

Jefferson Sportsmen's Association

Fall 2015 Newsletter

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This newsletter will encompass all the activities that will take place over the next 12 months. If you have signed up on our web site to receive email alerts you will get updates on all these events along with anything new that comes along. We will also post any new events on our web site.

New Years Gun Raffle tickets are now available. Please stop by the club and pick some up to purchase or sell to your friends and family. Tickets are located at the rifle ranges and indoor archery range. Any unsold tickets please return to the club prior to New Years day.

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

Dues:

Regular Membership:	\$ 75.00
Junior Membership:	Free (12-18)
New Members:	\$ 125.00
Senior Members:	\$ 65.00 (age 65 & 20 years of membership)
Active Military:	Free

A late fee of \$ 35.00 will be charged if dues are not paid by January 7, 2016

The Club does not send out notices when Renewals are due.

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 and 10:30 a.m.

Sponsors of Prospective New Members: Sponsors and prospective new members will meet with the Membership Committee the first meeting of the month. This is for orientation only; prospective members will not join at this time. Prospective new members will join on the second meeting of the month. The sponsor and the prospective new member must be present at the meeting to be voted into membership. The sponsor check list is required when the application is turned in. **If the checklist isn't completed, the person will not be considered for membership.**

“ Turn in a Poacher” – Call 1-800-PGC-8001 – Don't let bad apples spoil our Sport.

Guests are not permitted to use any of the ranges from September 1 to January 1.

GUESTS : Members with guest using ranges must sign a waiver form that is located in the Archery Building. **Both Member & Guest must sign the forms.** MEMBER MUST PROVIDE MEMBERSHIP NUMBER. Two copies of form must be completed. One is to be left in book and the other taken to range. A member is only allowed to bring one guest at a time, and cannot bring the same guest more than once per year.

New Year's Day Shoot – Festivities begin shortly before noon on January 1, 2016.

Refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring your 12 ga. and try your luck at winning cash. There will also be a few games of chance. Please consider purchasing the Gun Raffle Tickets, or selling them to your friends. You have a choice of a gun or cash. **Winners must be legally eligible to own a gun.**

Spouse's day – Members bring your spouse on these days to enjoy the ranges and facilities. Use pink forms in Archery building to register. April 16, June 11, August 20 and October 8, 2016.

Roy Wagner Scholarship – Applications will be available at the Club starting in January 2016. This scholarship is open to high school seniors pursuing a career in forestry, wildlife, marine science or environment. The scholarship is for \$1,000.

Indoor .22 Shoot – The indoor .22 shoot will start on January 6, 2016 and run for 10 weeks. Shoot times will be on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and is for .22 pistol & rifle. Cost is \$ 4.00 per gun.

Members Shoot – This member's benefit is February 18, 2016. Bring your 12 ga. Shells will be provided. Prizes will be awarded. There is no cost for members.

Covered Dish Social – The dinner will be held on March 12, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish and a vegetable or dessert to share, along with your own place setting. Drinks and entertainment will be provided.

Easter Egg Hunt – This event will be held March 19, 2016 at **1:00 p.m.** It is open to all children of the community up to age 10. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided starting at noon, along with great prizes.

Spring Clean Up – March 26, 2016. Please come out and help keep your Club grounds looking good. This participation counts toward the "Work Incentive Program". Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m.

Hunter Safety Course will be held on April 9, 2016. You must register at www.pgc.state.pa.us or call Jim Staub if you have a problem at 717-637-3750. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost for this course.

3D Archery: The Outdoor 3D Shoots will begin April 3. They will also be held on May 1, June 5, July 3, and the 15th Annual Hunt of a Lifetime Benefit Shoot is on August 7.

We need someone to step forward to head up the 3-D shoots. You will have others to help you out. Please consider volunteering your time for this event.

Strawberry Social - Please plan on attending the June 16, 2016 meeting. We will be serving ice cream and strawberries to you and your immediate family members. This is another good tasting benefit of your club.

Jefferson Carnival – July 18 – 23, 2016. Please consider helping out any time during this event. A few hours, a couple of days or the entire week. No previous experience is required. You can help to set up the stands prior to the carnival, work during the carnival or help tear down and put everything away. This is the largest fund raiser for the club and your participation would be greatly appreciated. See Dean Becker for more information or to sign up.

Hunter Safety Course will be held on September 10, 2016. You must register at www.pgc.state.pa.us or call Jim Staub if you have a problem at 717-637-3750. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost for this course.

Family Day – September 11, 2016. If you are looking for some time to eat great food, enjoy conversation with other club members and just relax for a few hours please consider attending this wonderful event. Your

immediate family is invited. All food and drinks are provided by your club. All that being said we can always use an extra hand for an hour or two during the day.

Annual Meeting – October 6, 2016. This is almost a year away but we hope you will you forget to attend the annual meeting to help elect the officers for the coming year. You will not find better roast beef sandwiches that are served after the meeting. We would hope that many of you would consider running for one of the offices. You will be working alongside a group of great individuals who have also given great consideration in dedicating some of their time to the club to keep it running.

Election Results – Club Officers

George (Jeff) Thomas	- President	Tony Gates	- Trustee
Richard Cox	- Vice President	Ed Corio	- Trustee
Robert Henry	- Treasurer	Dennis Myers	- Trustee
Thomas Reilly	- Corresponding Secretary	Jim Arford	- Trustee
Philip Stansfield	- Recording Secretary	Felicia Bourgeois	-Trustee
Geoffery Hoertz	- Membership Secretary	Dean Becker	-Trustee

Results of Annual Meeting Drawings:

Pheasant Hunt Winners: Ed Corio, Bob Hilker, Jeff Thomas, Matt Hoertz

Mr. Sportsman - \$50.00 – Matt Hoertz

First ticket out - \$50.00 – Dale Lentz

\$25.00 Winners – Tom Reilly, Ken Crissman, Phil Stansfield, Bob Brenneman, Bob Hilker

\$20.00 Winners – Phil Stansfield, Jeff Thomas, Doug Reimold, Tony Gates, Joe Carlson, Larry Grothey,
Dave Nace

Members only Gun – Ken Klein

Please notify the Club if your address or phone number changes.

25 Year Club: If you are a member for 25 years, you can pick up your pin from the Membership Secretary at a Meeting, or Tuesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Are you a member of the NRA or have you been thinking about joining? If so, please consider joining through our club. The cost is only \$25.00 That is a savings of \$10.00 per year and the club will receive \$5.00 from the NRA. This is a win-win for everyone. All you need to do is stop by the membership secretary's office and ask for a NRA sign up form. It is as simple as that. If you have a friend or relative who is a member they can also renew with us.

Members – you can receive email alerts by signing up on the clubs web site. On the right side of the home page you will see “Subscribe to our mailing list”. Enter your name and email address in the box.

Copies of the newsletter are available at the club. Please help distribute copies to members who do not have computer access.

Our future depends on the members to keep the club moving forward. Please consider donating a few hours.