

Fall 2014 Newsletter

Jefferson Sportsmen's Association

Environment, Conservation, Wildlife
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THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE IN THE MAIL

Due to increase cost in mailing and very little volunteer help it has become necessary for us to make this move. The newsletter will be available on our web site and there will be copies at the club for those members who do not have Internet access. When raffle tickets are available, members can make a request and the tickets will be sent to you. No notices will be sent when dues are due. This information is on your activity card.

At the annual meeting it was voted on and approved to increase the dues to \$75.00 effective 10/2/2014. It was also approved to have a work incentive program for individuals who may want to help out during various events and then have the \$25.00 waived at the time of renewal. When you pay your dues for 2013-2014 you will receive an Activity Card with a sticker on the back as well as a place to document where and when you volunteered as well as place for the leader of the activity to sign the card. The numbers around the outside are to keep track of the meetings you attend. Dues for 50 year members will remain at \$40.00.

Please be sure to read the Range and Association rules that are included with this newsletter. There has been a change in the Guest policy as well as a requirement of hearing and eye protection.

We have found that members are removing brass casing's from the buckets at the ranges. Brass placed in these buckets is JSA property. Only take the brass home that you came with. We do recycle.

"TURN-IN-A-POACHER" Call 1-888-PGC-8001 Do not let a few bad apples spoil our sport.

NEW Sponsors of Prospective New Members: Sponsor and prospective new members will meet with the Membership Committee the first meeting of the month. This is for orientation only, members will not join at this time. New members can only join on the second meeting of the month. 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 grounds, buildings and rules.

Roy Wagner Scholarship—Applications will be available at the club beginning January 2014. 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, 2014. 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 8, 2014 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.

Members' Shoot—Mark your calendar for February 20, 2014. Bring your 12 ga. and try your luck. Prizes will be awarded. The club will supply the shells.

Covered Dish Social—The dinner will be held on March 8, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share along with your own place setting. Drinks will be provided.

Spring Clean Up - Mark the date - March 29, 2014. Please come out and help keep your club grounds looking good. Breakfast will be served at 700 a.m.

Hunter Safety Course 2014

This Event will be held on Wednesday April 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and April 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided on April 12. 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.

Easter Egg Hunt—Mark your calendars for April 19, 2014 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 great prizes.

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.

NRA Information: Members can renew their NRA membership through the club. The special rate is \$25.00 for a one 980year 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 situation for everyone.

Election Results - Club Officers

Dean Becker – President

Bob Henry – Treasurer

Phil Stansfield – Recording Secretary

Dale Lentz – Trustee

Dennis Myers – Trustee

Jiim Arford – Trustee

Jeff Thomas – Vice President

Tom Reilly – Corresponding Secretary

Rick Cox – Membership Secretary

Ed Corio – Trustee

Tim Moran – Trustee

Richard Masimore – Trustee

Attention Members: We need someone to step forward to take over the Adopt-A Highway program in 2014. You only need to do this twice a year. We have a list of volunteers ready to help.

2014 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.

Winners of the 2013 Pheasant Hunt were Dennis Myers, Ken Crissman, Dave Nace, Chris Storms

The 2013 Annual meeting prize winners were;

Mr Sportsman \$50.00—Bob Hilker

First ticket out \$50.00—Bill Reimold

\$25.00 winners—Jeff Hersh, Bill Reimold, Dennis Myers, Ken Klein, Ken Crissman

\$20.00 winners—Charles Becker Daave Nace, Bob Hilker, Gary Dohler, Larry Grothey, Richard Masimore, William MacMillan

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 per year. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.

From September 1 to January 1, guests are not permitted to use any of the ranges.

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.

Regular Membership—\$50.00

Junior Membership (12—18) Free

New Members—\$100.00

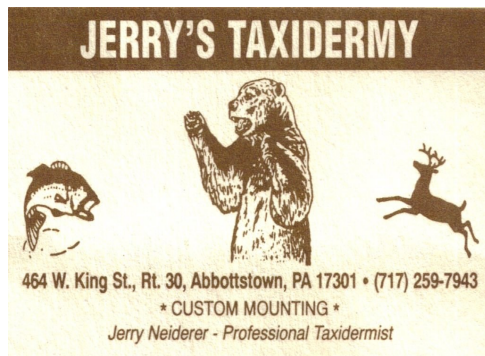
A late fee of \$35.00 will be charged if dues are received after the January 3, 2013 meeting.

Active Military—Free

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.

We will be placing an order for Club Jackets in the near future. If this is something you are interested in please stop by the club and let us know.

PLEASE NOTE: Notify the club if your address or phone number changes. Many folks are doing away with their land lines and using only cell phones. This information is helpful if we need to contact you.



Your club needs an Activity Chairman. We lost one of the best to ever hold this position earlier this year. We need someone to take over. We have volunteers that will help you with these projects. We need someone who is willing to put forth the effort and bring back some great programs and speakers. Please consider this in the coming months.

JEFFERSON SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION RANGE RULES

WARNING: Any person using the range assumes the risk of personal injury and as a condition of using the facilities holds the association, its officers and Board of Directors harmless for any self-inflicted injury or injury caused by others.

1. Alcoholic beverages illegal drugs are prohibited on Club property. Any member or guest appearing on the property visibly intoxicated will be requested to leave.
2. Members and guests shall handle firearms in a safe manner. The ten commandments of gun safety apply at all times. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Any unsafe, dangerous, or reckless behavior is to be reported to any Club Officer or contact the Club Office. Remember, your safety and the safety of others is your responsibility at all times!
3. No person shall go down range until he/she announces their intent to do so, all shooters have acknowledged, and all the following items are strictly adhered to;
 - **firearm actions shall be open,**
 - **firearms shall be unloaded,**
 - **firearms shall not be handled**
4. Obey directives of the Range Officers. Range Officers are agents of the Board of Directors and have the authority to remove people from Club grounds and suspend membership until reviewed by the Directors. Anyone not following these rules may be subject to disciplinary action and/or have their membership revoked. Any person requested to leave and refuses to do so may be charged with criminal trespass.
5. If a range officer is not present and more than one shooter is on the firing line, the shooters shall appoint one individual to control the line. At a minimum, allow one cease-fire every 15 minutes in order to post, remove or inspect targets.
6. All shooting down range shall be at the target straight ahead. There shall be no shooting diagonally or across shooting lanes.
7. Only paper and cardboard targets are permitted.
8. Shooting is to be done only at paper targets properly affixed to the existing back boards, in a way as not to cause damage to the target framework.
9. Do not use the shotgun patterning board for pistol & rifle practice. Do not use the pistol & rifle target backboards for shotgun practice.
10. Retrieve all targets you post and retrieve spent cartridges. Please take your refuse home with you. Your effort to help keep your Club looking clean will be a benefit to all shooters.
11. No shooting from dusk until dawn.
12. Club members shall display their membership card upon request of any other member. If asked to produce your membership card, be courteous and respectful of the efforts to ensure only members and their guest use the facilities.
13. All firearms are limited to a maximum of five rounds, except at Club sanctioned events.
14. Members may host one shooting guest at a time under the following conditions;
 - a) Although non-members are welcome as guests on an occasional basis, shooting guests are limited to one visit per year.
 - b) The member and his/her guest may be required to share one shooting position depending on range space availability. Members shall have preference. No guests will be allowed to use any range facilities between September 1 and January 1.
 - c) Members shall be responsible for the conduct of their guests and their adherence to Association and Range Rules.
 - d) Members shall be liable for the intentional or negligent acts of their guests.
15. All safety rules shall be strictly adhered to and shall be strictly enforced. The Club shall post rules on the ranges and in the Club House. Ignorance of any Range Rules shall not be an excuse or defense for any disciplinary actions taken as a result of violating the rules. Anyone knowingly, recklessly or negligently violating these rules or being disrespectful or belligerent to any member attempting to enforce the rules shall be subject to sanctions including termination of membership by the Board of Directors. Any decision made by the Board of Directors shall be final and shall be made on a case-by-case basis and shall not be based upon any precedent. The offending person shall be offered an opportunity to present his/her case and call witnesses on his/her behalf.
16. Hearing and eye protection is required.

These rules may be modified at any time by the majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors attending a Board meeting.

Revised: October 3, 2013

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1. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are prohibited on Club property. Any member or guest appearing on the property visibly intoxicated will be requested to leave.
2. Remember, your safety and the safety of others is your responsibility at all times!
3. All members are responsible for their actions and their guests while on Club property. The member shall be liable for any damage to property or equipment caused by him/her self and their guests and the member shall be responsible to make repairs or reimburse the Club for replacement of damaged items or be discharged immediately.
4. The Club House and grounds are for the enjoyment of all members and therefore may not be reserved exclusively by any one person or group. Any member may hold a family gathering or reunion providing it is cleared through the President of the Club and the caretaker is informed. However, other members will be welcome to use the Club facilities at the same time as a reunion is in progress and there shall be no guarantee that adequate accommodations may exist. A donation for use of the Club facilities would be appreciated. Members using the Club facilities take full responsibility for any damages to the Club property. The Club House and all equipment should be put in order, windows closed, and doors locked and trash removed before leaving.
5. Any member wishing to use the Trap Range must notify a member of the Trap Committee and receive authorization, and if necessary, instruction before using the facility. All clay bird shooting must be done on the Trap Range. There shall be no hand throwing of clay birds on the Trap Range. Hand thrown clay birds can only be done at the .22 range behind the Club House.
6. Hunting and trapping are permitted on Club property in accordance with Pennsylvania State Game Laws and Regulations. No member may reserve a hunting spot or trap line or build any blind or stand upon Club property.
7. There shall be no motorized vehicles, horseback riding, or mountain biking allowed on Club property other than on existing roads, unless pre-approved by the Board of Directors.
8. Theft of any Club property or other members' property will be cause for immediate discharge and subject the offender to criminal prosecution.
9. There will be no cutting of trees on Club property. Fallen or dead trees may be removed for firewood, but only if pre-approved by the Board of Directors.
10. Non-members are not permitted on Club property unless accompanied and supervised by a member or attending family gatherings, sanctioned events, or reunions. Although non-members are welcome as guests on an occasional basis, shooting guests are limited to one visit per year. The member should sponsor the non-member for membership if he/she desires to visit more often. Members children under 12 are not considered guests, but must be under supervision. Except for family gatherings, sanctioned events, or reunions, no member shall invite and accompany more than one guest at one time.
11. Security Access Cards can be purchased by any member over the age of 18. Club members within the same family may share an access card to enter the gate and indoor ranges. However, you must have your own membership card with you while on Club grounds. Members are only permitted access to the gate and indoor ranges. No access will be granted to the Club House without approval of the Board of Directors.
12. Any member convicted of a Fish or Game Law or any violent criminal offense shall be a basis for having one's membership revoked by the Board of Directors. Whether or not one's membership is revoked shall be made on a case-by-case basis and shall not be based upon any precedent.
13. Membership dues are payable October 1 until the first meeting in January. Dues remaining unpaid after the first meeting in January shall cause the membership to be terminated. The terminated member may rejoin the Club by paying the current year's dues plus the initiation fee. Free membership may be offered to certain individuals pre-approved by the Board of Directors (i.e. students, full time military, honorary). Unless otherwise notified, free membership cards must be picked up from the Membership Secretary.
14. No refreshments may be served during the business session of the regular meetings.
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