

Fall 2012 Newsletter

Jefferson Sportsmen's Association

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All meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of the month and start at 7:30 p.m. There is no meeting the second Thursday in July or the first Thursday in December.

The following is the list of fees for membership in our club.

Membership Dues—\$50.00

Senior Members—\$40.00 NOTE: You must be 65 years of age and a 20 year member of the club.

Active Military—Free

Junior Membership (12—18) Free

New Members—\$100.00

A late fee of \$35.00 will be charged if dues are received after the January 3, 2013 meeting.

When paying dues by mail please write your membership number on the check and include a self addressed stamped envelope. Renewals received without a self addressed stamped envelope will be kept at the club to be picked up in person.

You may also pay your dues on Tuesday mornings between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sponsors of Prospective New Members: It is now necessary to pick up the materials for membership at least one meeting prior to the one that you will be presenting your prospective new member for membership. This needs to be done so there is enough time for you to discuss all the information included on the sponsor check list. If all the items are not completed, the person will not be considered for membership. The procedure change is being done to improve the education and flow of information to our members. It will also improve safety and enable our members to have a more enjoyable time while attending functions. If you are sponsoring a new member, you must attend the meeting with the individual you are sponsoring. The new member must be present to be voted into the club. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring member to acquaint the new member with the club ground, buildings and rules.

ATTENTION: Members bringing guest on to the club grounds.

Members with guest using the ranges must sign a waiver form that is located in the archery building. BOTH MEMBER & GUEST MUST SIGN THE FORMS. THE MEMBER MUST PROVIDE THEIR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER. Two copies of the form must be completed. One is to be left in the book and the other is to be taken with you to the range. Please remember that you are only allowed to bring one guest at a time and you can not bring the same guest more than once. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action. **From September 1 to January 1, guests are not permitted to use any of the ranges.**

NRA Information: Members can renew their NRA membership through the club. The special rate is \$25.00 for a one year renewal. If you renew directly with the NRA, the cost is \$35.00. In addition to that great rate, the club receives \$5.00 from the NRA. If you are joining the NRA for the first time the club receives \$10.00. This is a win-win

Remember: **Please notify the club if your address changes.**

Great Gift Ideas: We have patches, hats, long sleeve and short sleeve t-shirts, and golf shirts for sale at every club meeting. What a great gift for someone in your family or a friend.

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Roy Wagner Scholarship—Applications will be available at the club beginning January 2013. The scholarship is open to any high school senior interested in pursuing a career in forestry, wildlife, marine science or environment. The scholarship is for \$1,000. Additional information will be available after the first of the year.

New Years Day Shoot—Mark your calendar for January 1, 2013. Festivities begin at 12:00 noon. Food and refreshments will be available to purchase. Bring your 12 ga. and try your luck at winning **cash**. We will have a few games of chance for your enjoyment as well.

Enclosed are 12 tickets for the New Year's Day Gun Raffle. You have the choice between a gun or cash. Please consider purchasing or selling these tickets. If you cannot sell the tickets or do not wish to purchase them, please return them to the club so they can be distributed to others. Thank You

Please Note: Winners must be legally eligible to own a gun.

Indoor .22 shoot - The indoor .22 shoot will start on January 2, 2013 and run for 10 weeks. You can shoot from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. .22 pistol and rifle Cost \$4.00 per gun. Contact Bill Reimold for more information 717-235-4078.

Covered Dish Social—The dinner will be held on March 9, 2013 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share along with your own place setting. Drinks will be provided.

Members' Shoot—Mark your calendar for February 21, 2013 to attend the members' shoot. **Cash** prizes will be awarded this year. Bring your 12 ga. Shells will be provided.

Spring Clean Up - Mark the date - March 30, 2013. Please come out and help keep your club grounds looking good. Breakfast will be served at 700 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt—Mark your calendars for March 23, 2013 and plan to attend this great family event. It is open to all children in the community up to the age of 10 years old. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided along with many great

Safety Course 2013

This Event will be held on Wednesday April 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and April 13, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided on April 10. You can register on-line at www.pgc.state.pa.us or call Jim Staub at 717-637-3750. There is no cost for this Course.

Members Only Gun Raffle—The winner of the members only gun was George J Thomas.

Election Results - Club Officers

Dean Becker – President
Bob Henry – Treasurer
Phil Stansfield – Recording Secretary
Jeff Hersh – Trustee
Dennis Myers – Trustee

Jeff Thomas – Vice President
Tom Reilly – Corresponding Secretary
Rick Cox – Membership Secretary
Gary Dohler – Trustee
Tim Moran – Trustee

Attention: 25 Year Club Members

If you have been a member for 25 or more years and have not picked up your 25 year pin, you can do so by seeing the membership secretary at any regular scheduled meeting or stop by the club house on Tuesday mornings between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

2013 Pheasant Hunt

Attend a club meeting and purchase a 50/50 ticket for \$1.00. You will have two opportunities to win. First chance is half of what is collected that evening and second become eligible to be one of four pheasant hunt winners to be drawn at the annual meeting. Questions??? Call Bob Gunnarson (410) 374-4446 or Ed Amspacher (717) 428-1782.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

2012 Deer, Turkey, Fish Contest

Entries must be received by the 2nd meeting in December for the fall 2012 turkey contest.

Entries for the 2012 fish contest must be turned in by the 2nd meeting in January 2013.

Entries for the deer contest must be submitted by the 1st meeting of February 2013.

Scoring for the deer contest will be by the Boone & Crockett method and may be scored by club judges at a regularly scheduled meeting or a signed form by a taxidermist. For the turkey and fish contest you can pick up a copy of the entry form at the club or send a self addressed stamped envelope and we will mail you one. We would like a photo of you and your trophy for the scrap book. Recognition night for the winning entries will be the first meeting in March 2013. If you have any questions call Ralph Davis 717-739-8376 or Ed Amspacher 717-428-1782.

Winners of the 2012 pheasant hunt were Ralph Davis, Ken Crissman, Gary Dohler, Bill Reimold.

The 2012 Annual Meeting prizes winners were;

Mr. Sportsman \$50—Bob Korrell

First ticket out \$50—Larry Grothey

\$25 winners—Dale Lentz, Tim Moran, Tony Gates, Bud Kellerman (donated back to the club)

\$20 winners—Phil Stansfield, Larry Grothey, Bill Reimold, Sam Becker, Richard Masimore, Will Barker, Dennis Yoder, Chuck Martinak.

Due to the lack of interest we will not be planning anything special for our 60th Anniversary.

The first meeting in April 2013 we will recognize and induct new members into the 50 year club.

The activity Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting meetings nightly activities and all contests in 2012.



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CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

FIRST CASE OF CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE FOUND IN PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture reported in mid-October that the first positive case of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the state's deer population has been confirmed.

The positive sample was taken from a white-tailed deer at a deer farm near New Oxford in Adams County. The state has quarantined the location where the diseased deer was found, plus two farms directly associated with the deer—one in Lycoming Count and one in York County.

Signs of the disease include weight loss, excessive salivation, increased drinking, and urination, and abnormal behavior like stumbling, trembling, and depression. The disease is fatal and there is no known treatment or vaccine.

To date, CWD has not been found in Pennsylvania's wild deer population. Concerns over CWD should not prevent anyone from enjoying deer hunting and consuming meat from health animals.

Hunters should shoot only health[y]-appearing animals, and take precautions like wearing rubber gloves when field-dressing their deer, and was thoroughly when finished. Though human disease has been associated with CWD, people or other animals should not eat any part of an animal diagnosed with or showing signs of CWD.

Important Chronic Wasting Disease Information

1. All high risk parts (brain, brain stem, lymph nodes, tonsils, eyeballs, spinal column from the Disease Management Area (DMA) must not leave the DMA.
2. During the two week rifle deer season, all deer harvested within the DMA must be taken to either the CWD Sampling facility at SGL 249 or to cooperating processors within the DMA.
3. There will be no permits issued for road killed deer within the DMA.
4. The Executive Order issued by PGC makes it unlawful to feed deer within the DMA.
5. The Executive Order issued by PGC makes it unlawful to use urine based attractants within the DMA.
6. The PGC website contains maps and other information concerning CWD.

Attention Members: We need someone to step forward to take over the Adopt-A-Highway program in 2013. Bill Reimold has been doing this for many years and needs a break. Please contact Bill or Dean Becker for more information. Thanks