

BLACK ASH SPORTSMAN, INC.

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Summer Newsletter 2013
Black Ash Sportsman, Inc.

NRA SILHOUETTE SHOOTING

We are hosting monthly NRA Rimfire Rifle Silhouette Matches at Black Ash. We plan to keep this simple, fun, and safe. Steel targets are shot offhand at 40, 60, 77, and 100 meters. The targets start out small and get slightly larger as the distance increases. Small chicken targets are shot at 40 meters, pigs at 60 meters, turkeys at 77 meters, and rams at 100 meters. The rams are the largest targets but they still look small at that distance. Targets must be knocked off the stand to be scored as a hit. NRA rules are followed for these shoots but for now they will not be sanctioned shoots to qualify for higher competition. We shoot four classes – an open class which allows heavy barrel rifles up to 10 pounds 2 ounces, a hunter rifle class which must be a hunting – style rifle weighing less than 8 pounds 8 ounces, a cowboy rifle class for open sight hunting style rifles, and a rimfire handgun class. Matches are usually held the **SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AND START AT 9:00 A.M.** Remaining matches for 2013 are July ~~28~~, August 10, and September 14. We also have a match in October, probably on Sunday, October 13, so we will not conflict with hunting season. If you have questions, please contact Carl Pelino at (814) 333-6533 or by e-mail at silhouette@blackashsportsman.org. These matches are open to members and non-members.

"To prohibit a citizen from wearing or carrying a war arm...is an unwarranted restriction upon the constitutional right to keep and bear arms. If cowardly and dishonorable men sometimes shoot unarmed men with army pistols and guns, the evil must be prevented by the penitentiary and gallows, and not by a general deprivation of constitutional privilege."

Wilson vs State, 33 Ark.557, at 56, 34 Am. Rep.52

LIFE MEMBERS

Over the years we have lost contact with some of our life members who have moved or had address changes. If you are a life member, and have an e-mail address, please send your e-mail address to Carl Pelino at cpelino@windstream.net. This way we can keep in close contact with you about things going on at Black Ash throughout the year. Newsletters are sent out twice yearly but we send e-mails at least monthly to let members know what is currently happening.

"If left unchallenged, bureaucrats will entrench and perpetuate their agendas. Unfortunately, it requires an upswell of outrage to unseat the undesirable and unify direction."

Jim Slinsky

General Membership Meetings: 7:30 P.M.
2nd Thursday of each month

MEMBERS ONLY TRANSITION

The change from a "de Jure" public shooting facility to members only has been accomplished without any major problems or incidents. The new policy went into effect on March 1, 2013, and for the most part is being respected by the general public. The use of the rifle range has decreased and members no longer have to wait for an available shooting bench. There has also been a noticeable reduction in range safety violations, damage to target frames, and litter and casings on the ground around the benches. Please remember to pick up your fired cases (including .22 rimfire). Someone has to pick up fired ammunition and other members should not have to do this for you. The anticipated loss of revenue from the members only policy has not occurred as the increase in new memberships has almost offset the loss.

"Loyalty to the country always. Loyalty to the government when it deserves it."

Mark Twain

PISTOL LEAGUE

Black Ash participates in the multi-county VIPL (Very Informal Pistol League). The league was established to be a fun shooting experience for both new and experienced shooters. We use modified NRA Bullseye Shooting Rules to keep things lightly competitive and a lot of fun. Shooters can participate in either the rimfire or centerfire class, or both. The league ends in September when all teams get together for the only joint competition of the year. The Black Ash team won the overall championship in 2012 and the coveted rubber chicken again resides in the Black Ash Clubhouse. We hope to keep it at Black Ash after the September, 2013, match. The shoots have already started but we can still accept new shooters. We invite any MEMBER, including ladies and juniors, to join our team. There are no fees but shooters must provide their own handgun(s) and ammunition. For more information contact Carl Pelino at (814)333-6533 or by e-mail at vipl@blackashsportsman.org.

"Suppose the Second Amendment said A well educated electorate being necessary for self- governance in a free state, the right of the people to keep and read books shall not be infringed. Is there anyone who would suggest that means only registered voters have a right to read?"

Robert Levy, Georgetown University professor

CONCEALED CARRY CLASS

A Utah and Arizona concealed carry class has been scheduled at Black Ash from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., July 24th, 2013. Completion of the class will qualify Pennsylvania residents to apply for permits from Utah and Arizona that are honored in 38 states. Cost of the class is \$85. for the Utah permit only or \$100. for both the Utah and Arizona permits. This does not include the cost of the actual permits which must be sent to the states issuing the actual permits. Black Ash members will receive a discount on the class fee. The class will be open to non- members. Advance registration is required. Additional information and registration instructions can be found at www.LethalForce.com. Members who have an e-mail address have received an earlier e-mail announcing this class. Class size is limited to 40 students.

"The provision in the Constitution granting the right to all persons to bear arms is a limitation upon the power of the Legislature to enact any law to the contrary. The exercise of a right guaranteed by the Constitution cannot be made subject to the will of the sheriff."

People vs Zerillo, 219 Mich. 635, 189 N.W.927, at 928(1922)

SUMMER SKEET

The skeet and trap fields opened for the summer on May 28th. Shooting hours are from 6:00 P.M. to dark each Tuesday evening until Labor Day. This is an excellent opportunity for experienced shooters to practice and sharpen their skills and for new shooters to learn how to shoot trap and skeet. Free instruction is available. The cost is \$3.50 per round of 25 targets. This event is open to members and non-members of Black Ash Sportsman, Inc.

"We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution."

Abraham Lincoln

HANDGUN ADVENTURE TRAIL

2013 competition on the Handgun Adventure Trail is off and running. Events are available for .22 rifle and handgun and centerfire handgun with either open sights or scopes. We even have a golf course for .22 rifles. Events throughout the summer are usually on the 4th Sunday of each month. Events are scheduled for July 21st, August 25th, September 22nd, and October 27th. All of the shooting courses are open for practice rounds by **members only** except for the week before the shoots and occasionally during special events at the club. Practice rounds are \$1.each and both practice rounds and competition rounds are open to members and non-members on the days of scheduled shoots.

"The rifle itself has no moral stature, since it has no will of its own. Naturally, it may be used by evil men for evil purposes, but there are more good men than evil, and while the latter cannot be persuaded

to the path of righteousness by propaganda, they can certainly be corrected by good men with rifles."

Jeff Cooper

NEW PISTOL RANGE

At the May meeting the construction of a new 50 foot pistol range was approved. The range will be located just north of the picnic pavilion. Right now we are in the process of clearing brush and small trees. Construction of the backstop will take place in late summer and will be followed by construction of target holders and shooting tables. Cost is estimated between \$2,000. And \$2,500. Anyone interested in helping out with any phase of construction can contact Carl Pelino by e-mail at cpelino@windstream.net or by telephone at (814) 333-6533'

"To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them."

Richard Henry Lee 1788

2013/2014 DUES

The amount for dues remains the same for 2013 and 2014. However, the date by which club dues must be paid has changed. Dues for 2013 are now past due and members in arrears are considered inactive members and are not entitled to the use of club facilities until 2013 dues are paid. Dues for 2014 must be paid by December 31st, 2013. We regret having to make this change but it was brought about by the actions of a small group of people who were taking advantage of the previous policy of letting members pay dues at any time during the current membership year. These people were skipping payment of dues every other year by waiting until late in the year and then paying the next years dues and thereby paying dues every other year while retaining membership privileges for each calendar year. A membership/renewal application is included with this newsletter. It may be copied or additional copies may be downloaded from the Black Ash website if you have more than one club member in your family. Our thanks to those of you who have paid regular dues and been loyal supporters of your club. *"Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing it is not fish they are after."*

Mark Twain

CLUB MAINTENANCE

The main parking lot at the clubhouse has a new look after the application of 80 tons of gravel earlier this summer. An additional 20 tons will be applied in order to finish the job. We hope to be able to gravel the parking lot at the Floyd Woods Rifle Range in 2014. Other major projects we hope to accomplish in the future include painting the clubhouse, picnic shelter and

garage and repairing the sidewalks to the clubhouse and on the skeet fields. We would also like to be able to replace the floor in the club house within the next two years. We are always looking for volunteers to help with routine maintenance and repairs at the club. These include things such as mowing and trimming, minor painting jobs, cutting brush and small trees, cleaning, etc. We also need help at the various shooting events such as the Handgun Adventure Trail and summer skeet shooting. Range officers will also be needed at "Sight In" days this fall. These events are the "money makers" for the club and are the only reason we can keep annual dues at \$20. If you can help in any way it will be appreciated. Contact Carl Pelino at cpelino@windstream.net or talk to any club officer. Thanks to those recent volunteers who have come forth to help with the mowing.

"Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are beneficent. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well meaning but without understanding."

Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis

CLASSIC WINTER SKEET

The Classic Winter Skeet League for 2013 began on January 5th and ended with a post season shoot on March 30th. A total of 73 shooters shot at least 5 rounds during the season to earn a handicap of 80% of their average score and 200 total points per round of 50 birds and went on to compete in the post season match. Top gun for the year was Sam Marks, Sr., with a score of 197. Runner Up was Dick Adams with a score of 195. Their scores were based on their averages for the regular season shoots. Both men, along with the winners of each class, were recognized at the post season banquet following the shoot on March 30th. Shooters at the post season shoot were divided into four classes based on individual handicaps. The winners for each class were:

- A Class Sam Marks, Jr. (215)
- B Class Dick Buzzard (213)
- C Class Darin Ashbaugh (215)
- D Class Nathan Barker (228)

Eleven junior shooters (under 16) participated this year and shot in their own class. The high score (223) after the handicap was added was shot by Karleigh Ashbaugh. Each junior shooter received a Boyt Alaskan shotgun case.

"Foolish liberals who are trying to read the Second Amendment out of the Constitution by claiming its not an individual right or that it's too much of a public safety hazard, don't see the danger in the big picture. They're courting disaster by encouraging others to use the same means to eliminate portions of the Constitution they don't like."

Alan M. Dershowitz

MEMBER CARD HOLDERS

Free membership card holders are available at the club house for members who have paid their current dues. The holders have an alligator clip for attachment to a hat or other article of clothing. Members are encouraged to display their current membership card while using the shooting ranges. This benefits both the member and the range officers who are responsible for monitoring the ranges. Annual membership cards are color coded by year so that range officers can tell at a glance if the shooter is a currently active member. This eliminates the hassle of having a range officer ask if you are a current member and to present your membership card. We know that this is a minor inconvenience but we are trying to enforce the membership rules in the least intrusive way possible. It is unfortunate, but we still have non-members who are looking for free use of the ranges at the expense of dues paying members.

The Second amendment is timeless for our Founders grasped that self-defense is three-fold: every free individual must protect themselves against the evil will of the man, the mob, and the state."

Tiffany Madison

YOUTH SHOOT FREE

The club has adopted a policy which in effect waives the three dollar guest fee for youth under the age of sixteen who are accompanied by an active member at the rifle range. This means that any active member can take a youth to the rifle range and permit them to use that facility without paying the \$3. Guest fee. This rule applies only to the rifle range and is not applicable to the Woods Walk Trails, .22 Golf Course, or competition events.

"The right of a citizen to bear arms, in lawful defense of himself or the State, is absolute. He does not derive it from the State government. It is one of the "high Powers" delegated directly to the citizen, and is excepted out of the general powers of government. A law cannot be passed to infringe upon or impair it, because it is above the law, and independent of the lawmaking power."

Cockrum v. State, 24 Tex. 394, at 401-402 (1859)

COOK'S CORNER

This one is for those old enough to remember the wood fired cook stove and the smell of frying scrapple.

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| Venison Scrapple: | ¼ tsp. pepper |
| 2 cups ground venison | 1 ½ tsp. sage |
| 2 cups ground beef | 1 cup cornmeal |
| 2 cups beef stock/bouillon | red pepper |
| 2 tsp. salt | |

Combine meats and beef stock. Heat to boiling. Add seasonings except red pepper. Sift in cornmeal slowly, stir constantly. Cook 30 minutes. Add a few grains of red pepper to taste. Pour into a mold and chill until firm. Cut in thin slices and fry until well browned.



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Meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP and RENEWAL APPLICATION

Name _____ () Female () Junior
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (_____) _____
 E-mail _____

Make sure your email address is legible otherwise you will **NOT** receive any updates.

If you do not have email please check here ()

Date _____ Signature _____

***** **NEW MEMBER** *****

____ \$20 Annual ____ \$25 Annual * ____ \$2 Ladies ____ \$2 Juniors (18yrs and Under)

(* If paid between Sept 15th and Nov 30th includes balance of current year and the following year.)

NAME OF SPONSOR _____ Phone _____
(Your sponsor must be a current member in good standing of Black Ash Sportsman, Inc.)

***** **RENEWAL** *****

____ \$400.00 Life Member (Must be an active member for three consecutive years.)
 ____ \$ 20.00 Annual Member
 ____ \$ 2.00 Ladies
 ____ \$ 2.00 Junior - (18yrs and Under)

***** **AREA(S) OF INTEREST - Select All That Apply** *****

____ Trap Shooting ____ Skeet Shooting ____ Handgun Shooting ____ VIP League
 ____ Rifle Shooting ____ Rifle Range ____ Conservation ____ Youth

Are you able to help out with any club activities or maintenance? ____ Yes ____ No

Please complete **one application for each member**, copy as needed. Applications are also available for download on our website <http://www.blackashsportsman.org> This allows the club to maintain contact information for each member. Applications can be mailed together. Mail this form(s), with a self-addressed stamped envelope, and check payable to Black Ash Sportsman Inc. to:

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