

# The Sportsman

The Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association  
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## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE**

Did you forget to renew your membership for 2004?  
Membership Application/Renewal form enclosed.

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***BLOCK SHOTS***

*By Dave Eakin*

The block shoots start up again the 1st Monday after Labor Day in September (See schedule below). Sign-ups between 6:30pm - 7:00pm and shooting starts between 7:00 - 7:30. We provide the shells (12 gauge only), still \$1.00 a shot. Come out for some fun shooting, great meat prizes from Karns! Come out early and have a bite to eat from the kitchen. Still looking for helpers--please call me if interested, (717) 245-9664.

—FALL BLOCK SHOOT SCHEDULE—

9/13/04	9/20/04	9/27/04
10/04/04	10/11/04	10/18/04
10/25/04	11/01/04	11/08/04
11/15/04 (Turkey Shoot! \$1.50 a shot--sign-ups at 6:00--shooting starts at 7:00)		11/22/04

**REMEMBER AND USE THE THREE GUN SAFETY RULES**

- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Charles Kemberling*

Greetings to all Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association Members!!

Summer is fading to the bright colors of fall--along with this comes our timeless tradition of hunting the game species of our choice. You and your family will also be enjoying the crisp autumn days. This is the great part of the freedom we enjoy as no other place in the world does.

So much for welcoming the coming season...everything is going well at your club, thanks to some new volunteers who have done a great job at the state archery shoots and other events around the club.

A lot of work has been put into the Fall Jamboree by the volunteers of the club. Members, please plan to attend this fund raiser outing so we can count on it to be an annual event enjoyed by our families and friends.

To all gun raffle ticket sellers: September 20, 2004 is the deadline for this club to receive the money and stubs for the sold tickets. If you have not sold the tickets you have, please return them to me by the same date. To anyone needing more tickets, I have a few 10-ticket packs left.

Have a great autumn and hunting season. Shoot and hunt safely!! Take a junior hunter out with you!!

## VENTURE CREW 100

*By Rick Patrick*

Venture Crew 100 is the young adult program of the Boy Scouts of America that is chartered by the Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association. The program is for males and females age 14 through 20. The Venturing program offers five different areas for crews to specialize in. Venture Crew 100 focuses on Outdoor activities. Over the past year we have backpacked and cycled in the Pine Creek (PA Grand Canyon) area, backpacked in the Shenandoah Mountains of Virginia, several local cycling trips, and canoed on the Susquehanna River. Activities that we are looking at for the upcoming year include introduction to scuba, cycling the Rails to Trails from Pittsburgh to Washington DC, and canoeing on Pine Creek.

On October 13, 2004 at 7:00 P.M., we are hosting an open house at the club for those who want to find out more about our Crew. Anyone 14 - 20 years old who is interested in learning more about the outdoors and themselves is invited to attend this open house

## **REGISTER TO VOTE and PROTECT YOUR 2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDMENT RIGHTS BY VOTING!!**

*by Don Heckman and Dave Still*

November 2<sup>nd</sup> is Presidential Election Day! As firearms owners, pro-gun, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights shooters and collectors, this year's election has become a pivotal point in our Nation's history, not only for the sportsmen and women of Pennsylvania, but for sporting arms-minded people across the Nation.

The issues facing voters in this Presidential election are varied and each of us must weigh the merits and importance of the issues as they relate to the safety and security of our family, our community, and our Nation. But one thing is crystal clear... as sporting arms owners your interests need to be heard, even protected, through your vote. The consideration of each candidate's position on gun control and 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights of firearms ownership is of vital importance and, as sportsmen and women, needs to be central to your voting decision.

Never have the positions of the two major party Presidential Candidates been so opposite and polarized on the issues important to sportsmen and women. The following information is presented to inform you of these differences and assist you with this vital decision.

Choose wisely.

[www.nrapvf.org](http://www.nrapvf.org)

[www.democrats.org](http://www.democrats.org)

[www.rnc.org](http://www.rnc.org)

## **4-H FISHING CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

*By Len Burg*

How would you like to join a new fishing club just for kids...explore nationally recognized streams right here in Cumberland County? The new 4-H Fishing Club is open to boys and girls ages 8-18 who reside in Cumberland County. Expert fishermen will be teaching you about casting, lures, equipment and more! Registrations are still being accepted and we currently meet twice a month. For more information call the Cumberland County Ag-Extension at 240-6500. Volunteers are also welcome to inquire as to how they can help in this program!

## ***GUN RAFFLE – CLUB FUNDRAISER***

*By Charlie Kemberling*

Club members can be a big help in raising funds to operate and maintain our club. Please assist by purchasing a gun raffle ticket! We also encourage you to support Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association by selling tickets to your friends.

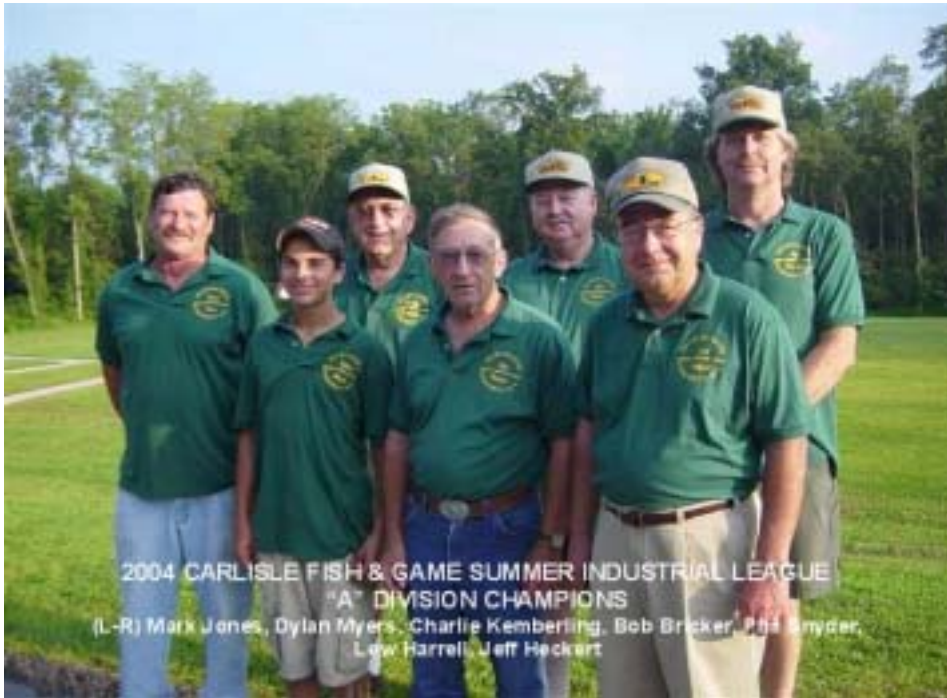
This gun raffle is based on the 7:00 pm Daily Number drawing during the month of October 2004. There will be one gun given out each of 30 days of the month. In addition, the 31<sup>st</sup> will see a cash prize given out. The total amount of prizes: \$10,000!

Here are some of the prizes—see the ticket for more details about each: Weatherby Vanguard-257WM, Remington 870 12 gauge, Savage M11G-.300 WSM, Mossberg M835, Winchester M X-150, CZ M452, H&R .243 Handi-Rifle, Lyman Deerstalker, Marlin 336, Mossberg SS1, Howa M1500, Winchester M1300, CVA Optima, Browning Buckmark, Remington M710, Savage M40, Marlin M17VS, NE Partner Shotgun, Ruger KP95, Taurus M17, Traditions 12 ga., Savage M167, Ruger GP100, Browning BPS, Tikka MT-3.

Each ticket gives a chance on all 31 prizes—cost of ticket: \$20. Only 1000 tickets will be sold! To obtain your tickets, contact Charlie Kemberling or any officer or director.

## ***TRAP NEWS***

*By Dick Roth*



We are closing another successful summer trap program, and looking forward to the fall and winter leagues. We have a lot of shooters who come out and shoot practice trap with us while a league shoot is ongoing, which is great for someone who is getting started shooting trap. The wobble trap ( shooting from five positions at a bird zooming around 60 miles per hour ) has also given us a shot in the arm for added zest to the trap program every Thursday evening.

Mechanicsburg had the winning team from the Carlisle Fish & Game Summer Industrial Trap League The team consists of Mark Jones, Dylan Myers, Charlie Kemberling, Bob Bricker, Phil Snyder, Lew Harrell, and Jeff Heckert. Congratulations to our championship trap team!

The Monday evening youth trap shooting program will resume in September. If you have any youth who want to get started in this program call me or e-mail me and we will be glad to work with them.

## 4-H CLUB NEWS

by Linda Tucker, 4-H Leader

### Cumberland County Ag Expo and 4-H Roundup

Mechanicsburg 4-H Shooting Sports Club members entered 21 individual project exhibits and one club exhibit at the August 11-14 Ag Expo and 4-H Roundup held at the Newville Fairgrounds. Project exhibits included displays for Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Muzzleloading Rifle, .22 Rifle, and Teen Leadership. All participants received merit ribbons for overall project work, plus exhibits are judged in relationship to one another for competitive Ag Expo awards for the top three exhibits in each category. Expo award winners included:

Air Rifle	Amanda Stockton	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Advanced Air Rifle-	Jayson Bomberger	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Lara Gingrich	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Ellen Gingrich	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Air Pistol	Ellen Gingrich	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Lara Gingrich	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Elizabeth Embeck	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Muzzleloading Rifle	Katie Chastain	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Jayson Bomberger	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Amanda Stockton	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Riflery (.22 Rifle)	Ellen Gingrich	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Lara Gingrich	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Katie Chastain	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Teen Leadership	Jayson Bomberger	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Katie Chastain	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place

Our club exhibit received a 4<sup>th</sup> place award.



*New enrollments will be accepted at our September 16 meeting— 7:00 pm in the old club house.*



Blue ribbon winning poster by Mickey Digges



### NORTHERN BOBWHITE QUAIL RELEASED ON CLUB GROUNDS

by Dave Still

The first northern bobwhite quail raised from eggs laid by adult birds in the club's recall house were released on MECHANICSBURG SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION grounds during the July 23, 2004 weekend. This release accompanies another new milestone. During one of the archery tournaments earlier this month two reports of quail hens with broods of chicks were reported on the 'white' course. If successful, these young birds would represent some of the only 'naturally' occurring quail in our region. Let's hope we all have an opportunity to hear established coveys calling to one another on club grounds.

## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

by Leonard Burg

ATTENTION ALL LIFE and HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS. I need your help. I am now transferring your membership information from the old to the new computer. For some of you, contact information has not been updated in a long time. In addition, we need to know your current interest in club activities, and if you are able to volunteer to help at one of our fundraising events or with club maintenance. Please fill out the Membership Application enclosed and return it to me by November 30, 2004.

A one day MSA Guest Membership Pass is available for \$5.00. If your guest joins the club, send the guest pass along with the application, and the \$5.00 will be applied toward their membership fee. Remember, all guests must be accompanied by a MSA member.

Club membership is on a calendar year, and expires December 31. The gate combination and indoor range (clubhouse) locks are changed February 15. You must renew your membership by February 15 to avoid a \$15.00 reinstatement fee. While the December 2004 Newsletter is your notification to renew your membership for 2005, this year I will accept renewals for Adult and Family Memberships beginning September 2004. If you want to avoid the rush of renewals and any delays due to the membership computer changeover, take advantage of this early renewal period.

Do you know someone who forgot to renew his or her MSA membership for 2004? See the center fold for Membership Application/Renewal form. Renewal forms are also available on the website [www.msa-pa.org](http://www.msa-pa.org).

If you have any questions about club membership, please contact me at 796-9366

## 2004 CUMBERLAND COUNTY HOME & FARM SAFETY DAY CAMP

By Linda Tucker



As in past years, 4-H Volunteer Leaders Ron Keslar and Linda Tucker organized and provided the Firearm Safety station at the annual Cumberland County Home & Farm Safety Day Camp, which sees approximately 100 youth ages 8-12 in attendance. The 2004 event was held August 13 at the Newville Lions Club Fairgrounds. It is sponsored by the Penn State Cooperative Extension Cumberland County 4-H Youth Development Program. Assisting were 4-H Teen Leader Jayson Bomberger and 4-H Teen Leader Assistant Elizabeth Embeck, and parent volunteers Jay Bomberger and Mark Embeck. The station included hands-on safety activities for the youth, who also received safety brochures, guided firearms safety instruction, and a showing of the NRA video, *Fundamentals of Gun Safety*.



Elizabeth Embeck (4-H Teen Leader Assistant) shows how to safely unload firearm.



Jayson Bomberger (4-H Teen leader & NRA Certified Apprentice Instructor) provides gun safety instruction at camp.

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## Membership Application

### To submit this application:

Bring this application with a check or money order to the General Membership Meeting  
(1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.).

**OR**

Mail this application to with a check or money order to:

Leonard A. Burg  
6358 Bennington Road  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

### Make Check or Money Order Payable to Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association.

New applications are voted on at the General Membership Meeting. Membership credentials are sent out after the meeting. Membership begins when you receive your credentials. Please check your application before submitting; incomplete or missing information may delay processing your membership.

**For additional information, call Leonard Burg (717) 796-9366 or  
(717) 766-9323 for club information. Visit our web site at [www.msa-pa.org](http://www.msa-pa.org).**

### MSA NEEDS YOU. PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

As a member of this club, you get to use great facilities for the shooting sports and much more. Your membership dues are only part of the funds needed to pay for the operating expenses of the club. It would be greatly appreciated for every one of our members to volunteer to help at one of our fundraising events or help with the maintenance. You will have the opportunity to meet other members and the satisfaction of working to improve your club.

### Will you answer the call and volunteer to work in one or more of the following areas?

*Donations are accepted in lieu of volunteer work. See other side of application.*

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Fishing Derby                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Block Shoots            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Maintenance                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-keeping                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Education Class Instructor        | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Nursery            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jubilee Day at Mechanicsburg             | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn Mowing             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen / Food Stand Help at Club Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Masonry                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Field Day                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle Range Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work Party                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Trap Shoots             |

### CLUB ACTIVITIES: Please check up to three activities.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery / Competitive           | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-D Shoots | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior .22 Caliber Team         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Nursery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior .22 Caliber Team         | <input type="checkbox"/> Trap       | <input type="checkbox"/> Block Shoot  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Power Rifle Competition    | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Rifle  | <input type="checkbox"/> Black Powder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Center Fire Pistol Range |                                     |                                       |

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NEW APPLICATION       RENEWAL APPLICATION       CHANGE OF ADDRESS

*Renewals are due by February 15 each year to avoid a \$15.00 reinstatement fee.*

**\* Required Information**

\*NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ \*BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
\*ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ \*ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Check here if you want a newsletter mailed. Newsletter and club events calendar are available on the web at [www.msa-pa.org](http://www.msa-pa.org).*

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

\*SPOUSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ \*BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
*List children age 17 and younger. List additional children on separate paper.*

\*CHILDS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ \*BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
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- \$15.00 Initiation Fee:** Required for new membership or late renewal.
- \$35.00 Adult Membership:** Age 18 and older.
- \$50.00 Family Membership:** Includes member, spouse, and children age 17 and younger
- \$5.00 Junior Membership:** Ages 12 to 17. No initiation fee.
- \$15.00 Spouse:** Life/Honorary Life members add your spouse. Annual fee.
- Active Duty Military & Life Memberships Available:** Contact Membership Secretary.
- \$10.00 Clubhouse Key:** For the indoor archery and .22 rimfire range. Not available to Junior Members. This does not include the indoor centerfire pistol range.
- \$3.00 Club Patch**
- Donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ In lieu of volunteer work.
- \$35.00 Join / Renew NRA Membership:** One-year membership.  
Renewal-provide NRA ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Choose one magazine:  
\_\_\_\_American Rifleman \_\_\_\_American Hunter \_\_\_\_America's 1<sup>st</sup> Freedom \_\_\_\_Woman's Outlook
- \$15.00 Join / Renew NRA Junior (18 years and younger):** One-year membership.  
Renewal-provide NRA ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior members receive Insights Magazine.

**Make Check or Money Order Payable to Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association**

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### **MSA 2004 MENTORED YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT**

*by Dave Still*

The Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Protective Association (MSPA) in association with the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) will be conducting Mentored Youth Pheasant Hunts (MYPH) to promote upland hunting among youth and establish hunting opportunity for the future. Hunts are being planned for Adams, Cumberland, and York Counties. Over 1,000 acres of prime habitat have been reserved for the club's 2004 youth hunt.

The MYPH is open to any youth between the ages of 12-16. To be eligible, each youth must successfully complete the PGC Hunter-Trapper Education Course, obey all PA Hunting Regulations, be accompanied by at least one Parent/Guardian, and be willing to obtain a PA Jr. Hunting License.

Mandatory MSPA Field Day events will be held on September 25 and October 2. Each registered participant will have the opportunity to shoot a round of 25 clay birds at the MSPA's automatic trap ranges and gain valuable instruction from experienced MSPA trap shooters. There will be no charge to registered participants for the cost of clay birds, courtesy of MSPA. Participants are asked to provide a box of shells for each trap event (7 ½ shot size, Light Target loads recommended) for their specific gauge (28, 20, 12) of shotgun.

Registered hunt participants will also get an opportunity to meet some of the dogs, both pointing and flushing, that will accompany them on the hunts and gain valuable instruction on how to approach the different types of hunting dogs for a safe shot. Learning how to hunt over different types of hunting dogs is extremely important for a safe and successful hunt.

During the October 2 Field Day, the registered participants will have an opportunity to participate in an organized Mock Hunt. During the mock hunt live pheasants, both male and female, will be launched to simulate what hunters may see in the field. We will use this opportunity to discuss 'shoot-don't shoot' scenarios, zones of fire, how to hunt 'in line' and how to walk up on a pointing dog.

The actual Youth Pheasant Hunt will take place the following weekend, October 9, 2004. This is a great opportunity for parents to spend time with their children in the field. Registration packages will be available until September 15, 2004 when all registration forms must be completed, submitted and approved by the PA Game Commission. Space is limited. Call Dave Still at 730-7373 to register.

### **PGC 2004 HUNTER TRAPPER EDUCATION CLASS**

*by Dave Still*

MECHANICSBURG SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION hosted the PA Game Commission's (PGC) Hunter Trapper Education (HTE) course on July 29 & 31, 2004 with more than 60 students attending. This class included live instruction by the club's eight certified instructors, PGC video presentations, the club's first computer-assisted presentation on 'Care of Game', and blaze orange hats and gift certificates for the class graduates courtesy of Gander Mountain in Harrisburg. A special thanks to Gander Mountain for their generous contributions to the HTE program and to Dick Kramer for preparing lunch for the students on Saturday. The next HTE class is scheduled for February 2005.



#### **BIG FISH WINNER!!**

8-Year old Ryan Mitchell proudly displays his catch, mounted by Jack Davis (right) of Davis' Life Like Taxidermy. Jack, a club member, donated the mounting of the palomino trout. Thanks, Jack!

First Vice-President, Dave Eakin (center) conducted the presentation. Ryan caught the trout at the April 24 Children's Fishing Derby sponsored by Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association.

## October 2004

Sat 2	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*	Mon 18	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm
Mon 4	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm		Block Shoot, 7:00 pm
	Block Shoot, 7:00 pm	Tue 19	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*
Tue 5	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*	Thu 21	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm
Wed 6	General Membership Meeting-7:30 pm%		4-H Air Rifle Club, 7 pm-9 pm*#
Thu 7	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm	Sat 23	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*
	4-H Air Rifle Club, 7 pm-9 pm*#	Mon 25	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm
Sat 9	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*, ATA Shoot		Block Shoot, 7:00 pm
Mon 11	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm	Tue 26	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*
	Block Shoot, 7:00 pm	Wed 27	Directors' Meeting, 7:30 pm%
Tue 12	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*	Thu 29	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm
Thu 14	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm		4-H Air Rifle Club, 7 pm-9 pm*#
	4-H Air Rifle Club, 7 pm-9 pm*#	Sat 30	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*
Sat 16	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*		
	NRA Women on Target, Noon-6 pm		

\*Indoor .22 range closed  
%Indoor pistol range closed

#Indoor archery range closed  
@ 100 Yard Range closed

## November 2004

Mon 1	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm	Mon 15	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm
	Block Shoot, 7:00 pm		Turkey Shoot!! 7:00 pm
Tue 2	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*	Tue 16	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*
Wed 3	General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm%	Thu 18	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm
Thu 4	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm		4-H Air Rifle Club, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#
	4-H Air Rifle Club, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#	Sat 20	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*
Sat 6	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*	Mon 22	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm
Mon 8	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm	Tue 23	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*
	Block Shoot, 7:00 pm	Wed 24	Directors' Meeting, 7:30 pm%
Tue 9	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*	Thu 25	Thanksgiving
Thu 11	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm	Sat 27	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*
	4-H Air Rifle Club, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#	Mon 29	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm
Sat 13	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*	Tue 30	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*

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### **2005 4-H NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS –MISSOURI**

*by Linda Tucker, 4-H Leader*

As a result of their exceptional performance at the recent 4-H State Days, Katie Chastain and Jared Taylor have been selected to be members of the four person Pennsylvania State 4-H Air Rifle team. The team will participate in the 4-H National Shooting Sports Championships which will be held in Columbia Missouri in June 2005.

Katie and Jared, both 14 years old, are members of the Mechanicsburg 4-H Shooting Sports Club. They qualified for 4-H Nationals in the first year they met the minimum age eligibility to compete.

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Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association is a member of the National Rifle Association, the Civilian Marksmanship Program, the Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association, and the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

## December 2004

Wed 1	General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm%	Thu 16	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm
Thu 2	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm		4-H Air Rifle Club, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#
	4-H Air Rifle Club, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#	Sat 18	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*
Mon 6	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm	Mon 20	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm
Tue 7	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*	Tue 21	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*
Thu 9	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm	Thu 23	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm
	4-H Air Rifle Club, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#		4-H Air Rifle Club, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#
Sat 11	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*	Sat 25	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*
Mon 13	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm	Mon 27	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm
Tue 14	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*	Tue 28	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*
Wed 15	D.A. Institute, noon-4:00 pm %	Wed 29	Directors' Meeting, 7:30 pm%
		Thu 30	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm
			4-H Air Rifle Club, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#

# Indoor archery range closed

% Indoor pistol range closed

@ 100-yard range closed

### ***NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPICS—THREE POSITION AIR RIFLE***

*By Linda Tucker, Head Coach*

On July 8-10, 2004, the Mechanicsburg Youth Air Rifle Team participated in the National Junior Olympics, held at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The team qualified for the event by winning the State Junior Olympics on April 25. Over 150 shooters participated in the sporter air rifle event in Kentucky.

Jayson Bomberger, Katie Chastain, Jared Taylor, and Josiah Taylor represented the State of Pennsylvania. The team placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the national competition. The course of fire required that shooters fire two 60-round three-position matches. The scores were as follows:

Day 1 – Jared 518, Katie 515, Jayson 516, Josiah 501. Team total: 2050

Day 2 – Jared 514, Katie 523, Jayson 529, Josiah 522. Team total: 2088

Two Day Total: 4138

The youth performed well under national competition pressure. All of the shooters turned in new personal best scores, and they exceeded their previous highest team score by over 100 points. Congratulations to the youth for their hard work and outstanding performance.

Everyone enjoyed the trip--great hotel, good restaurants, the Corvette museum, and the chance for the youth to further demonstrate their competitive spirit on the local go-cart track after the shooting match was completed.

Good sportsmanship and the positive attributes of the shooting sports were evident throughout the event as coaches and shooters generously shared equipment and expertise with other teams; scoring and rules questions were politely raised by youth; and participant concerns and questions were addressed by match officials who clearly enjoyed working with young shooters.

We would like to thank the Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association for assisting with financial support to reduce expenses incurred by the youth shooters who participated in the national Junior Olympics. The American Legion is a sponsor of the National Junior Olympics; thanks to the Department of Pennsylvania American Legion for providing its support and team shirts for our state championship team; thanks also to North Harrisburg American Legion Post 1001 for its support and sponsorship of the team.

## JUBILEE DAY REPORT

By Bill Bates

On June 17, 2004, we had one of the best Jubilee Days in a long time! For a change, we had a lot of help setting up, tearing down, and working the stands.

The fishing pond was off because the water was too warm and the fish weren't biting. The food stand seemed busy most of the day.

I think people liked the prizes better this year because we had a higher rate of advance ticket sales than in previous years. We also sold 20 memberships and some miscellaneous merchandise.

The Fish Commission and the Game Commission gave us a lot of handouts. This made for good public relations.

The following sponsors helped us with donations:

Jerry Coleman	Gerald Putt	Eberly Lumber
Olive Garden	3 R Gun Shop	Davis Country Living
Karns Food	Blazer's Body Shop	

Thanks everyone for your help and sponsorship! A special thanks to Jerry Coleman, to my wife, and to Cindy Robbins. Because of health problems, I would not have been able to run this event without their help !

## NRA WOMEN ON TARGET

By Linda Tucker

At the request of the Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association, the Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association will conduct an NRA Women on Target Event on Saturday, October 16, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m. The program will include the NRA Pistol First Steps Certification class. You do not need to own a handgun to participate in the class. The event is open to the public and the cost will be \$20.00, which includes the handbook and materials for the class. Equipment will be provided for use in the class. Pre-registration is required. Contact Linda Tucker, NRA Instructor, at [TuckerLHBG@aol.com](mailto:TuckerLHBG@aol.com) or (717) 766-7011.

## SOUTH-CENTRAL OUTDOORS FOR YOUTH

By Linda Tucker

The next meeting of South-Central Outdoors for Youth will be held at the new clubhouse on Monday, September 13, 2004 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The organization annually holds two youth field days in Cumberland and Adams County. The meeting is open to all individuals – adults and youth- who are interested in volunteering to assist at the events.

## MECHANICSBURG SPORTSMEN

2004 A.T.A.

### REGISTERED TRAP SHOOT

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THE ABOVE DATE WILL BE

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ON ALL SHOOT

FOR INFORMATION OR DIRECTIONS

CHARLIE KEMBERLING ( 717 ) 737-3326

Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association will host the Cumberland County event on May 21, 2005. We will need volunteers to assist at the event. Contact Linda Tucker, South-Central Outdoors for Youth Director, at 766-7011 or email [TuckerLHBG@aol.com](mailto:TuckerLHBG@aol.com).

## CHILD GUN SAFETY

Teach your children that if they see a gun, they should

**STOP!**

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**Tell an Adult.**

Support the NRA's Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program

## **FISH NURSERY**

*By Dave Eakin*

We have received our fingerlings from the state and they are very nice fish this year. There are a few that are even legal size already. We also received the fish we buy every year. In all, we raise about 8000 trout annually.

Jubilee Day this year was a slow day. We didn't take in as much money as normal. Some of that was from new permit restrictions and some was that the fish didn't bite all day. The water was warm and the fish didn't like it. I'm looking for a used working freezer 10 - 12 cubic feet to try to create a chiller to cool the water without spending a lot of money on ice. Please call me if you have a used working freezer you would like to get rid of.

We had our Special Needs Fishing Derby at the Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's fish nursery on July 10. There were residents of 3 local nursing homes (Thornwald, Claremont, and Church of God) that came this year. We had a very nice crowd and lots of help. Thanks to everyone who came out to help. Thanks to Scout Troops 80 and 283 for their help, too.

One more thing: There is a bill in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives that would raise fishing license fees. The Fish and Boat Commission direly needs this increase to fund some much needed improvements to their hatcheries and dams. Please call your Representative to tell him you support this increase.

### **MECHANICSBURG SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION CLUB RULES**

You must display your membership card while on MSA grounds.

- Junior Members under the age of 12 are not issued a membership card. They must be accompanied by their parent or guardian (who must be a member of MSA)
- You must obey all MSA Rules, Regulations and By-Laws. They are posted by the main gate and both club houses. Rules pertaining to safety are posted at the ranges. Failure to comply may result in suspension of your membership.
- Fishing in our pond is for MSA Members only. You must have a valid PA fishing license. Hunting on MSA grounds is for MSA Members only. Archery, shotgun, or black powder only. Hunting with handguns or rifles is not permitted. You must have a valid PA hunting license.



**How it all happens**....your club relies on its members to volunteer time and resources. These volunteers help make the Children's Fishing Derby a great success!! Offer to help—your club will be better for it!! Contact any officer or director.



## NRA HIGH POWER RIFLE MATCHES

By Ron Keslar

Eighteen competitors came to the June 13, 2004 match. High Master classified Sean Leighton won first place with a score of 485-13x. Master rated Frank Rizzuto took second with 480-12. Tom Wise' 479-14 brought third place. New range records were established at this event: 13-year old Katie Chastain's 455-10x gave her the High Woman record. High Senior went to Jim Stewart (466-12x). 16-year old Ryan Putt's 458-7x gained him the High Junior. Katie's 100-5x gained her the new club prone rapid fire record. Congratulations to these new record-holders!

The Annual Independence Day Match saw another great turnout—27 competitors from all around south-central Pennsylvania. Coming up from Red Lion was match winner Dave Beers, who fired a 483-10x with his Colt AR-15. Club members may remember Dave from his smallbore days, shooting for Mechanicsburg some years back. The next three top service rifle shooters all scored 472, with the x-count breaking the tie: Fred Haag of York fired a 472-8x with his AR-15; Fred was also the 1<sup>st</sup> Master. Sean Leighton of Mechanicsburg used his M1 Garand to score 472-7x. Frank Rizzuto of Manchester shot 472-6x with his Lilja-barrelled AR. 1<sup>st</sup> Expert was Mark Burkhead (466-9x)—AR-15. Bob Lehman's trusty M1A brought him 2<sup>nd</sup> Expert, 446-8x. 3<sup>rd</sup> place Expert was Dan Meck, whose 440-5x won him the High Senior award. Not one to fear recoil, Brian Shrauder's M1 Garand fired 459-6x for 1<sup>st</sup> Sharpshooter. Mike Richter placed 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharpshooter with his AR firing a 426-6x. The Marksman class was taken by Katie Chastain, who fired an AR-15 scoring 452-5x. Katie also won the High Junior and High Woman places. 2<sup>nd</sup> Marksman was another woman, Jodi Winter, who shot a 418-2x with her AR. Bob Starr came in as 3<sup>rd</sup> Marksman with his M1 Garand shooting a score of 398-2x. The July 4 match offers the chance to bring out the old-timers—Hummelstown's Mike Orwan clouded the firing line with his black powder cartridge .577-450

Martini-Henry. This 1885 British rifle recently came to the US via Nepal. Brass is available from Midway at \$5.00 per single cartridge case.



Traditionally, the August match sees low turnout due to many shooters going to Camp Perry or to other events. The August 8 match saw only eight competitors; Frank Rizzuto took top honors with his 489-9x. Frank had broken the club service rifle record at the May 23, 2004 match (488-18x)—on August 8, he broke his own record! Way to go, Frank! Dave Beers took second place with his 473-10x. Mark Burkhead's 460-8x gave him third place.

The high power rifle matches are open to anyone—each year we see new competitors join the ranks. If you are interested in learning how to shoot NRA high power rifle, come on out—we'll work with you! AR-15's and M1's are available for use at no cost. We have the proper ammunition available at a reasonable \$20/56 rounds. The final match of the year is on September 12 at the club's 100-yard range. For more information, visit the club web site, [www.msapa.org](http://www.msapa.org), or contact Ron Keslar, 432-9039, [ronald@keslar.net](mailto:ronald@keslar.net).

Match winner Sean Leighton with Katie Chastain after Katie set two new range records at the June 13, 2004 high power rifle match. Katie shot this 100-5x target with her Rock River AR using 52-grain moly-coated Sierra MatchKing handloads.



FALL JAMBOREE

by Leonard Burg

On Sunday, September 26th, 2004 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., the Outback Steakhouse will proudly sponsor our annual Fall Jamboree Picnic and Membership Drive.

Our entertainment will include: a professional disc jockey, Ray Thomas from WIOO Radio. Hip-Hop the Clown will perform silly magic and balloon animals. Brian Shumaker of Susquehanna River Guides will perform fly-fishing and fly tying demonstrations.

Additional activities scheduled are: 3-D archery shoot, family fishing (with a valid Pa fishing license), trap shooting, black powder demonstration and a falling plate competition for handgun. A silent auction, gun raffle, small games of chance and additional prizes will be offered at various times during the day.

The Outback Steakhouse will serve a great meal starting at 1 p.m. The cost is \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 6 thru 17. Children 5 and under are free.

Jamboree information and tickets were mailed in August. If you have not received them, or need more, contact Len Burg at 796-9366.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors. For every 4 non-member adult tickets that you sell, you will get one FREE adult ticket. Come spend a great afternoon at MSA with your family and friends.

Please return all tickets with your check payable to: Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Assoc. and mail to: PO Box 2303, Mechanicsburg Pa 17055 OR 6358 Bennington Road, Mechanicsburg PA 17050. Please call 796-9366 or 554-2157 if you have any questions or need additional tickets and information.

See you on the 26th, Leonard Burg, Membership Secretary

Rich, Rich Barr, Event Chairman

Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association 2004 Fall Jamboree. Includes fields for Name, #Adults @ \$12, #Children age 6 to 17 @ \$5, #Children 5 and under, Total Payment \$, and Return stub with payment.

## **4-H STATE ACHIEVEMENT DAYS**

*By Linda Tucker, 4-H Leader*

Five youth from the Mechanicsburg 4-H Shooting Sports Club represented Cumberland County at the State 4-H Achievement Days held at Penn State University, August 3-5, 2004.

Counties select teams to represent them in state-wide contests in a variety of 4-H project areas. Approximately 700 youth from throughout Pennsylvania participated in the contests; almost 300 of the youth represented county teams for the 4-H shooting sports contests.

Our participants included: Jayson Bomberger, Katie Chastain, and Jared Taylor in Junior Air Rifle, Lara Gingrich in Junior Air Pistol, and Josiah Taylor in Senior Air Rifle.

The Cumberland County Junior Air Rifle Team (Jayson, Katie, and Jared) won First Place Team-Junior Air Rifle. The youth also won individual awards: Katie-first place Junior Air Rifle, Jared-2<sup>nd</sup> place Junior Air Rifle, Jayson-3<sup>rd</sup> place Junior Air Rifle. Lara Gingrich received the 7<sup>th</sup> place Junior Air pistol award.

In addition to the contests, the three-day event included a service learning day (performing volunteer work for a variety of organizations), and various educational and social activities for the participants.

For yet another year, Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Linda Tucker and Ron Keslar were invited to serve as Range Officers at the smallbore (.22 Rifle) competition. Linda and Ron are both NRA-certified Chief Range Safety Officers and firearm instructors.

***New enrollments for the Mechanicsburg 4-H Shooting Sports Club will be accepted at our September 16, 2004 meeting! The meeting begins at 7:00 pm in the old clubhouse.***

### **ADVERTISEMENTS**

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