SHANER SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INC



2018/2019 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 Club's e-mail list. If you are not on the list, see a club officer to get added.

REMINDER

The Club's fiscal year is September 1 to August 31.

CURRENT DUES:

Individual: (18-62): \$65.00 and includes children under 18 years old.

<u>Couple</u>: (husband & wife): \$95.00 and includes children under 18 year old.

Senior: (63+): \$45.00 and includes grandchildren under 18 year old.

<u>Life Members:</u> 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 \$100.00 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 Associates Membership - see the Treasurer to join.

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

MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

- *Food plots have been planted for the benefit of all our wildlife. Winter wheat and turnips will be planed in the Safety Zone fields. *The area of the club towards Mark Lord's place is declared a Safety Zone to protect our neighbors from stray gunfire. Members are reminded that hunting is strictly prohibited in the areas posted as Safety Zones.
- *Creek Archery gave us a deal on the new targets installed August 2018. Please do not use broadheads on the field point targets because it shortens their usage life.
- *Mrs. Milicki's property is still part of our lease.
- *Thanks to a grant from the NRA the new 30' x 40' garage was completed in October 2017. We are applying for an new grant to install electric next year. Contractor: Jack Poor.
- *Mrs. DeClaudio/Consol property is now a co-op.
- *Tree stands must be tagged and the owner sign a waiver. See an officer for details.
- *All members are required to have their club pin visible when hunting on club property. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- *Only active members are permitted to hunt on club property. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- *A separate NRA-only grant was used to clear out the area for the new long-distance range. We are waiting for NRA Range review.
- *Thanks to Drake Croushore for the new benches on the porch and the shooting bench for the future long distance range.
- *Thanks to all members who have put in work hours the grounds look great all trimmed and neat.

Please Support Our Sponsors:

*NRA *Peters Creek NWTF *Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
*Basic Carbide *Espey's Meat Market *Creek Archery Shop
*Colonial Farms Hunting Preserve *Fox's Pizza-West Newton
*Allegheny Petroleum *The Gun Rack *National Wild Turkey
Federation *The Embroidery People *Allegheny Mountain Knife
Collectors Assn *Tandy Leather *MRK Construction *TNT
Excavating *Luft's Garage *Salvio Heating & Air *Sutersville
Antique Mall *Caring Transitions

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

Class sizes are limited, please register on www.pcg.state.pa.us website

• Hunter Safety Course - FREE - lunch included -

Sunday, October 14, 2018 w/skills course - 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 20, 2019 with skills course - 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

• <u>Cable Restraint Class</u> - \$15.00 Fee - no lunch - If any interest, Date and Time to be determined.

PHEASANT STOCKING SCHEDULE

Birds will be stocked Friday, October 19, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. Additional stocking will occur on October 26th, November 2nd and 9th, 2018

TRAP - LEAGUE

Westmoreland Trap League champions for 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016 seasons!!!! *Congratulations Everyone!*

As always we welcome new shooters to our team in an effort to maintain our number one status and to continue to promote our shooting heritage. Please contact our director, Brain Stough if you have an interest in joining our shooting fraternity. Currently the league includes four 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 for additional information. Practices are open to the public, members and non-members alike, from 5:30 until approximately 8:30 (or later depending on the turnout).

*Note no practice on Friday, November 23, 2018.

All ranges will be closed on the following dates:

October 19, 2018:

Pheasant Stocking Club Property - 3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

November 26, 2018:

1st Day of Deer Rifle Season

ALL RANGES ARE CLOSED WHEN THE CLUB IS RENTED, NO EXCEPTIONS.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

New Applications are not processed until the applicant attends both an officers meeting for an interview and the following vote-in meeting. Get dates when application is turned in. If unable to attend those meetings please contact an officer to make arrangements.

~ Membership is closed from October 1st, through December 31st, ~ Applications are accepted but not processed until January.

DUES

Dues are collected starting at the September meeting and are payable until October 15th. After that, a \$20.00 late charge will be added. Dues can also be collected Friday nights at the club starting at 6:00 pm. If dues are not paid by December 31st, you will be dropped from the membership list. Contact a club officer if there are any questions or problems.

FUND RAISER

Beginning September 1st, 2013 each member will be responsible for three (3) Fall Fund Raiser tickets each year. A penalty of \$40.00 will be assessed to each member who fails to sell or buy at least three (3) fund raiser tickets. (**Note:** As of September 2015, the Spring Fund Raiser has been eliminated).

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, leave their land the way you found it.

Thank You, The Officers

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2018/2019

WORK HOUR REQUIREMENTS

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

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

*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

<u>Club Family Picnic:</u> Saturday, September 8th, 2018 - 4 pm til ??. Free to club members and their families. Please, bring a covered dish. Main course provided. Games for kids/adults. Tentatively - Saturday, September 14, 2019

Youth Pheasant Hunt: Sunday, October 28, 2018, Junior hunters only. (relatives of Club Members only). Pre-registration required. Call: 412-709-1581 to save spot and date.

<u>Chukkar Challenge:</u> Sunday, October 7 - starting 8 am with pairs going off every 15 minutes until done. \$60/team (shooter & dog) Refreshments available. Contact Dave Michalek 412-709-1581 to save spot.

Running Deer: (weather permitting) Sunday, November 11, 2018 - starting 10 am. Trap range will be opened upon request. Refreshments will be available. Rifles, slug guns or bows welcome.

Wild Game Dinner: Saturday, March 30, 2019 (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.

<u>Lucky BB/Turkey Shoot:</u> (weather permitting) Sunday, January 20th - date to be confirmed. Refreshments will be available.

<u>Muzzleloader Shoot:</u> Sundays, February 24th, March 24th and April 21st. Targets setup along the hillside. Refreshments available.

Youth Field Day: Saturday, August 10th, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Open to the public, Class size is limited, register on-line at www.pcg.state.pa.us. under - "Attend a Field Day": FREE, ages 8 to 16. For information call 724-872-8431.

Winter Junior Trap League: (ages 8-17) - Initial meeting week after Christmas (date to be determined) Must attend and score at least 6 sessions of 50 birds between Jan 2 and March 15. Official shoot day to be determined at meeting. Make up shoots can be arranged. Prizes awarded for every 5 shooters - more shooters, more prizes. Open to the public. Cost: \$30.00 plus shells.