



BLACK ASH SPORTSMAN, INC

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Summer Newsletter, 2021

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

RENEWAL FORM IS INCLUDED—2021 DUES ARE DUE NOW

Dear Members,

We hope this newsletter finds all of you well! We seem to have weathered the COVID Storm for the most part. All of our activities are back to about normal with the exception that we have not resumed having food at our functions that had it in the past. If you plan to spend the day just pack a picnic lunch and enjoy it in our picnic pavilion. Now we just need to get through the ammo and component shortage and we'll be in great shape! By the way, if you have excess ammo or reloading components you are willing to sell just put a note card on the bulletin board in the enclosed porch of the clubhouse. We're sure you'll get some takers!

We will be holding another fundraiser this year; details will follow in another part of this newsletter. It will be a little different from the last two because of the uncertainty of getting some models of guns. Proceeds from this year's fundraiser will be used to help offset the cost of replacing our furnace and a/c unit which quit on us this spring – we did have a few cold days in the clubhouse! Lots of good information follows – stay safe and healthy and enjoy your time spent at Black Ash.

The Black Ash Board of Directors

HANDGUN ADVENTURE TRAIL

Monthly matches begin at 9 a.m., all scorecards must be returned by 4 p.m. OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS
Remaining Matches are:

JULY 25 – AUG 22 – SEPT 26 – OCT 24

Except for the week before the match the Adventure Trail is open to members and their guests for practice rounds, please follow all course and safety rules including types of ammo allowed.

More Information - Check our website or contact Carl Pelino (814)333-6533

NRA SILHOUETTE MATCHES

Monthly Matches beginning at 9 a.m., usually finish around 1 p.m. or when all shooters are finished. OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS. These matches are held at the rifle range and we do the set-up the day before usually starting around 10 a.m. THE RIFLE RANGE IS CLOSED FROM THE TIME SET-UP STARTS UNTIL THE MATCH ENDS THE FOLLOWING DAY. If you want to try out silhouette shooting just come and help with set-up, we usually take a few shots afterward to make sure everything is working properly.

Remaining Matches are:

JULY 31 – AUG 28 – SEPT 18

More information - Check our website or contact Carl Pelino (814)333-6533

PISTOL LEAGUE (VIPL)

Shoots monthly, the second Thursday - practice starts at 4:30 with relays usually at 5 and 6 – check the website for updates. MUST BE A MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE – NO FEES FOR MEMBERS

More details on the website

TUESDAY SKEET AND PIAZZA LEAGUE

The Black Ash Sportsman Club Summer Skeet will begin on Tuesday June 1, 2021 at 5:30PM and continues throughout the summer. Participants can shoot practice rounds or participate in the Piazza Skeet League. Newcomers and youth are welcome and club membership is not required.

The Piazza skeet league will continue to utilize the unique to Black Ash handicap scoring system that gives shooters a chance at prizes at the post season shoot and meal. The league scores 50 birds (two rounds) per six shooting weeks and the shooter can shoot ahead or back if he can't make every week of shooting. Cost will continue to be \$10.00 per 50 targets. Junior shooters under age 16 qualify for special prizes and their cost is only \$7.00 per 50 targets. If you want to shoot practice rounds the cost is \$3.50 per 25 targets.

For more information or to volunteer check out the Black Ash Sportsman website or call Tom Mattis at 814-789-4254.

HELP NEEDED

All of the work to get things done at our club is done by volunteers. We are currently experiencing a shortage of workers to help with all of our fundraising activities, especially in major fundraisers for the club—Winter Skeet, Summer Trap, and the Handgun Adventure Trail. We also need additional help to keep the summer skeet shooting and NRA Silhouette Matches going and can always use a hand with summertime mowing and routine maintenance of club grounds. If we do not get additional volunteers from our members, one or all of these activities may end. Please contact Carl Pelino, (814) 333-6533 or web@blackashsportsman.org if you can help out. Volunteers don't have to help every session but we need to give some of our long-term helpers a break in all of these activities.

SHOOTING RANGES

Please follow all range rules to help keep our ranges safe and in good shape for all shooters. Please remove all targets after you are finished at the rifle range. Don't leave targets hanging "for the next guy" just because you didn't shoot at them or they just have one or two holes. They just blow off the target boards and become litter on the range!!

Please follow rules for target placement. We have had some problems with shooters hanging targets on upright posts and crossbars and shooting the cables at the pistol range.

Just a reminder about our guest policy at the ranges and for Handgun Adventure Trail Practice Rounds. Any Adult Member may bring a guest or guests to use these facilities. There is a \$3 Guest Fee for using the rifle and handgun ranges and for GUESTS OF A MEMBER for practice rounds on the Handgun Adventure Trail. Fees must be paid before shooting begins.

YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT

Youth Pheasant Hunt on Saturday, October 9. We are in need of volunteers on the day of the hunt for guides/dog handlers, field assistance, and general help. If interested, please reach out to Rob Schriener at robniess1138006@att.net or 412-576-9818. Look for future updates on the event including registration information for hunters as we get more information from the PA Game Commission. Registration will be through the Game Commission Website.

GUN RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Members should have received our annual raffle tickets in the mail. Ticket sales are one way we can raise money to improve our Club, and maintain our facilities. Prizes will be available at Hanna Hardware after the drawing on November 11, and include guns, a crossbow, and cash. Cash can still be chosen in place of any prize.

If you need more tickets, please contact Mark Bellini at 804-720-9285, or mmsb27@hotmail.com. Tickets are also available for purchase at: Hanna Hardware in Townville, Peterson's Barbershop and Tamarack Armory in Meadville, and Tom's Auto Service in Hydetown. Ticket stubs and checks as well as unsold tickets may be sent to Black Ash Sportsmans, Inc c/o Mark Bellini, 4158 Mercer Pike, Cochranon, PA 16314.



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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 Kathleen Wheelock
29957 State Hwy 408
Townville, PA 16360