the 'EMBER' at the following rates:

1 - 25 words cost \$ 1.00 per issue 26-50 words cost \$2.00 per issue

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623 Washington Street
Meadville, Penna.

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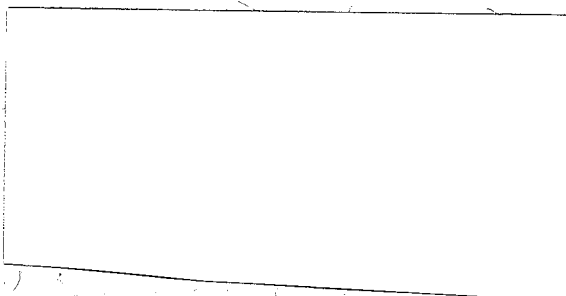
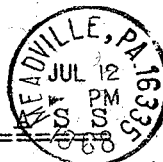
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September 29th

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