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2014/2015 Newsletter

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Shaner Sportsmen's Club Web Site: www.shanerSC.org

Shaner Sportsmen's Club Phone and Message Machine: 724-446-1313

We urge all members who have access to a computer to sign up on the Clubs e-mail list. If you are not on the list see a club officer to get added.

REMINDER

The Clubs fiscal year is Sept.1 to August 31.

CURRENT DUES:

Regular: \$45.00 **Junior:** \$15.00 **Senior (70 and Older):** \$15.00.

Life members: (65 and Older with 10 consecutive years in club): Free. **New members**: \$45.00 plus a \$20.00 initiation fee and are required to be members of the NRA. If you are a member see the Treasurer to give your NRA Membership ID#. If you are not in the NRA they offer, through the Club, \$10 Liberty Membership - see the Treasurer to join. **Members of the Armed Forces and Students** living away from home: Free.

Dues are collected starting at the September meeting and are payable until October 15th. After that, a \$15.00 late charge will be added. If dues are not paid by December 31, you will be dropped from the membership list.

Membership is closed from September 1 through December 31. Applications are accepted but not processed until January.

MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

- * A variety of food plots were planted for the benefit of all our wildlife.
- * The area of the Club towards Mark Lord's place was declared a Safety Zone to protect our neighbors from stray gunfire. So far, it seems to be working well. Members are reminded that hunting is strictly prohibited in the areas posted as Safety Zones.

*Nassers property remains OFF LIMITS

*New kitchen and furnace installed this year.

DON'T CROSS FENCES ONTO UNLEASED PROPERTY

I would like to thank all the other officers for the hours they put in. And all the members who stepped up to help with all the events this year. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to Shaner Sportsmen's Club. Hunting season is here once again. I would ask if you plan on hunting on our leased property to stop and introduce yourself to our land owners, out of respect. And leave their land the way you found it.

> Thank You, From The Officers

P.S. Good luck on your hunting season!

Please Support Our Sponsors:

*K-Vay's Restaurant, *Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, *Basic Carbide, *Safari Club International, *Anthony Arms, *A&S Indoor Shooting Range, *Weiss Meats, *Woodlands World, * Rodger's Hide & Supplies, *Colonial Farms Hunting Preserve, *T&T Fur Buyers, *Fox's Pizza-West Newton, *Peters Creek NWTF, *Allegheny Petroleum, *National Turkey Wildlife Federation, *Whitetails Unlimited, *NRA

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

Class sizes are limited, please register on <u>www.pcg.state.pa.us</u> website

• Hunter Safety Course - FREE - lunch included -Sunday, October 12, 2014 with skills course - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 2015 with skills course - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

• Cable Restraint Class - \$15.00 Fee - no lunch - Sunday, October 19, 2014 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• **Successful Turkey Hunting** - lunch included date to be determined, watch website

PHEASANT STOCKING SCHEDULE

Birds will be stocked on Friday, October 24th - 4:30 PM. Everyone welcome. Bring the kids, take pictures and have fun! Always a good time!

TRAP - LEAGUE

As always we welcome new shooters to our team in an effort to regain our number one status and to continue to promote our shooting heritage. Please contact Brain Stough, Director if you have an interest in joining our shooting fraternity. Currently the league includes four(4) teams, Herminie, Pitcairn/Monroeville, Trafford and Shaner. The Tuesday night league begins in the spring and runs 20 consecutive weeks. Stop by on any Friday night at the club where we practice throughout the year for additional information. Friday night practices are open to the public, members and non-members alike from 5:30 until approximately 8:30 (or later depending on the turnout). Westmoreland Trap League champions for 2013 and 2014 seasons.

All ranges will be closed on the following dates:

October 24th: Pheasant Stocking Leased Land 3:00 P.M. - Club 4:30 P.M.

December 1st: 1st day of rifle deer season

All ranges are closed when the club is rented, no exceptions.

DUES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2015

Individual (16-62): \$45.00 and includes children under 16 years old.

Dual (husband & wife/parent & child): \$60.00 and includes children under 16 years old.

Family: \$75.00 and includes children under16 year old.

Senior (63+): \$30.00 and includes grandchildren under 16 year old.

Life Members (65 and Older with 10 consecutive years in club): Free. Life members are required to pick up a current membership card and pin each year.

New Members: are above rate plus \$45.00 initiation fee and membership in the NRA. If you are a member see the Treasurer to give your NRA Membership ID#. If you are not in the NRA they offer, through the Club, \$10 Liberty Membership - see the Treasurer to join.

Members of the Armed Forces and Students living away from home: Free.

Junior memberships are discontinued.

Work hour requirements are applied at the membership level, not at the individual level.

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New Applications are not processed unless the applicant attends both the read off meeting and the following vote-in meeting. Get dates when application is turned in.

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Change to eight (8) hour work requirements as follows:

Meeting attendance	1 hour
Every 10 tickets sold	2 hours
Working a club shoot or activity	4 hours
*mandatory club maintenance	2 hours

*All members except lifetime, honorary, and landowners must perform two (2) mandatory club maintenance hours during a scheduled work detail or other form of club maintenance. The remaining six (6) hours can be credited by meeting attendance, ticket sales, or helping at a club function.

*Up to six (6) non-mandatory hours may be purchased at \$20.00 per hour for members unable to attend meetings or sell tickets. The Vice-President, Secretary or a Director will verify the mandatory club maintenance requirement.

*Membership will be denied any individual that fails to receive credit for the eight (8) hours per year including the two (2) maintenance hours from August1st to July 31st of the following year.

Hunt safely, respect our landowners, respect the land you hunt

FUND RAISER

Beginning September 1, 2013 each member will be responsible for 3 Fall and 3 Spring fund raiser tickets each year. A penalty of \$40.00 per fund raiser will be assessed to each member who fails to sell or buy at least three (3) fund raiser tickets both Spring and Fall.

BOND PROGRAM

Bonds will be paid by Treasurer. Make arrangements to meet Friday nights during trap practice or during monthly meeting or events.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2014/2015

<u>*Club Family Picnic:*</u> Saturday, September 20th, 2014 - 3pm until ??. Free to club members and their families. Please, bring a covered dish. Main course provided. Games for kids. Door prizes

<u>Youth Pheasant Hunt:</u> Thursday, October 9th, 2014. Junior hunters only. (relatives of Club Members only). Limited to 15 Youths. Pre-reistration required. Call: 412-709-1581.

<u>*Running Deer:*</u> Sunday, November 16th, 2014 and another Sunday in 1st Quarter of 2015.

<u>Wild Game Dinner</u>: Saturday, March 28th, 2015 (to be confirmed) - at Lowber Social Hall. Hall opens at 5 pm, dinner starts at 6 pm, followed by entertainment, door prizes, 50/50 raffle and grand prize. Members bring covered dishes of wild game (with a label). Members are allowed one non-member guest in addition to their family.

Ladies Days: September 14th, October 5th, November 9th, March 8th (weather permitting), April 12th (weather permitting), May 10th (Mother's Day Special), June 14th - open to public, Free - for information call 724-872-8431.

<u>Monthly Shoots</u>: September 13th; Night Archery Shoot, October 26th; Lucky BB Money Shoot, November 16th; Running Deer Shoot, January 18th, February 22nd, March 22nd and April 19th; to be announced.

<u>Youth Field Day:</u> Saturday, August 1st, 2015 - 9 am to 3 pm. Open to the public, Class size is limited, register on-line at <u>www.pcg.state.pa.us</u> website under Field Days - FREE, for information call 724-872-8431.

<u>Youth .22 Shoot: (age 16 and under)</u> - Friday evening staring in May or JUNE 2015 (depending on weather), 6 pm until dusk. Open to public - FREE, for information call 7240--872-8431.