

THE 'EMBER'

A 'Newsletter' for members and friends of The Black Ash Sportsman Inc.

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THIRD ISSUE

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There are some important doings in the works at Black Ash in the weeks ahead and we hope that you will use this newsletter as a reminder of dates and functions. A third page has been added this issue as sort of a home-made poster for the turkey shoots and the NRA sighting in day. If you would take your copy to the bulletin board where you work, the gas station where you trade or perhaps the barbershop or store or a friend's or relatives.....more people will know what we are up to and be able to participate.

We had an interesting thing happen this past month....when our president received a phone call from a lady who wanted to know if she could get a five year membership for her son-in-law for his birthday. Now you know Rae Smith wouldn't let a \$10 get away from Black Ash so we made out the five year card complete with a birthday card just in time to get it mailed to Neil Jones for his birthday. Our thanks to his mother-in-law Mrs. Bus Cole for her vote of confidence in our organization. If any others are interested in solving their birthday or Xmas problems in this manner please contact either Rae Smith or me for 1,2,3,4,5 or 10 year gift memberships.

A newsletter like this couldn't possibly be done without mistakes though we like to think that ours are few and all un-intentional. Last month we credited Jim Hogue for some fancy dynamite shooting with 40-X Remington rifle. In reality it was son Richard who did the very good shooting at the dynamite. Not to be completely outdone, however father Jim turned in a very respectable score in the final Hunter Class shoot.

You have to be some particular kind of a nut (and I am) to make a mistake on page 2 of the 'Ember' and correct it on page 1 but you better believe I'm just Dutch enough to do it that way. On page 2 reporting on the August Hunter Class results I neglected to put in the qualifications: The first six shooters ie: Earl Smith thru Harold Smith qualified as Master while Wood, Kelleher and Greathouse received Hunter qualification. The remaining two, Eddy & McClain were in the Novice Class but you should also note that both jumped clear into the Master Class in the October shoot.

One of the ways in which this or any other club functions best is with money. If you haven't paid your dues for 1968 they are payable now and you can do it easily by filling out the blank at the bottom of this page and sending it to me along with your \$ 2.00. This will assure your continued membership without interruption as well as help us to continue this newsletter.

The next regular meeting of the Black Ash Sportsman Inc. will be on Wednesday evening, November the 8th at 8:00 P.M. when officers will be elected for the coming year. A nominating committee of Harold Smith, Jack Kelley and Cub Thorton will present the slate of names for voting at this Meeting.

As we approach the hunting season more and more people will be using the rifle range facilities. Please BE CAREFUL - make sure your target is LINED UP with the dirt piles. We will be putting in new dirt piles at 25 and 50 yards for your safety and convenience. Please USE THEM.

Application for Black Ash Sportsman Inc. membership - enclose \$ 2.00.

Name _____ STREET _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

New Member _____ Regular Member _____ Do you like the 'EMBER'? Yes _____
No _____

Do you belong to N.R.A.? Yes _____ No _____. NRA cost \$4 a year through B.A.

DON'T FORGET OUR TURKEY SHOOTS OCT. 29 & NOV. 12th and Site-in Day

During 1967 we were affiliated with The National Benchrest Shooters Ass'n. Which is usually designated by the letters 'NBRSA' and two of their new Hunter Class matches were held on the 100 yard Black Ash range. The participation in these events was most gratifying and speaks well for the NBRSA program which is to provide competition for Hunting type rifles and scopes. The results of the shoots are listed below but we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the wonderful help that was given.

Range officers Harold Smith & Bob Eddy with their assistants Ray Graham and Earl Smith did a tremendous job. Harry Onspaugh did some very careful scoring of the targets and target crew members Tom & Tim Smith handled the Targets quickly & carefully. This season we also received some very helpful support from John Wellington of the Tribune Sports Dept. who is seriously interest in guns, shooting & hunting. To all these fellows we extend the sincere thanks of the entire organization:

August 13th, 1967 HUNTER CLASS N.B.R.S.A. 25 shot match 100 yards

<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>X's</u>	<u>Position</u>
Earl Smith	6mm Rem. Var.700	244	8	FIRST
Ray Graham	244 Rem. Std.700	239	8	SECOND
Bob Pease	243 Sako Hv. bbl.	239	6	THIRD
Jack Kelley	243 Sako Hv. Bbl.	236	9	Fourth
Fred Pelchen	243 Sako Hv. bbl.	230	8	Fifth
Harold Smith	243 Sako Hart Hv.	230	6	Sixth
Dr. Wood	6mm Rem. Var.700	219	6	Seventh
Louis Kelleher	.25 Imp.	207	3	Eighth
John Greathouse	.243 Sako Hart Hv.	203	1	Ninth
Bob Eddy	.30-06 Win.54	183	2	Tenth
Paul McClain	.30-06 Rem.	183	2	Eleventh

October 1st, 1967 HUNTER CLASS N.B.R.S.A. 25 shot match 100 yds.

Earl Smith	6mm Rem. Var.700	245	13	First	Master
Bob Pease	243 Sako Hv. bbl	245	10	Sec.	Master
Paul McClain	243 Win. 70 Var.	240	8	Third	Master
Dr. Wood	6mm Rem. Var.700	235	6	Fourth	Master
Jim Hogue	243 Rem.	234	6	Fifth	Master
Bob Eddy	30-06 Win. 54	233	5	Sixth	Master
Harry Onspaugh	.243 Sako Hv.bbl	232	8	7th	Master
Harold Smith	.243 Sako Hv.bbl.	228	5	8th	Master
Bill Pieffley	.243 M70 FWT.	225	9	9th	Hunter
Ray Graham	.244 Rem.700 Std.	225	8	10th	Hunter
George Piazza	.243 Sako Hv.bbl.	201	3	11th=	Hunter
Bud Lang	.257 Rem.	197	1	12th	Novice
Neil Jones	.308 Win.	196	6	13th	Novice
Louis Meyers	30-06 O3A3	194	4	14th	Novice
Don Hough	6mm Rem 600	126	-	15th	Novice

From the above data it is easy to see that interest between shooters and among shooters increased from the first to the last shoot. Paul McClain traded guns, several shooters used borrowed guns in the second match just to try it out and may become regulars next season. The Hunter & the Novice scores SHOULD NOT be sneezed at. All are at least 126 points better than the ZERO acquired by those who didn't shoot at all and speaking of that 126 score turned in by Donny Hough I'd say it was darn good for the first time out while HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE SKEET FIELD at the same time and running back and forth to shoot.

An individual award for EACH and EVERY shooter listed above has been ordered and will be awarded at a special meeting for the rifle shooters to be held at 7:00 P.M. on November 8th at the Black Ash Clubhouse. There will be a discussion and comment session on this years shoots and thoughts and plans for next year can be introduced at this time. This session is open to ALL members interested in rifle shooting and will last ONE hour until 8 P.M. The regular monthly Black Ash meeting follows at 8:15 P.M. so come for the evening. The awards are 4" patches for your shooting coats fellows so be sure to turn out for this meeting.

Again our thanks to all those who made this years' rifle shoots interesting and successful.

Wed - Nov 8th 7pm

Bob Pease

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ALL EVENTS START PROMPTLY AT 1:00 P. M.

TURKEY SHOOTS

O C T. 29th

N O V. 12th

N R A S I G H T - I N D A Y

N O V. 12TH.