

For those who battled the mud last fall and early this spring....comes the news that 20 loads of base gravel and 13 tons of 'pea' gravel have been installed back of the benches at the rifle range. The drive at the rifle range side has been graded and dirt piles installed on the range at 25 and 50 yards for sighting in of guns and .22 plinking. Please....for the good of our club and range....make sure you are lined up with one of the dirt piles so that you are GROUNDING EVERY BULLET ! ! ! ! !

We must also thank those whose contributions to the gravel fund helped to make it possible:

Dr. Floyd Wood
Rae Smith
Paul Wentworth
Adam Crago
Paul Walker
George Piazza
Vic Crist
Bob Pease

Thanks for helping out ! ! ! !

Just a note to guide you.....it is doubtful if we will issue another 'EMBER' until the first part of July. We'll only be skipping June and since there will be three Hunter Matches, several skeet shoots and both the June meeting and July meeting to report on or about you'll have plenty to read up on at that time. I'd like to put in a plug again for the 'EMBER' advertising.....we hope that in a few months time the 'EMBER' will be sustained by it's advertisers.

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

The Black Ash Skeet team, sporting a none too impressive record of 2 wins and 2 losses shows need for practice. The record to date is:

244	-	232	Win over Sparta
237	-	243	Loss to Union City
241	-	242	Loss to Oil City
238	-	234	Win over Franklin

Individually, the Gold Dust Twins are waging a battle for top gun honors for Black Ash. With awards for the top ten shooters this year, Tim (Smokey) Smith and Co-Captain Bob Riordan are fighting it out on the area skeet fields, for that just as important tenth spot. We need a few more like Barney Guth, (alias Bill Buth) not only because he is shooting tough but Barney is a Worker!.

If there is anyone interested in shooting competition it still isn't too late to join the gang. Competition almost always improves scores so come on out..... the G.D. Twins.

The following came in from one of our workers, a member and an advertiser. Seems that as he has aged over the years, Grandpa Crist has become very observant and presented these offerings for 'EMBER' readers.....

I thought you might like to know that the Black Ash Sportsman have two new members that have joined us this spring. I can't say whether they have paid their dues or not but it looks like they plan on being permanent members. They are, 'Mr. & Mrs. Eager Beaver' who have moved in at our lower pond. They seemed quite unafraid of me and my grandson while we were fishing the other night in the ponds. Also the loud blast of the shooters did not seem to bother them at all. I would like to request that these beavers be protected from any trapping next season. Let's keep them around as long as they want to stay. Vic Crist

The 'EMBER' sincerely welcomes news notes such as the two presented above and will be very pleased to receive and publish them. It's your paper fellows and it will only be as good as all of us work to make it. Help however you can.....but do help.

For centuries, the Swiss Constitution has required that every mature male be issued a gun by the army reserve. Although these guns are kept in the homes, Switzerland has virtually no armed crime..... NSSF.

Effective September 1 of this year.....the new law on hunting licenses will require that anyone under 16 years old must either have completed the Hunter Safety course or must have been a licensed hunter in Penna. or another state last year. If this affects anyone in your family . . . don't put it off.

The ads in our 'EMBER' are directed to either sportsmen, their wives or families.....take time and read the ads.....patronize our advertisers because their ads are paying for your FIRST CLASS delivery of the 'EMBER'.

STOP THE PRESSES ! ! !.....at the May meeting it was decided that the Black Ash Sptsmn. will re-affiliate with the COUNTY PAPER for a trial period of one year. I have made arrangements to meet with the publisher and will personally review his Black Ash mailing list to see that all of our members who receive the 'EMBER' will also get the County paper. This will not be completed in time for the May issue which is now being mailed but will be in effect for the June issue. The recent appointment of John Wellington as Editor of the County paper had a great deal to do with our decision to re-affiliate. John, who is a sportswriter for the Meadville Tribune, is an avid hunter and fisherman and has shown exceptional interest in our efforts at Black Ash. We hope for John's sake that our vote of confidence in his editorial ability will encourage him to continue his efforts for all who love the rod, the gun and the great outdoors.

President Rae Smith has asked that through the 'EMBER' our thanks for your participation in the annual Chicken Dinner be acknowledged. It was the best ever and has the Gold Dust Twins hunting a larger hall to hold it in next year. A profit in excess of \$200 was realized and after the payment for Steve Armburger's attendance at the Conservation camp this summer there is a balance in the treasury sufficient to cover the cost of construction of a new toilet facility near the clubhouse, a project already in the works.

It should also be mentioned that the Chicken Dinner could not have been such a success if we were not fortunate enough to have the instigators Jack Kelley George Piazza, their wives and the help and donations of many others of the membership. Thanks to All who worked, helped & donated & ate!

There seems to be a rumor afloat among the skeet shooters that when a shooter goes 50 straight birds in a match he will be excused from the next practice session. Just so the rifle boys don't get any ideas . . we can't condone it there.!

For those who might like to try their first rifle match on May 26th may we welcome you to come. If your gun qualifies you are certain to shoot and you'll need not less than 25 cartridges, be a paid up member and your fee will be just \$2.00. The target, the procedure and the scoring will be explained carefully at 12:45 ahead of the match and any help possible will be given by the Range Master and his staff. There won't be time to do any rough sighting in, that should be done ahead of time, but there are siter bulls on each target you can use for final adjustments and there is sufficient time at least on the first target. Please refer to last month's 'EMBER' for the detailed rules and entry restrictions. We want shooters and we'll gladly help you out. If you can stay in a four inch circle at 100 yards you'll have a NBRSA qualifying score...then...the first match behind you....you can think about improvement.....Come on out.....it really is fun.

Our Black Ash SKEET TEAM is doing a respectable job with a win/loss record of 2 and 2 at the present time. They lost a real squeaker at Oil City by ONE point. Oil City won the match 242 to 241. At Franklin week before last they turned up on the winning side with 238 over 234 as both Kelley and Piazza shot 50 straight for our Ashers. The next skeet match is at Black Ash on the 19th of May as they entertain Knox, Pa. skeet team.

N. B. R. S. A. HUNTER CLASS RIFLE

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