

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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YOUTH TRAP

By Dick Roth

Moms, Dads, and Grandparents--bring your sons, daughters, and/or grandchildren out to Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association for some great shotgun fun!

Every Monday evening, starting at 7:00 PM, we have youngsters shooting trap. We start the boys and girls with a shotgun safety course with the help of NRA-certified Shotgun Instructor Len Burg. Then we go one-on-one with each boy and girl up close to the trap houses to teach them to handle, load, aim, and shoot the shotgun safely and properly. When the youth show they can handle all that, they graduate to the 16-yard range. Moms, Dads, and Grandparents may also join in the shooting at the 16-yard range..

The cost for this is \$1.50 per a round of 25 birds for the kids and \$2.50 per round of 25 for the adults. Shooters must furnish their own shells. We have only a limited number of shotguns to loan out, so if you have a shotgun, please bring it along. We recommend 20 gauge for the young ones, but quite a few have been handling the 12 gauge very well.

I hope we can keep this program going all year, and we probably will because we will be having Linda Tucker and her Cumberland County 4-H Shooting Sports Club joining us later this summer!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Charles Kemberling

A big "Hello" to all members! Daylight Savings Time is here. Turkey gobbler season is about half over; hope parents and adults had a chance to take a young hunter to the woods and hear one of these wise old fellows gobble. Better yet, I hope you give the young folks a chance to shoot one! Now we are headed for the hot and steamy days of summer--good time for relaxing and going fishing!

I must say thanks to the members who give so much of their time as volunteers. Thank you for your time given to make Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association one of the better clubs of Central Pennsylvania. Each of the individuals on the block shoot crew, for example, works 5 hours every week for 26 weeks. Trap crews are busy every Thursday for 4 or 5 hours. Archery crews mow and maintain the archery courses; lots of tree damage on the courses this winter. Fish nursery volunteers see that the fish are fed 3 times a day. These fish are the ones that wind up in the pond where our members spend countless hours relaxing and fishing. Our members volunteer countless hours giving Firearm Safety courses, leading 4-H Club for the young folks, making repairs to the shooting ranges and doing so many other things to benefit you and the club.

This investment of long hours and hard work often seems to go unnoticed by those few members who have no respect for club property or their fellow members. With this I am going to ask all good and loyal members to help the officers and directors to oversee the everyday activities at the club. If you see anyone intentionally breaking rules anywhere on club property, please get a name or license number and give it to an officer or director--we will handle it from there. It is about time we start taking action where club rules are being disregarded. Help us keep the club moving forward and keep unwarranted costs down.

Members, please read all the reports, visit our web site, look at our schedule of activities, pick out something that you may be able to volunteer just a few hours for.

Again, thanks to all the directors, chairmen and volunteers who keep this club growing. I'm hoping that their time spent at MSA is helping a lot of young people to appreciate our outdoor heritage. We're working to conserve that heritage which we older folks of MSA have enjoyed for many years. I hope that we can preserve these treasures for generations to come.

Hope to see you at the club. It is your club. Don't hesitate to offer to help out. The officers and directors are working to keep it there for the future folks.

Keep in mind safety and respect for the other person. Thanks again and God Bless!

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

by Leonard Burg

The new club membership computer system is up and running. Since April, I have been recording new memberships and renewals on this new system. I am now working on transferring all membership records from the old to the new computer. Unfortunately, only a small amount of data can be exported from the old system. I will have to enter most of the membership records by hand. This may lead to delays in processing renewals during the months of November 2004 thru February 2005. You can help lessen delays by using the latest membership application when you renew. In addition, I will accept renewals for Adult and Family Memberships beginning September 2004. If you want to avoid the rush of renewals and anticipated delays, take advantage of this early renewal period. If you renew early, please remember to use the 2004 gate combination and old clubhouse key until February 15, 2005.

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 Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association website, www.msa-pa.org.

If you have any questions about club membership, contact Len Burg at 796-9366

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.

JUBILEE DAY

By Bill Bates, Jubilee Chairman

June 17th is fast approaching. Thanks to Jerry Coleman, Cindy Robbins, and my wife, I think we came up with some great prizes this year.

The members must agree, we are getting a good percentage of ticket returns, and I feel this is a good indication of how the members feel about the prize list.

I would appreciate anyone who can help to call me at 697-3085 and let me know what hours they are available. We need help the night before, in the morning of Jubilee day, during the day to help man the stand and to tear down at night.

Due to an unforunate illness, I am unable to help with the setting up and tearing down. I can help during the day to talk to people and sell tickets. So, I will have to depend on others for help.

Again, if you can help, even for a few hours, I would appreciate it.

Hopefully, with everyone's help and co-operation, we can make this a successful fund raiser.

JULY 2004 HUNTER TRAPPER EDUCATION CLASS

By Dave Still

In July, Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association will conduct the Pennsylvania Game Commission's (PGC) Hunter Trapper Education (HTE) course for 30-50 students. This is a two-day event to be held on Thursday evening, July 29, from 6-9 pm and Saturday, July 31, from 8 am to 4 pm. Successful completion of the PGC HTE course is required by anyone wishing to obtain a hunting license in PA for the first time regardless of age.

The PGC establishes a minimum age of 12 to hunt or trap in PA. The HTE program states that training young hunters to become safe, responsible and knowledgeable is best achieved if that training occurs as close as possible to the onset of the legal hunting age. Registration for the class is open to all new hunters 11 years of age or more although a valid hunting license cannot be obtained until the legal age (12 years) has been reached. Persons less than 11 years of age may be permitted to observe the class, space permitting, but will not be permitted to register, take the exam, or receive a training certificate. Lunch will be provided for class attendees on Saturday. Parents are encouraged to attend the HTE class with their children.

Registration for the class will be on a 'first come' basis with those 11 years of age and older receiving access first. Space is limited. Youth under the age of 11 will not be admitted unless there are 'unfilled' seats. Register for the HTE class by calling Dave Still at 730-7373.

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 31st 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.

INDOOR CENTER-FIRE PISTOL RANGE RENEWALS

By Ron Keslar

Current key holders may renew their range privileges by sending a check in the amount of \$10 (made payable to Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Assn) to Ron Keslar, 47 Barrens Church Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019.

Members interested in obtaining a first-time key to the range may contact Ron Keslar, Chief Range Safety Officer, to schedule a range safety briefing. Call 432-9039 or e-mail ronald@keslar.net. Briefings are generally held immediately following the monthly membership meeting.

ARCHERY NEWS

By Phil Mentzer

Ten shooters attended the PSSA State Indoor Championships. Second place was taken by the Bowhunters Unlimited Team of Phil Mentzer, Bob Weaver, Donnie Price, and Vern Vandevender.

The NFAA Mid-Atlantic Sectionals is on June 5th & 6th. Help is needed in the kitchen and for cleanup. We also need kitchen help on July 17 and 18 for the PSAA Field Championships. The PSAA Animal Championship is scheduled for August 14 and 15—kitchen help needed there, too.

The income from these events helps to keep your membership dues as low as possible—donate a little time back to the club by offering to help out!

BOY SCOUTS RECOGNIZE MECHANICSBURG SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

By Len Burg

At the May 5 membership meeting, Boy Scout Troop 58 of Camp Hill presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Trap Director Dick Roth. This is a thank you to Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association for allowing the Boy Scouts to participate in the Youth Trap Program which enabled them to earn their Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge. (L to R: 1st Vice President Dave Eakin, Director Dick Roth, Scout Brice Robertson, Scout Paul Devlin, Assistant Scoutmaster Bernie Girman, Membership Secretary Len Burg. Recording Secretary dutifully documents the presentation.)



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

MSA HOSTS STATEWIDE FRIENDS OF THE NRA MEETING

By Ron Keslar

On Sunday, May 16, 2004, representatives from the Pennsylvania's 30 Friends of Committees met at Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association to share ideas and programs to enhance local Foundation efforts. The Foundation is a major fundraiser which provides assistance to many of the state's shooting sports programs, including those at MSA. The conference was led by the Eastern PA NRA Field Representative, Kory Enck. Enck was assisted by the Western PA Representative, Tom Baldrige. From the NRA Headquarters in Fairfax, VA, came the keynote speaker, Tim Fisher, who heads the NRA Foundation Endowment Development Office.



Established in 1990, The NRA Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt organization that raises tax-deductible contributions in support of a wide range of firearm-related public interest activities of organizations that defend and foster the Second Amendment rights of all law-abiding Americans. MSA has been the recipient of Foundation grants that have helped programs for our youth, hunters, and target shooters. *Photo: 2nd Vice President Ron Keslar (center) accepts NRA award on behalf of Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association from NRA Western PA Field Representative Tom Baldrige (left) and NRA Eastern PA Field Representative Kory Enck (right).*

FISH NURSERY

By Dave Eakin

Fish stocking continues. We should end the stream stocking the second week of June. We can use help all day at Jubilee Day, June 17th, starting at 6 am. We also can use help the night before to set up our tank. We receive our new fish the end of June and will need to have a work party at the nursery some Saturday or Sunday at end of June to clean pens.

The Annual Special Needs Fishing Derby is July 10; help is needed the night before as well as on the day of the event. Anyone interested in helping at any of these events, please call Dave Eakin, 245-9664.

Thanks to the fish feeders who do a great job feeding and caring for our trout. As anyone who has caught our trout knows, we grow some very large fish! This is due to the dedication and commitment of our volunteer fish feeders.

MECHANICSBURG SPORTSMEN
2004 A.T.A.
REGISTERED TRAP SHOOT
MARCH 20, APRIL 17, MAY 15,
JUNE 28, & OCTOBER 8
THE ABOVE DATE WILL BE
100 SINGLE, 100 HANDICAP, & 50 DOUBLES
\$13.00 per 100 plus ATA fees
OPTIONAL LEWIS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2004
ALL-PRO SPONSORED
200 16yd SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP
\$30.00
\$100.00 TO SINGLES CHAMPION
\$50.00 TO WINNERS OF
CLASSES A, B, C, D & SENIOR VET

SIGN-UP HOURS OPEN AT 8:00 AM TO NOON
SHOOTING HOURS 9:00 AM TO 2:30 PM
ON ALL SHOOTS

FOR INFORMATION OR DIRECTIONS
CHARLIE KEMERLING (717) 737-3326

CHILD GUN SAFETY

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

STOP!

Don't Touch.

Leave the Area.

Tell an Adult.

Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association
P.O. Box 2303, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Membership Application

To submit this application:

Bring this application with a check or money order to the General Membership Meeting
(1st 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.**

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.

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 1st 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, Franklin and/or York Counties. 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 Pennsylvania Junior 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.

Young hunters participating in the Youth Pheasant Hunt may never have seen a pheasant flush before. During the October 2 Field Day, the registered participants will have an opportunity to participate in an organized Mock Hunt. During the mock hunts, supervisors will take 4-5 youth hunters at a time on simulated 'hunts' complete with dogs. 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.

Call Dave Still at 730-7373 to receive a registration package. Space is limited. Registration packages will be available until July 31, 2004. All registration forms must be completed, returned and approved no later than September 15, 2004.

WINNING AT THE PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR OLYMPICS!

By Katie Chastain, 4-H Club Reporter

On Sunday April 25, our air rifle team participated in the 2004 Pennsylvania Junior Olympic Rifle Championships. This state championship match was held at Zerby Township Rod and Gun Club near Trevorton, PA and saw boys and girls attend from all over the Commonwealth.

One of our Capital Area youth air rifle teams won the sporter air rifle Pennsylvania state championship. As a result, this gold medal team has been invited to compete in the National Junior Olympic championships to be held at Eastern Kentucky University in July. The youth in the winning team were Jared Taylor, Josiah Taylor, Jayson Bomberger, and Katie Chastain.

Our other two youth air rifle teams also placed well and are hoping to win a gold medal themselves next year. There were also some individual medals won at the Jr. Olympics. Josiah Taylor took first place in the Junior category. In the Intermediate Junior category, Todd Rine won second place; Jayson Bomberger took third. Jared Taylor won first place (Subjunior) and Katie Chastain earned second place (Subjunior). Amanda Stockton's score of 429 earned her the 400 medal!

This is a great accomplishment on the youth's part and we are all very proud of each and every one of them for having done so well. We wish them luck when they go to nationals, and hopefully it will be a very positive and enlightening experience for them.

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!

July 2004

Thu 1	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm 4-H Air Rifle Club, 7 pm-9 pm*#	Sat 17	PSAA State Field Archery All club grounds closed Sat. & Sun.
Sat 3	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*	Sun 18	PSAA State Field Archery
Sun 4	High Power Rifle Match, 9 am-2 pm@	Mon 19	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm
Mon 5	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm	Thu 22	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm 4-H Air Rifle Club, 7 pm-9 pm*#
Tue 6	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*	Sat 24	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*
Wed 7	General Membership Meeting-7:30 pm%	Mon 26	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm
Thu 8	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm 4-H Air Rifle Club, 7 pm-9 pm*#	Tue 27	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*
Sat 10	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon* Special Needs Fishing Derby	Wed 28	Directors' Meeting, 7:30 pm%
Mon 12	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm	Thu 29	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm Hunter Trapper Ed., 6 pm-9 pm*# No 4-H Air Rifle Club Meeting
Tue 13	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*	Sat 31	Hunter Trapper Ed., 8 am-4pm
Thu 15	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm 4-H Air Rifle Club, 7 pm-9 pm*#		

*Indoor .22 range closed
%Indoor pistol range closed

#Indoor archery range closed
@ 100 Yard Range closed

August 2004

Mon 2	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm	Sun 15	PSAA State Bowhunter (Animal) Shoot
Tue 3	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*	Tue 17	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*
Wed 4	General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm%	Thu 19	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm 4-H Air Rifle Club, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#
Thu 5	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm 4-H Air Rifle Club, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#	Sat 21	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*
Sat 7	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*	Mon 23	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm
Sun 8	High Power Rifle Match, 9 am-2 pm@	Tue 24	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*
Mon 9	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm	Wed 25	Directors' Meeting, 7:30 pm%
Tue 10	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*	Thu 26	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm 4-H Air Rifle Club, 7 pm-9 pm*#
Thu 12	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm 4-H Air Rifle Club, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm*#	Sat 28	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*
Sat 14	PSAA State Bowhunter (Animal) Shoot All club grounds closed Sat. & Sun.	Mon 30	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm

AIR RIFLE PROGRAM OPEN TO NEW ENROLLMENTS

By Linda Tucker

We will accept new youth, ages 10 to 18, for our Basic NRA Rifle Certification class which will begin on Thursday September 16. The class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the old clubhouse.

New youth will need to attend regularly on Thursday evening for approximately 8 weeks to be able to successfully complete the NRA Basic Rifle Certification class. After successful completion of Basic Rifle, youth also have the opportunity to participate in our ongoing Air Rifle program. Our program emphasizes safety, fundamentals of marksmanship, self discipline, concentration, and sportsmanship. We also offer opportunities to learn and participate in competitive shooting events at a variety of levels. Equipment is provided for use in the program.

Enrollments will be accepted after August 1. Contact Linda Tucker, Head Coach, at email TuckerLHBG@aol.com or 766-7011.

September 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	ATA Shoot-200 Target Championship
Sun 5	Safari Club International Picnic	Mon 20	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm
Mon 6	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm	Tue 21	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*
Tue 7	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*	Thu 23	Trap Shoot, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm
Thu 9	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 25	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*
Sat 11	NRA Women On Target	Sun 26	Membership Jamboree
	.22 Team, 10:00 am-Noon*	Mon 27	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm
Sun 12	NRA High Power Rifle Match, 9 am-2 pm@	Tue 28	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm*
Mon 13	Youth Trap, 7:00 pm	Wed 29	Directors' Meeting, 7:30 pm%
Tue 14	.22 Team, 6:00 pm-8:00 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

NRA High Power Rifle Match and Training Clinic

By Ron Keslar



The first High Power Rifle match of the year was fired on Sunday, May 23, 2004 at the club's 100-yard range. Match winner was Frank Rizzuto, who fired a 488-18X out of a possible 500-50X. Frank won last year's May match also—scoring 484-10x. Mike Orwan turned in a respectable 483-9X to capture second place. Leroy Hippensteel took third with 462-15X. Congratulations to 15-year old Jayson Bomberger who shot a fine 393-4x. Fourteen of the competitors used AR-15 type rifles of various manufacture—Bob Starr pulled out his M1 Garand to compete. All shooting was done with service rifles.



The club hosted a Memorial Day Youth High Power Rifle Clinic on May 29. Ten boys and girls learned how to participate in conventional high power rifle shooting. The training was also a NRA First Steps Rifle course. At the conclusion of the clinic, the youth fired a 50-shot National Match Course. Ammunition and rifles were furnished by the American Legion. The remaining matches are scheduled for June 13, July 4, August 8 and September 12—all are open to the public. A limited number of AR-15's are available for use at no charge. The matches meet one of the requirements of the Civilian Marksmanship Program for purchase of government rifles and ammunition. For more information, contact Ron Keslar, 432-9039, ronald@keslar.net.



CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY

By Bob Dunn, Chairman

The Annual Children's Fishing Derby was held on club grounds on Saturday, April 24, 2004. Once again, the event was well attended: 246 adults came with 306 children. The weather cooperated—it was a very nice day! This is one of the major events for MSA—your help at this event is always welcome! Please volunteer for the 2005 Children's Fishing Derby—you'll have a great time and help lots of kids!

Winners at the event were: Brady Boyer-1st Place, Harrison Stough-2nd, Morgan McAdams-3rd.



The Fishing Derby gets wonderful support from the club volunteers as well as outside sponsors. Sponsors include Strohemans Bakery, Dick's Sporting Goods, Coca-Cola, the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, and McDonald's. Special recognition goes to a major sponsor, the Safari Club International.

PENNSYLVANIA NRA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – AIR RIFLE

By Linda Tucker

Our youth air rifle team won the PA State Championship Three Position Sporter Air Rifle team title at the match held on May 8 at Zerbe Rod and Gun Club. Team members were Katie Chastain, Jayson Bomberger, Josiah Taylor and Jared Taylor. The youth also won a number of individual awards. Todd Rine and Jayson Bomberger won second and third place in the individual events in the Intermediate Junior category; Katie and Jared won third and fourth place in the Sub-Junior category. Lara Gingrich, Ellen Gingrich, Elizabeth Embeck, Amanda Stockton, and Grant Lybarger also participated in the match.



Pennsylvania NRA State Champions: (L to R) Josiah Taylor, Jayson Bomberger, Katie Chastain, Jared Taylor.

BLOCK SHOOTS

By Dave Eakin

The block shoots are over for the summer. We will start up again the first Monday after Labor Day, September 13, 2004. We had a very busy season—all profits go toward the operation and maintenance of your club. I want to thank all the volunteers who help out to make our shoots run smoothly:

Dave Weaver
Bill Bates
Roger Jumper
Don Heckman
Gary Derrick

John Patterson
Dennis Fillmore
Pat Eakin
Paul Fritz
Dave Vogelsong

John Mahaffie
Glen Zimmerman
Dick Kramer
John Knisely
Rich Barr

We can always use more help! Come on out, give your club a hand and have fun doing it! Anyone wishing to volunteer to help out at the block shoots, please call Dave Eakin, 245-9664

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NRA BANQUET COMMITTEE!!

By Bill Bates



Congratulations to the Friends of the NRA banquet committee!! On behalf of the Officers, Directors, and members of Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association, thank you for a job well done!! The Banquet Chairman, Jerry Coleman, Jr., is to be commended!!

Each year, members of our club help organize and conduct the local Friends of the NRA banquet. This event raises money that goes toward promoting and enhancing local shooting sports and facilities. Grants from the Friends have enabled Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association to improve its outdoor ranges and to build the indoor centerfire pistol range. Grants have supported youth activities, especially the Cumberland County 4-H Shooting Sports Club that we sponsor.

This year's banquet was held on March 27, 2004 at the Dillsburg American Legion. The room was a bit crowded due to the exceptionally large turnout this year. The food was very good—the buffet style worked out well in serving the firearms supporters who attended. This was the 12th banquet I attended; in addition to great prizes, it was nice to



see the kids honored this year.



If you couldn't make it this year, you missed a good time. Hope you can join us next year! This is a great way to support

the NRA and have fun doing so. The NRA is a fine organization that safeguards our firearms rights now and for the future! Support the NRA!



HUNTER TRAPPER EDUCATION COURSE TO GO 'ON-LINE'

by Dave Still

The PGC is conducting a pilot program to provide portions of Hunter Trapper Education through the Internet. The new program will consist of an on-line information component and a skills set component. The new program is intended to standardize the program content Commonwealth-wide while expanding 'hands on' instruction for the valuable skills needed for safety in the field. For a preview of the type of information to be available online, go to www.remington.com. Place the mouse over 'Safety' at the top and select 'Education' from the drop-down menu. Enjoy!

SUMMER TRAP EVENTS

By Dick Roth

The summer trap league shoots every Thursday--you can come out and shoot practice or wobble trap with everyone. We are expanding to Saturdays for practice trap, and for our new FIVE STATION WOBBLE TRAP—it's like sporting clays without walking around (older folks like me will like that!). We will have a limited schedule Saturdays as the traps will be closed when ATA and State Archery shoots are held at our club (see club schedule for these functions).

2004 NRA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

By Linda Tucker

The NRA Sectional Championships are indoor national championships conducted throughout the United States. In addition to awards provided at the local sectional matches, the NRA combines all results nationwide to identify National Champions and award winners. The 2004 Three-Position Sporter Air Rifle event included 136 teams and 698 junior shooters nationwide.

The national results for Three-Position Sporter Air Rifle have been published and our sub-junior sporter air rifle team is the 2004 National Champion Sub-Junior Team!

Team members included: Katie Chastain (age 13), Jared Taylor (age 14), Elizabeth Embeck (age 11) and Jonette Taylor (age 12).

Katie Chastain and Jared Taylor will also receive national individual awards. They ranked 10th and 16th respectively in the national Sub-junior individual category which included 150 competitors ages 14 and under.



2004 NRA National Champion Team (L to R): Jared Taylor, Elizabeth Embeck, Katie Chastain, Jonette Taylor

FEMALE HUNTER TRAPPER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Recent trends in 'new hunter' surveys indicate that hunting is becoming one of the fastest growing sports among women. This trend is also apparent in HTE course attendance. To better support MSA's commitment to Hunter Trapper Education, we are encouraging female hunter-trappers to volunteer time for the July class and to consider applying for formal instructor certification to assist with the growing number of female students applying to the classes.

To be eligible to obtain certification as an HTE Instructor you must

- Be 18 years of age
- Possess a High School diploma or GED
- Successfully complete the HTE Course 18 months prior to or after application.

Complete additional requirements and applications as required by the PGC and your WCO.

To get additional information on how to become a certified instructor for the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Hunter Trapper Education program, contact Rich Deiterich, the Wildlife Conservation Officer (WCO) serving our area of the Southcentral Region, toll free at 1-877-877-9107.

FALL MEMBERSHIP JAMBOREE

The annual Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association Fall Membership Jamboree will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2004. Ranges will be open for shooting. Food will be served at noon, courtesy of Outback Steak House. Your club can use more people to help pull this together! For more information or to volunteer to help, contact the event chairman, Rich Barr, at 691-5856.



YOUTH SELECTED FOR STATE AIR RIFLE TEAM

By Linda Tucker

Todd Rine has been selected to be a member of the Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association (PRPA) State Sporter Air Rifle Team which will represent Pennsylvania at the NRA National Junior Air Gun Team Championship and Training Summit. The event will be held at Pocatello, Idaho in July 2004.

Each state's NRA State Association was invited to send one Sporter Air Rifle team and one Precision air rifle team to the event. Todd was selected for the team as a result of his scores at a number of major air rifle matches in Pennsylvania. He will join nine other youth shooters selected from throughout Pennsylvania to form the two state teams to compete in Idaho.

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