



BLACK ASH SPORTSMAN, INC

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Summer Newsletter, 2018

General membership meetings are at 7:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month

IMPORTANT: NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM AND DUES STRUCTURE FOR 2019!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

We are moving quickly through the summer of 2018 and are having a great one at Black Ash Sportsman. All of our shooting sports (except Winter Skeet) are in full swing with really good participation all around from members and non-members.

Our biggest project this year is the addition of lights on one trap field and one combination trap and skeet field. The lights are currently up and we are waiting for our electricians to finish the wiring. Thanks to VP Tom Mattis for sticking with this project and bringing it to fruition. We have been talking about this for a couple of years and finally we will soon see the light! We also purchased a new-to-us trap for trap field 2. We actually got an NRA Foundation Grant that paid about 1/2 the cost of the trap. This was a necessary addition with the greatly increased interest in trap shooting.

We also recently completed some changes to our bylaws. Many of the changes were housekeeping updates, but there is one major change—annual dues for 2019 will be \$25 for an adult member—male or female. The youth membership has been raised to \$5. We have added a family membership for \$40, which includes 2 adults and all children in the household. The reason behind the dues increase is simple—we need to be able to pay our bills and also be able to keep up with major maintenance projects and do some improvements around the club grounds. Our goal is to have dues cover, at a minimum, our normal operating expenses—taxes, utilities, and routine maintenance of the clubhouse and grounds. We can then use funds from our shooting activities to undertake major projects and improvements.

You will see in the other parts of this newsletter the activities planned for the remainder of 2018. Still a lot of things happening at your club. Don't forget about our work day on Saturday, July 28—the more members we have working the more work we can get done. It's also a good opportunity to meet some other members and truly see the diversity of shooting sports we have at Black Ash. If you look around the county and the area, we probably have more opportunities to shoot whether in an organized competition or just a fun time shooting than any other club in the area. Come out and give some new shooting sport a try.

Carl Pelino, President

SUMMER WORK DAY

We will have our summer work day on **Saturday, July 28**. Work will start at 8:00 a.m. and we should be done around noon and will conclude with lunch provided by the club. We will be doing some work at the rifle range, on the Handgun Adventure Trail, some painting and staining, general work around the clubhouse and on the trap and skeet fields. It would also be helpful if we had a couple of tractors or skid loaders to fill in some of the ruts from the spring activities. Contact Carl Pelino at (814) 333-6533 if you have any questions or send an email to the club email address blackashsportsman@gmail.com.

CLASSIC WINTER SKEET LEAGUE

Another great season of Classic Winter Skeet at Black Ash has come to a close. Here are the league results for 2018:

Top Gun: Larry Price 186
Runner Up: Brent Hoover 185
Top Junior: L J Vorous 171

Post-season shoot results with handicap added:

A Class

1. Mark Mailliard 213
2. Bob Rohler 210
3. Kevin Berlin 208
4. Jeff Riddle 207

B Class

1. Bill Baker 219
2. Calvin Docter 217
3. Bill Biddle 214
4. Bob Bill 211

C Class

1. Mark Bellini 217
2. Mark Romaniszyn 215
3. Jon Johnson 212
4. Bill McFeely 204

D Class

1. Colin Hatalen 221
2. Dan Klementovich 216
3. Zach Lang 210
4. Bill Kramer 210

TRAP MACHINES FOR SALE

With the upgrades we have made to our trap machines, we now have two hand set Winchester Traps for sale. They are fully functional and include the release cord. Cost is \$200 each. Contact Carl Pelino at (814) 332-6533 if interested.

MAINTENANCE HELP NEEDED

As always, we are looking for more members to join our aging grounds crew. We have lost a couple to illness and older age this year and really need to replenish our workers. We need a good number of "YOUNG OLD GUYS" to get the stuff done during the week so that we don't have to shut down our activities and ranges on the weekends when they are used the most. Please contact Carl Pelino at (814) 333-6533 or cpelino@zoominternet.net if you can help out. We don't expect everyone to be there every time, but we do need a larger pool of workers to draw from to get our routine maintenance done.

ACTIVITY HELP NEEDED

All of our activities, besides being just plain fun, also help raise money to support our club. They are also all organized and run by volunteer club members. We need more help to keep everything going—this includes Winter Skeet, Summer Trap League, Summer Practice Skeet, Handgun Adventure Trail, and the NRA Silhouette matches. If you can help out, please let someone at one of the activities know or contact the activity organizer—the list of organizers is in the newsletter. Special thanks to Kathleen and Scott Wheelock who stepped up and took over the organization of the Monday Night Trap League. They are doing a great job, too!

We will also be looking for a new Chairperson for the Handgun Adventure Trail matches starting in the 2019 shooting season. John Scheuer, who has done it for what seems like forever (especially for him!), is stepping aside to further enjoy retired life. It would be great if we could get a group of 8 to 10 people to organize this like it was 15 or 20 years ago!

RANGE DAMAGE

We are beginning to experience some damage from failure to follow range rules at both the rifle and handgun ranges. The rifle range is especially bad. Shooters have been hanging targets on the upright railroad ties that support the target frames and on the crossbars that hold the target boards. These are expensive and time-consuming repair items. At the handgun range, we have seen what appears to be intentional shooting at the cable that supports the target boards and also at the washer used to hang the target boards. **PLEASE CENTER YOUR TARGETS ON THE TARGET BOARDS ONLY. ALSO, ONLY PAPER TARGETS ARE PERMITTED AT BOTH OF THESE RANGES.**

PLEASE FOLLOW ALL RANGE RULES FOR BOTH SAFETY AND LOWER MAINTENANCE COSTS ON OUR RANGES. If you see another member who is not following the rules, please politely remind them that they are wasting money and posing a safety hazard to themselves or others using our facilities. **Any member intentionally violating ranges rules will have their membership suspended!**

SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Our primary method of communication to our membership is through email. 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 to CLEARLY PRINT your email address. If you are a life member or have already sent in your 2018 application, please send an email to the club email at blackashsportsman@gmail.com.

If you have given us your email address in the past and are not receiving emails, please tell us and provide your email again. We were either unable to read it correctly or a message failed to send to you and was added to our suppress list. We can fix it, but we need to know you're not receiving it.

ALL EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. IF YOU PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, YOU WILL GET MORE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON CLUB ACTIVITIES.

Because of the daily email sending limits imposed by Google, we can't send an email to all of our members on the same day. Emails must be sent out over multiple days. If there is a time-sensitive announcement, like postponing a work day, it will be posted on our Facebook page as well as being emailed. Be sure to follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/blackashsportsman.

YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT

The annual Black Ash Youth Pheasant Hunt will be held on Saturday, October 13. Interested youth hunters will be able to register via the PA Game Commission website starting in early August. Volunteers are needed for dog handlers/guides as well as for general help on the day of the hunt. Please contact hunt coordinator Rob Schriener at robjess1138006@att.net or (412) 576-9818 if you are interested in helping out.

FUNDRAISING HELP NEEDED

The Board of Directors has been considering doing a major fundraiser to help build funds for major projects. We have been considering a gun raffle. As we have discussed, we would send 3 to 5 tickets to each adult member/household to sell. We have discussed a \$10 or \$20 ticket with 10 good quality guns. However, we really would like one of our members to chair this effort. We are also interested in comments members may have in doing such a thing. If you have an interest in being the chairperson or serving on a fundraising committee please contact one of the board members or send an email to the club email address.

ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

Please contact the activity director if you want to help out

Winter Skeet—Tom Mattis—(814) 720-5045
Summer Skeet/Skeet League—Gary Glunt—(814) 720-9899
Summer Trap League—Scott & Kathleen Wheelock—
(814) 967-4319
Maplewood Trap Team—Jared Hanna/Mark Mailliard—
(814) 789-2129
Handgun Adventure Trail—John Scheuer/Carl Pelino—(814) 333-6533
Very Informal Pistol League (VIPL)—Carl Pelino—(814) 333-6533
NRA Silhouette—Carl Pelino—(814) 333-6533
Rangemaster—J.D. Rector—(814) 807-4777
Grounds Crew—Carl Pelino—(814) 333-6533
Please note—the above list of individuals is not the Complaint Dept.

BLACK ASH APPAREL SALE

It's back! Our online Black Ash Sportsman store is **OPEN NOW until August 19, 2018**.

blackashsportsman2018.itemorder.com

Items include, long and short sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts, polos, jackets, and a ball cap. Both men's and women's sizes are available!

Orders are placed online and shipped right to your door—no need to coordinate a pickup time. All proceeds from the apparel sale benefit the major projects planned at Black Ash Sportsman. All orders will be ready and shipped no later than September 6, 2018.

2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The 2019 Black Ash Sportsman membership year will bring a new dues structure, fees, and application. We have included the 2019 application in this newsletter. Please review it and let us know if you have any questions by emailing us at blackashsportsman@gmail.com.

IF YOU STILL NEED TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2018, PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE 2018 APPLICATION FROM OUR WEBSITE BLACKASHSPORTSMAN.ORG/MEMBERSHIP. If you do not have a printer or a way to download the application, you may use the 2019 application to share your name, email, and address with us, but clearly indicate somewhere on the sheet that you are paying dues for 2018.

Because of the dues structure transition, we are not offering the special for new members who pay in the last quarter of the year that includes the balance of the current year and the following year. From now on, new members will pay the full amount for the current year and will have to renew their membership at the full amount for the following year.

2019 introduces a new FAMILY membership. We want to encourage families to spend time at the club together. The FAMILY membership allows you, your spouse or partner, and all youth who share your household at any time to gain membership to Black Ash Sportsman, Inc. for an annual fee of \$40. The FAMILY membership may also be used for a couple without any youth members to receive a \$10 discount below two adult memberships. The annual fee for a single adult membership is \$25, and a single youth membership is \$5. Per our bylaws, a life membership is twenty times the annual adult membership fee, or \$500. Please complete one application per membership type.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: Those who have been members within the last 3 years may renew membership. Others must apply as new members and must name a sponsor. Membership is valid from January 1 to December 31.

SELECT APPLICATION TYPE:

\$25—ADULT

\$5—YOUTH—18 years or under at beginning of membership year

\$40—FAMILY—At most 2 adults and all youth at the same address

\$500—LIFE—3 years of consecutive annual adult membership in good standing required

Our primary mode of communication is **EMAIL**. Please be sure your email address is legible. Select applicant age level, whether the applicant is new or renewing membership, and gender for each applicant. Complete one application per application type. Make copies as needed.

NAME 1 _____ ADULT YOUTH | NEW RENEWAL

EMAIL _____ PHONE (____) _____ GENDER: M F

NAME 2 _____ ADULT YOUTH | NEW RENEWAL

EMAIL _____ PHONE (____) _____ GENDER: M F

NAME 3 _____ ADULT YOUTH | NEW RENEWAL

EMAIL _____ PHONE (____) _____ GENDER: M F

NAME 4 _____ ADULT YOUTH | NEW RENEWAL

EMAIL _____ PHONE (____) _____ GENDER: M F

NAME 5 _____ ADULT YOUTH | NEW RENEWAL

EMAIL _____ PHONE (____) _____ GENDER: M F

**Add additional names for family membership on the the back or a separate sheet.

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

NEW MEMBERS ONLY—NAME OF SPONSOR: _____ **PHONE:** _____

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

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

Signature of one applicant from this form signifies the agreement of all included applicants to abide by the rules and regulations of Black Ash Sportsman, Inc.

Make check a payable to **Black Ash Sportsman, Inc.**

Mail application, payment and a **SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE** to:

BLACK ASH SPORTSMAN, INC
C/O Carolyn Zur
13532 Walker St
Meadville, PA 16335