

# BLACK ASH SPORTSMAN, INC.

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Guys Mills, Pa. 16327

Summer Newsletter, 2016. Black Ash Sportsman, Inc.

General Membership Meetings are at 7:30 P.M. on the second Thursday of each month at the clubhouse

## CLASSIC WINTER SKEET

The Black Ash Sportsman Winter Skeet Classic ended on March 26, 2016, with 69 shooters completing competition in the event. This year the weather was fairly mild for the entire event. The post season shoot was well attended, even though it was Easter weekend, and the day could best be described as balmy! Six junior shooters participated and they each received a Boyt shotgun case.

The top shooters and their scores were;

Champion	Chuck Isaac	196.83
Runner Up	Jeff Riddle	193.33
Third Place	Lon Fink	153.00
Jr. Champion	Charlie Johnson	153.00

Shooters were divided into four classes based on their handicaps and prizes of ammunition were awarded to the top four shooters in each class. The winners in each class were:

### A Class

Bob Rohler (211)  
Mark Mailliard (207)  
Chuck Gaw (207)  
Rich Gaw (206)

### B Class

Rich Weaver (223)  
Tony VanHorn (220)  
Jerry Sayers (219)  
Tom Mattis (219)

### C Class

Will Stevenson (225)  
Shannon Schweitzer (221)  
Bob Eimer (218)  
Roger Spence (216)

### D Class

Brandon Smith (232)  
Seth Lane (215)  
Zack Johnson (214)  
Chase Halsaver (210)

A special thanks to the following people who made the Winter Skeet Classic possible;

On the snow blower	Carl Pelino
Early A. M. Snow Shovelers	Rick Weaver, Eric & Luke Messner
Kitchen staff	Helen, Jim & Kyle Gifford
Pullers/Scorers	Jim Viglo, Denny Cronin, Carolyn Zur, Earl Browh, Ed Ferguson, Clyde Courtwright, Milt Lang
Event Chairman	Tom Mattis

*"Doubt is a pain to lonely to know that faith is his twin brother."*

## WOMEN ONLY

A basic handgun class for women only was held at Black Ash on April 16, 2016. The class was designed for female participants who had little knowledge of handguns or their proper use but had a desire to learn the fundamentals of shooting a handgun. The class was attended by 24 women who were introduced to the basics of handgun shooting.

They spent the morning in the classroom learning nomenclature, safety rules, types of handguns, calibers, loading and unloading, shooting stance, etc. The afternoon was spent at the range and the class members, many of whom had never fired a gun, put into practice what they had learned in the classroom. Many were surprised to learn that those little guns "kick".

The class was presented by certified instructors from "My Utah Permit" of Edinboro. The instructors were Rob Irwin and James Orton. They were assisted by Lenny Johnson and Chuck Orton. Each participant received a discount coupon good for \$20. towards the purchase of a firearm at the Keystone Armory in Edinboro, Pa. A schedule of the classes to be presented by My Utah Permit in the future can be viewed at [www.MyUtahPermit](http://www.MyUtahPermit) along with registration information.

This class was well received by the participants and we did not receive any negative comments. We are considering the possibility of having additional classes in the future for both men and women and having both basic and advanced content classes available. We need to know if there is a demand for another class for women or we can do a mixed class for both men and women. If you are interested in a clas please call Carl Pelino at 814 333-6533 or by e-mail to [blackashsportsman@gmail.com](mailto:blackashsportsman@gmail.com).

*"Congress has no power to disarm the militia. Their swords, and every other implement of the soldier, are the birthright of an American...The unlimited power of the sword is not in the hands of either the federal or state government, but, where I trust in God it will ever remain, in the hands of the people."*

*Tenche Coxe, Pennsylvania Gazette, Feb 20, 1788*

## PISTOL LEAGUE

Black Ash participates in the multi-county VIP League (Very Informal Pistol League). The league was established to be a fun shooting experienced for new and experienced shooters. We use modified rules for NRA Bullseye shooting to keep things lightly competitive, safe, and a lot of fun. Shooters can shoot in rimfire or centerfire classes or both. The league ends in September with all teams getting together for the only joint competition of the year.

The league shoots have already started but we can still accept new shooters. We invite any **MEMBER OF** Black Ash, including ladies and juniors, to join our team. There are no fees but all shooters must provide their own handguns and ammunition.

For more information, contact Carl Pelino at 814 333-6533 or by e-mail at [vipl@blackashsportsman.org](mailto:vipl@blackashsportsman.org).

*"Guard against the impostors of pretended patriotism."*

*1<sup>st</sup> President of the U.S.A. George Washington*

#### **HANDGUN ADVENTURE TRAIL**

Competition on the Handgun Adventure Trail is off and running for 2015. Events are available for .22 rifle and handgun and centerfire handgun. There are separate classes for open and scope sights. We also have a Golf Course for .22 rifles. Competition shoots are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Remaining shoots for 2016 are scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>, August 28<sup>th</sup>, September 25<sup>th</sup>, and October 23<sup>rd</sup>. All shooting courses are open to **MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS** for practice rounds except for the week immediately before a scheduled shoot and occasionally during special events at the club. Practice rounds cost \$1.00 each. **Competition rounds are open to members and non-members.**

As with other events at the club we can always use some member support as range officers, target painters, and at the registration table. We can also use another one or two people to set up and paint targets before each match (usually on Wednesday). Contact John Scheuer at (814) 476-1189 or Carl Pelino at (814) 333-6533 or [silhouette@blackashsportsman.org](mailto:silhouette@blackashsportsman.org) if you can help. You can also just let someone at the registration table know if you are interested in helping.

*"The right of the citizens to keep and bear arms has justly been considered as the palladium of the liberties of a republic; since it offers a strong moral check against usurpation and arbitrary power of rulers, and will generally, even if these are successful in the first instance, enable the people to resist and triumph over them".*

*Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story of the John Marshall Court*

#### **2016 DUES**

The grace period for payment of 2016 annual member dues has expired. Range privileges are dependent upon the payment of annual dues and expire at the end of each calendar year unless membership is renewed in January of each succeeding year. A membership renewal form is included with this newsletter. The amount of annual dues remains unchanged for 2016 and is indicated for each membership class on the renewal application. Please complete the application if you have not paid dues for 2016 and send it and the correct dues payment to the address on the application. Your current membership card is color coded and has the date on it for the last year you paid annual dues. Please check your card to determine if your dues have been paid.

*"We aren't in an information age, we are in an entertainment age."*

*Tony Robbins*

#### **PISTOL RANGE**

Our new pistol range is open and is continuing to get a lot of use. Range rules are posted and all members and guests are expected to comply with them for their own safety and the safety of others using the range and other areas of the club grounds. **Members may bring a guest to use**

**the pistol range and other club ranges but guests are required to pay a \$3.00 range fee for the use of each individual range. Guests under the age of 16 may shoot free as long as they are accompanied by an adult club member in active (dues paid) status.**

We have had some minor problems with shooters hitting the cables the targets hang from. Please position your targets (paper only, please) correctly. **All targets should be centered on the target boards**

If you are consistently shooting low left (that seems to be a problem from the appearance of the target boards) it means that you are jerking the trigger. A slow steady squeeze will produce much better results-it will also result in fewer hits to the lower cable.

*"Our main agenda is to have all guns banned. We must use whatever means possible. It doesn't matter if you have to distort the facts or even lie. Our task of creating a socialist America can only succeed when those who would resist us have been totally disarmed."*

*Sarah Brady, Chairman, Handgun Control Inc., to Senator Howard Metzenbaum*

#### **NRA SILHOUETTE SHOOTING**

NRA Silhouette Matches are once again being held at Black Ash. Matches are usually held on the second Saturday of the month and begin at 9:00 A. M. Remaining matches for 2016 are scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>, and September 10<sup>th</sup>. These matches are open to members and non-members. The entry fee is \$5.00 and there is a payout to the top shooters. *"The people of the various provinces are strictly forbidden to have in their possession any swords, short swords, bows, spears, firearms, or other types of arms. The possession of unnecessary implements makes difficult the collection of taxes and dues and tends to foment uprisings."*

*Toyotomi Hideyoshi, Japanes Shogun, August, 1588*

#### **GROUNDS CREW**

All of our mowing and most of the other maintenance at the club is done by a small group of members, mostly retired. If you have time available during the week, and would like to help, please contact Carl Pelino (814 333-6533) or e-mail the club at [blackashsportsman@gmail.com](mailto:blackashsportsman@gmail.com). This does not mean you are committed to every time we do something. It is always nice to have a few extra helpers when we get together. We can get a lot more done in a shorter time period.

*"And that the said Constitution be never construed to authorize Congress to infringe the just liberty of the Press, or the rights of Conscience ; or to prevent the people of the United States, who are peaceable citizens, from keeping their own arms..."*

*Samuel Adams, quoted in the Philadelphia Independent Gazette, August20, 1789.*

#### **SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS**

Many of our members have asked why we need their e-mail addresses. This is a fair question and the answer is easy.

E-mail enables the club to keep the membership informed in a timely fashion of activities and events that are, or will be, happening at the club. The only other method we have of communicating with members is the hard copy newsletters and they are limited to summer and winter editions. In most cases they are also restricted to reporting after the fact information. Over half of our members have submitted their e-mail addresses and they now receive advance notification of special events such as the Basic Handgun Class for Women, Hunter Trapper Education Classes, range closings, shooting competitions, etc. The announcements for many of these activities, especially if they are for members only, do not appear in the newspapers. Many of our public events are also set up to permit members to register for a set period of time before non-members are allowed to register. Advance notice of these events are sent to members by e-mail. We do not share your e-mail address with anyone!

*"The ruling class doesn't care about public safety. Having made it very difficult for states and localities to police themselves, having left ordinary citizens with no choice but to protect themselves as best they can, they now try to take our guns away. In fact they blame us and our guns for crime. This is so wrong that it cannot be an honest mistake."*

*Malcolm Wallop, Former U. S. Senator (R-WY)*

## OBITUARIES

It is with deep regret and a profound sense of loss that we report the deaths of three active members of Black Ash.

Klaus Sturzebecker (DOD: Dec. 28, 2015) was a long time member of Black Ash and was a regular participant in the Handgun Adventure Trail competition.

Steve Kolacz (DOD: Jan 14, 2016) was an avid handgun shooter and a member of the VIPL pistol team. In addition to being a shooter at various events he was always willing to step in and volunteer to help at various events.

Andrew Mattis (DOD: May 20, 2016) has been a member of Black Ash Sportsman since the early days of the clubs formation. Andy was one of the last members of the "Greatest Generation" and has our thanks for his service in World War II. He enjoyed the shooting sports and was especially fond of grouse hunting. Andy was also a skeet shooter and enjoyed shooting skeet on Tuesday nights at Black Ash. He was still shooting and turning in a respectable score at the age of 95.

We extend our condolences to the families of these men. We know that their passing will leave a void that can never be filled. They may be gone but they will be remembered and missed for many years to come.

*"Those we love don't go away,  
They wait beside us every day.  
Unseen. Unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed, and very dear."*

*Anonymous*

## HUNTER TRAPPER EDUCATION

Twenty six students completed a Basic Hunter Trapper Safety Education Class held at Black Ash on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. After

spending Wednesday evening in the classroom the students were able to put into practice what they had learned at various "Skills Stations" located on the club grounds. Black Ash is one of the few clubs offering "hands on" training of this nature. This program requires a minimum of five instructors and we extend a sincere "Thank You" to the instructors at Black Ash who are willing to donate their time and expend the effort to make this program successful and an example of what constitutes a high quality Hunter Education experience. *"None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free."*

*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

## JULY WORK DAY

A work day to complete a lot of routine maintenance projects has been scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We need to do a lot of painting, range and building repairs, brush cutting, and general cleaning of the buildings and grounds. All volunteer help will be greatly appreciated. We will begin work about 8:00 A.M. but volunteers can come at any time in the morning. We hope to be done by noon or shortly thereafter. Lunch will be provided. We need heavy duty paint sprayers and ladders if anyone can bring them. A project list is being prepared and will be posted on the front porch bulletin board at least one week in advance of the scheduled work day. Contact Carl Pelino at 333-6533 if you have any questions. *"If someone has a gun and is trying to shoot you, it would be reasonable to shoot back with your own gun."*

*Dalai Lama XIV*

## ORLANDO AND GUN CONTROL

On June 12, 2016, Omar Mateen used a Sig Sauer semi-automatic rifle and a Glock semi-automatic pistol to kill 49 people in an Orlando nightclub. He was subsequently shot and killed by Orlando police. Mateen was of the Muslim faith and was an avowed supporter of ISIS.

As expected, liberal politicians issued an immediate call for enactment of gun control measures in the U. S. The anti-gun groups received a new argument point when Jeh Johnson, the current Secretary of Homeland Security, stated that gun control "...has to be part of homeland security."

President Obama had earlier linked the necessity for gun control with domestic terrorism. Hillary Clinton also called for more gun control measures.

Gun control and homeland security will undoubtedly be a major topic of discussion in Congress and on the election trail in the next few months. We can also expect the argument that the founding fathers could not have predicted the lethality of 21<sup>st</sup> century firearms when they passed the Second Amendment. Politicians will continue to ignore the real threat to homeland security for the next few months. Our government must accept the fact that Radical Islamic Terrorism must be acknowledged and confronted with overwhelming force if the "homeland" is to be secure.

*"The patriot's blood is the seed of the tree of freedom."*



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: ( ) NEW MEMBER OR ( ) ANNUAL RENEWAL

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) MALE ( ) FEMALE ( ) JUNIOR

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

To cut costs, updates and notices are sent by email. Please sure that your email address is legible.  
 Check here if you do not have email. ( )

<p><b>NEW MEMBER APPLICATION</b></p> <p>___ \$20 Annual</p> <p>___ \$25* Annual*</p> <p>___ \$2 Lady</p> <p>___ \$2 Junior (18 years &amp; Under)</p>
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<p><b>ANNUAL RENEWAL</b></p> <p>___ \$20 Annual</p> <p>___ \$2 Lady</p> <p>___ \$2 Junior (18 years &amp; Under)</p> <p>___ \$400 LIFE MEMBER **</p>
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NOTE: \* Dues paid between Sep.15 & Nov. 30, include balance of current year and following year.  
 \*\* Must be an active member for three (3) consecutive years to be eligible for life membership.

**NEW MEMBER ONLY:**

NAME OF SPONSOR: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Your sponsor must be a current member in good standing of Black Ash Sportsman, Inc.)

\*\*\*\*\*SURVEY: AREA OF INTEREST – Select all that apply\*\*\*\*\*

\_\_\_ Trap Shooting \_\_\_ Skeet Shooting \_\_\_ Handgun Shooting \_\_\_ VIP League \_\_\_ Silhouette Shooting

\_\_\_ Rifle Shooting \_\_\_ Rifle Range \_\_\_ Conservation \_\_\_ Youth

Are you able to help with any club activities or maintenance? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Complete one application for each member. Make copies as needed.  
 Applications may be downloaded from website <http://blackashsportsman.org>.  
 Include a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE to receive membership card(s).  
 Mail application(s) with check payable to Black Ash Sportsman Inc. to:

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