

BLACK ASH SPORTSMAN, INC.

8410 Clark Rd.
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Winter Newsletter 2013/2014
Black Ash Sportsman, Inc.

WINTER SKEET CLASSIC

The Winter Skeet Classic for 2014 will start on January 4th. Shoots of 50 targets each will be held every other Saturday through March 15th with the post season shoot and banquet being held on March 29th. The cost will continue to be \$10. For 50 targets and \$7.00 for youth under the age of sixteen. This includes the cost of the post season banquet. The cost for a practice round is \$3.50 for 25 targets. Shooting hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. You can shoot ahead or back any number of weeks. See the Winter Skeet Classic rules posted in the clubhouse for handicap scoring information. This is a fun shoot and even though the crowd is large everyone has a good time.

As always, we are in need of volunteer help that can be counted on to show up to help with pulling targets, loading targets, and the food concession. For more information or to volunteer contact Tom Mattis at (814) 720-5045 or winterskeet@blackashsportsman.org.

"Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner."

James Bovard from Last Rights, The Destruction of American Liberty

HUNTER TRAPPER EDUCATION

A total of twenty five students of twenty seven who enrolled successfully completed a Hunter Trapper Safety Education class that was presented at Black Ash in June, 2013. Two students failed the class as a result of incomplete attendance. The class included a day of "Hands On" Instruction. The class was presented by five certified instructors from Black Ash and one Wildlife Conservation Officer. The next class will be offered in June, 2014. Members who have an e-mail on file will receive advance notice of the class date.

"The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else."

THREE-PEAT

The skeet shooters from Black Ash came home

General Membership Meetings: Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

from New York with the traveling trophy for the third straight year. The 2013 match was held at Big Tree on October 13th. It was a close match but Black Ash ended the contest with a one point margin over the Big Tree shooters. Final scores were; Black Ash-355, Big Tree-354, Corry-216. The top score for Black Ash was registered by Lon Fink with 47 of 50 targets. Big Tree's Paul Huckno scored a 48 and Brad Schweitzer of Corry scored a 47. The 2014 match will be held at Black Ash on October 12th.

"The beauty of the Second Amendment is that it will not be needed until they try to take it."

Thomas Jefferson

RANGES CLOSED

All ranges at Black Ash, with the exception of the Dr. Floyd Woods Memorial Rifle Range, are currently closed. The ranges are closed in mid to late November as a safety precaution during bear and deer seasons, including the flintlock season. The Woods Walk trails will reopen, weather permitting, in March. Volunteers will be setting targets and cleaning up the trails as soon as possible.

"Illegal aliens have always been a problem in the United States. Ask any Indian."

Robert Orben

2014 DUES

Annual membership dues are now payable. Membership fees have been retained at the same level as in 2013. A membership/renewal application is included with this newsletter. Black Ash operates on a calendar year basis so all membership privileges expire on December 31st for annual members who have not renewed their membership for 2014.

"When the law disarms good guys, bad guys rejoice."

Ted Nugent

NEW PISTOL RANGE

The shooting facilities at Black Ash have been expanded with the completion of a new 50' pistol range. The new range is located adjacent

to the parking lot on the west side of the clubhouse and can accommodate up to eight shooters on the firing line. Our thanks to Gary Glunt for his donation of fill dirt for the backstop and to Carl Pelino, Ed Wineland, Josh Cline, Dave Fowler, and John Rekas for their many hours of volunteer labor on the range.

"When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end for any nation."

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

At a general membership meeting on December 12th, 2013, current officers and directors were re-elected to serve in the same positions in 2014. Officers and members of the Board of Directors are:

President	Ed Ferguson
Vice President	Tom Mattis
Secretary	Carl Pelino
Treasurer	Carolyn Zur
Directors	Gary Glunt
	Mark Mailliard
	Bob Schoenefeldt

"One of the ordinary modes, by which tyrants accomplish their purposes without resistance, is by disarming the people, and making it an offense to keep arms."

Constitutional scholar Joseph Story, 1840

HATS AND JACKETS AVAILABLE

Hats and jackets with the Black Ash logo continue to be available for purchase by members. All clothing items are made in the U.S.A. Winter baseball style hats cost \$19. for the "Life Member" monogram style and \$16. without the "Life Member" monogram. Summer hats are \$10. and \$8. Mid weight monogramed jackets cost \$70 and must be ordered. Contact Carl Pelino or any club officer for further information or ordering. Hats can be purchased at the clubhouse.

"The death of a hunting dog is only made tolerable by the memory of his life."

Jim Slinsky

PISTOL LEAGUE

Black Ash participates in the VIPL (Very Informal Pistol League). The league was established to be a fun shooting experience for both new and experienced shooters. Modified NRA Bullseye Shooting Rules are used to keep the matches lightly competitive but a lot of fun. Shooters can participate in the rimfire or centerfire class or both. Matches are held once a month from April to September with all teams getting together for a joint competition at the September match.

This year the Black Ash VIPL Team won the competition for the third straight year. The traveling trophy, a much coveted rubber chicken, continues to reside in the Black Ash Clubhouse.

We invite any member, including ladies and juniors, to join our team. There are no fees but all shooters must provide their own handgun(s) and ammunition. Participants do not have to attend every match. Our new 50 foot pistol range should allow us to be a little more flexible in scheduling matches. For more information contact Carl Pelino (814) 333-6533 or by e-mail at vipl@blackashsportsman.org.

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

Thomas Jefferson

CONCEALED CARRY AND BASIC PISTOL CLASSES

On July 24th we sponsored class for obtaining a concealed carry permit for Utah or Arizona. The class was put on by Lethal Force (Club Member Josh Cline). The class was attended by 22 people including 14 members. Active members received a discount on the class fee. If there is enough interest expressed another class may be scheduled in 2014.

We have received many questions about the possibility of a basic handgun instruction class, especially one for women. If there is enough interest we will host at least one NRA Basic Pistol Class this summer. We are not yet certain of the minimum class size but we will do one just for women if the enrollment is high enough. If you are interested in this type of class please contact Carl Pelino at (814) 333-

6533, e-mail cpelino@zoominternet.net, and let him know. It is especially important to do this if you are interested and do not have e-mail because you will probably not receive any other notices before the classes. Members with e-mail will get the usual reminders about these classes and other club activities. Enrollment will not be limited to club members but they will be notified before enrollment is open to non-members.

"Guns are our friends because in a country without guns, I'm what is known as 'prey'. All females are."

Ann Coulter, from If Democrats Had Any Brains, They'd Be Republicans

HANDGUN ADVENTURE TRAIL

2014 competition on the Handgun Adventure Trail will begin with a shoot on March 23rd at 9:00 A.M. Events are available for .22 Long Rifle and handgun and centerfire handguns. We have open sight and scope classes. There is also a .22 rifle golf course. Events will be held on March 23rd, April 27th, May 25th, June 22nd, July 27th, August 24th, September 28th, and October 26th. Adventure trail courses will be open for practice as soon as weather permits in late February or early March. Practice rounds for members and their accompanied guests cost \$1.00 each. Competition rounds are open to members and non-members.

If you can help out at these shoots by acting as range officers, painting targets, etc, please contact John Scheuer (814) 476-1189, or Carl Pelino (814) 333-6533, or e-mail them at silhouette@blackashsportsman.org. or volunteer at the registration table.

"What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving."

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 60, 77, and 100 meters with a .22 rifle or handgun. Targets at 40 meters are chickens, pigs at 60 meters, turkeys at 77 meters, rams at 100 meters. Targets increase in size as the distance increases. We follow NRA rules for the shoots but for now they will not be

sanctioned to qualify for higher levels. We shoot four classes – an open class for heavy barrel rifles weighing 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 class for open sight hunting style rifle, and a rimfire handgun class. Cowboy rifle shooters and handgun shooters shoot the larger ½ scale targets – but still a challenge.

Matches are usually held the second Saturday of the month and start at 9 A.M. Matches for 2014 are scheduled for April 12th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, and September 13th. We may also have a match in October, probably on a Sunday to avoid conflicts with archery season. THESE MATCHES ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS. If you have questions about these shoots please contact Carl Pelino at 333-6533 or e-mail us at silhouette@blackashsportsman.org.

"I'm in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with typewriters."

Frank Lloyd Wright

LIFE MEMBERS

If you are a life member and have e-mail please send your e-mail address to Carl Pelino at cpelino@zoominternet.net. This way we can keep in close contact with you about things going on at Black Ash throughout the year. Many life members have been asking about getting new membership cards to replace lost or worn out cards. We are currently looking into this with the possibility of obtaining a special card for life members.

"Are we at last brought to such humiliating and debasing degradation that we cannot be trusted with arms for our defense? Where is the difference between having our arms in possession and under our direction, and having them under the management of Congress? If our defense be the real object of having those arms, in whose hands can they be trusted with more propriety, or equal safety to us, as in our own hands?"

Patrick Henry

HELP

We are always looking for people to assist with mowing, grounds maintenance, and range maintenance, etc. Many of our old standbys are looking to go into retirement or semi-

retirement from Black Ash and we need some replacement workers. If you are willing to help, even on an occasional basis, either put a note with your renewal application or contact Carl Pelino for more information. We really need a few more people who can help a couple of times through the summer. It is only through the use of volunteer help, in everything from maintenance to "pullers" on the trap and skeet fields, that we are able to keep our dues low.

"The sportsman lives his life vicariously. For he secretly yearns to have lived before, in a simpler time. A time when his love for the land, water, fish and wildlife would be more than just a part of his life. It would be his state of mind."

Jim Slinsky

SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

We are trying to do more contacts with members through e-mail instead of regular mail. This enables us to reduce mailing costs and also lets us send information out more frequently to let members know what's going on at Black Ash. Please use the line on your membership application and **CLEARLY PRINT** your e-mail address. If you are a life member or have already paid your annual dues please send your e-mail address to Carl Pelino at cpelino@zoominternet.net. **WE DO NOT SHARE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS WITH ANYONE.** If you get this newsletter by e-mail and do not have a way to print out the renewal application just send an e-mail to Carl and he will make sure you get an application.

We currently have about one-half of our members receiving this newsletter and other club news by e-mail and we would like to see that number increase. Besides saving the club money, you will also get updates and special announcements of club activities if you are on the e-mail list. If you sent us your e-mail address before and are not receiving e-mails please send it in again. We were either not able to read it correctly from your application or you might have us blocked.

"The greatest danger to American freedom is a government that ignores the Constitution."

Thomas Jefferson

A LITTLE BASEBALL HISTORY

Shortly after the end of World War II a small group of sportsmen from the Black Ash, Mt. Hope, and Guys Mills area began to meet on an informal basis to talk about their mutual sport of hunting and shooting. They were soon being called the Black Ash Sportsmen and this group evolved into the Black Ash Sportsman Club, now known as Black Ash Sportsman, Inc.

Some of our members are old enough to remember the decade known as the "Fabulous Fifties" when the club was officially formed. Television was in its infancy and the radio was a popular item of home entertainment. Baseball was America's sport and many families would gather around the radio on a Sunday afternoon to listen to a play by play description of a game. About 1958 two members of the Black Ash Sportsman Club, Paul Wentworth and Leo Mailliard, thought it would nice if their sons and other area boys could experience organized youth baseball. The idea was presented to other members and it was decided that the club would sponsor a Little League team. A ball field was constructed adjacent to Shaeffer Road, Randolph Township, on property owned by Leo Mailliard and which also became the first permanent location of the Black Ash Sportsman Club. Construction included dug outs, backstop, home run fence, bleachers, and a concession stand. Everything was constructed of rough sawn lumber donated by Leo Mailliard. Team uniforms were white with dark blue trim, caps and socks. The hats featured an intertwined "BAS" insignia.

Butch Gross was the first manager/coach of the team and he was assisted by Paul Crago. We don't know the names of all the team members. Some of them were Bill Wentworth (who contributed much of this information), Dale Bogardus, Walt Johnston, Paul Gross, Dick Gilbert, Bob Gilbert, Bob Meyers and Roger Walter.

The team played in the Suburban Little League and played teams from Little Cooley, Townville, Vernon Twp, and Harmonsburg. The team moved to Frenchtown about 1966 and then to Guys Mills.



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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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