

2016 OFFICERS

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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Archery	
Awards Banquet	Bertha Kuhn & Deanne Christman
Black Powder	Les Boyd
Building & Maintenance	
Christmas Party	Amy Stine & Susan Stine
Clubhouse Rentals	Kathy Shindle
Funnel Cake Trailer	Jeremy & Catherine Wood
Groundhog	Joe Hellane
Halloween Party	Nicole Shindle & Becky Sadler
Membership Secretary	Kathy Shindle
Range Officer	Charlie Wagner
Steak Feed	Larry & Audrey Sadler & Kate Mitchell
Trap	Gregg Wagner & Jim Stepler
Trophies	Randy Shindle & Tim Sollenberger
Turkey Shoots	Preston Carbaugh & Richie Drury
.22 Silhouette	Rick Campbell

ARCHERY

If anyone is interested in archery, please contact one of the officers or board members. Thank you!

YOUTH ARCHERY

Youth archery will begin Saturday mornings starting on January 9th, 2016, thru February 13th, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Bring the kids and introduce them to archery. It's the best of both worlds. FUN & FREE. Bows are available to use if you don't have one. For more info call Tim Sollenberger at 717-369-3032.

AWARDS BANQUET

The 2015 annual awards banquet will be held on January 16th, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. The meal will be catered by Mountain Gate. The meal consists of fried chicken, baked ham, seasoned top round, mashed potatoes, gravy, macaroni and cheese, corn, harvard beets, fruit, broccoli salad, bread and cake. It is a great meal. Price is \$9.00 for members and \$16.00 for non-members. We need a head count by January 11th, 2016. If you need any tickets or have any questions or concerns, contact Bertha Kuhn at 717-263-1976 or Deanne Christman at 717-369-3971.

September:

NEW MEMBERS:

Membership full

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE AWARDS:

50/50-\$29.00-Jason Forrester who donated it to McKenzie Gayman toward her sponsorship for Phoenix softball.

\$50.00– Mark Heckman-not present

\$40.50-Maura Wilson-not present

October:

NEW MEMBERS:

Membership full

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE AWARDS:

50/50-\$19.00-Butch Coldsmith

Hat-Preston Carbaugh

\$50.00-Rick Campbell-present

\$ 9.50-Chad Beard-not present

November:

NEW MEMBERS:

Membership full

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE AWARDS:

50/50-\$23.00-Bertha Kuhn

\$50.00-Katie Miller-not present

\$28.50-Denny Hornbaker-present

June:

NEW MEMBERS:

Membership full

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE AWARDS:

50/50-\$19.00-Jason Forrester

\$50.00-Daryl Helman-not present

\$29.50-James Kerzan-not present

July:

NEW MEMBERS:

Membership full

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE AWARDS:

50/50-\$22.50-Carl Hawbaker

\$50.00-Kim Stup-not present

\$47.50-John Graham-not present

August:

NEW MEMBERS:

Membership full

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE AWARDS:

50/50-\$22.00-Pat Wagner

\$50.00-Carl Hawbaker-present

\$18.50-Norman McCleary-not present

BLACK POWDER

Fort McCord Militia, the black powder club, will hold 9 shoots in 2016. The first shoot will be held on Sunday, February 21st, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. Because the shoot is not starting until 1:00 p.m., there will be no food available from the kitchen. Prior to this shoot the club will hold its annual organizational meeting at 10:00 a.m. Any St. Thomas Sportsmen Club member who is interested in joining the black powder club or just knowing more about it, is invited to attend this meeting. We will be collecting dues at the meeting and issuing new membership cards.

The remainder of the shoot schedule for 2016 is as follows:

Meat Shoot on March 13th, Two-day Rendezvous with a woodswalk on April 9th and 10th, Meat Shoot on May 15th, Chicken Shoot and woodswalk on June 12th, Grocery Shoot on August 14th, Meat Shoot on September 11th, and Grocery Shoot on October 9th. All shoots except for the grocery shoots begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. Grocery shoots begin at 1:00 p.m. In addition, we will be hosting the Pennsylvania Federation of Black Powder Shooters' Championship Shoot on August 27 and 28th.

Contact Les Boyd at 240-357-7770, Randy Shindle at 717-369-3331 or Jackie Fischer at 301-582-2904 for more information.

The UAW Black Powder Shoot is June 18th, 2016 from 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party for the member's children and grandchildren was held Saturday, November 28th, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. Sixty-nine children attended along with their families. Santa arrived with gifts for all the children. A special thank you to the following organization for their generous donation: Little Dipper. Also, thanks to all that helped to make the party a success. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Stine at 717-595-0198.

CLUBHOUSE RENTALS

If you are interested in renting the clubhouse or have any questions concerning rentals, please contact Kathy Shindle at 717-369-3331. Rental costs are as follows: Members-\$150.00 plus Security Deposit-\$100.00. Non-Members-\$300.00 plus Security Deposit-\$175.00.

FUNNEL CAKE TRAILER

Hello Club Members. My wife and I are looking forward to 2016, and making it another successful year for the funnel cake trailer. We want to thank all those who helped make 2015 a successful year. We are always looking for new volunteers to come out and help, it's always a fun and enjoyable event. It is the major fundraiser for the club.

Our tentative schedule for 2016 is as follows:

Twin Bridge Spring Tractor Show-April 22nd, 23rd & 24th;

Marion Festival- May 28th, June 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th;

Shippensburg Fair-July 18th-23rd;

St. Thomas American Legion Ground-July 29th & 30th;

Twin Bridge Fall Tractor Show-August 5th, 6th & 7th;

Shippensburg Demolition Derby-September 3rd;

If you are able to come out and help, please call either myself or my wife.

Jeremy Wood (717)496-1038 and Catherine Wood (717)496-1196

GROUNDHOG

Our shoot dates are as follows: April 16th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th, September 10th and October 8th, 2016. Match fee is \$15.00. We also have \$5.00 fun shoots every Tuesday. All are welcome. If you have any questions concerning the scheduled events and the Tuesday practice, feel free to contact one of the following: Rick Campbell 717-267-2442, Barry Schmidt 310-791-4906, schmidt2@verizon.net, or Joe Hellane 310-797-7493, joe223win@aol.com. The rifle range is closed during our groundhog shoots.

TROPHY AWARDS

The following categories are available for youth and adult: Largest Buck, Smallest Buck, Longest Turkey Beard, Longest Pheasant Tail, Longest Squirrel Tail, Large and Small Mouthed Bass, Largest Rainbow, Brook, Brown, and Palomino Trout. Those eligible for trophy awards must be a member in good standing.

Rules: All game must be killed in Pennsylvania during current hunting season on public or private ground. **NO FENCED IN AREA PERMITTED! (example Letterkenny)**

All fish must be caught in Pennsylvania water during current fishing season open to public fishing. **NO PAY LAKES PERMITTED! (example Arrowhead Springs)**

All game or fish must be killed or caught by member presenting it for registration in contest.

For any questions or concerns contact Randy Shindle at 717-369-3331 or Tim Sollenberger at 717-369-3032. You can also register at Keystone Country Store, Fort Loudon, PA.

TURKEY SHOOTS

The Spring Shoot dates are March 28th, April 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, 2016. Sign up will start at 6:00 p.m. and the first round will start at 7:00 p.m.

There will be one change this year with the 410 youth round. If you are old enough to hold the gun safely then you can shoot up to age 11. After age 11 you must shoot with the adults.

If you have any questions contact Preston Carbaugh at 717-328-5345 or Richie Drury at 717-328-4892.

STEAK FEED

Our steak feed dates are April 16th, May 21st, August 13th, and September 17th. We can always use help in setting up for the feed, preparing the food, selling tickets, helping with any activities during the feed, and cleaning up afterwards. If you have any questions contact Kathleen Mitchell at 717-369-2541 or Larry & Audrey Sadler at 717-401-0760.

T-SHIRTS

T-Shirts, with the Sportsmen's logo, are now available to purchase in various colors and sizes. Prices are as follows: without pocket, sizes small to extra large are \$10.00, with pocket, sizes small to extra large are \$11.00. Larger sizes are available for an extra fee. Any questions or to order, contact Charlie and Pat Wagner at 717-352-7274.

TRAP

The St. Thomas Trap team ended the 2015 Franklin County Trap League in last place. We averaged 16 shooters per shoot while other clubs were drawing 20 to 30 shooters per shoot. The bottom line is we need more participants for St. Thomas Trap team.

The top 5 shooters this season were as follows:

Brian Seville-91.50 average, Gregg Wagner-89.63 average, Tom Burkey-88.63 average, Jim Stepler and Chuck Cessna with 87.00 averages.

The St. Thomas Trap team supports the Franklin County 4H Trap shooting and we have been asked to assist Pheasant Forever in their first annual youth shoot this March.

We will be open for practice in mid-March or early April every Tuesday evening starting about 5 p.m.(weather permitting) Shells will be available for purchase if needed. We can assist anyone, male or female wishing to learn the fundamentals of trap shooting and we give lots of free advice. Remember shooting Trap, unlike Golf, we need to make noise and break things.

For additional info contact, Gregg Wagner 717-264-8635 or greggwagner@hotmail.com or Jim Stepler 717-369-3332 or jgstep@comcast.net

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Halloween party for the member's children and grandchildren was held Friday, October 16th, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. Forty-five children attended. Lots of fun was had by all. The children enjoyed making Halloween crafts, playing games, and a hayride. A big thank you to all who helped make it a great time for the kids. If you have any questions, please call Nicole Shindle at 717-369-2535 or Becky Sadler at 717-369-5859.

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

The hunter safety course will be held Saturday, February 27th, 2016, from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. You can register by going to www.pgc.state.pa.us and clicking on hunter education classes. Find the class for St. Thomas Sportsmen and register. You must be 11 years old to attend. If you don't have a computer, you can pre-register by calling Bill Mitchell at 717-369-2541.

MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month. The board meetings start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Your presence and input is needed to help with the business of your club. We have 1000 members and we would like to see some new faces and ideas at our meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

Any member caught disobeying club rules will be suspended for 1 year. Your membership card must be displayed when using any or all ranges. Beginning January 1st, 2014, we limited the number of members to 1000. We have reached our 1000 members, so if you want to join our club, you will have to be put on a waiting list. Also, when joining as a new member, you must have a sponsor and you have to come to a meeting to get your membership card. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Shindle at 717-369-3331.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the July 2016 newsletter is May 15th, 2016. If you have any information for the newsletter, please contact Kathy Shindle at 717-369-3331 or email: kshindle@centurylink.net.

RANGE INFORMATION

The rifle/pistol/black powder ranges are for members and a guest. Non-members aren't authorized to utilize any range unless a member is present. You **MUST HAVE** your membership card displayed at all times when using any or all ranges. It's the responsibility of each member to challenge each person on the range for their membership card.

REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST!!

The only authorized place for posting paper targets is on the belt-ing/fiberboard. Railroad ties/2 x 4's are off limits for targets. **No swinging targets supported from railroad ties!! Clay birds/soda cans, etc. are not authorized on the different ranges for targets. Please use staples, push pins, etc. for posting targets, *not* roofing nails, etc. and then remove all targets from impact area upon completing your firing mission/zeroing your weapon. Thank you very much for following the rules.**

NOTE: Recently installed 2 new impact/target areas in the woods to the right of 50 yard targets. This area has 2 benches with seats for AR rifle usage. Check website, click on ranges and then click on AR range.

NOTE: Please use the **RED LIGHT** at benches to post targets at 200, 300 and 400 yards.

Thanks to all and have a safe and productive hunting season and beware what is beyond your target. Remember safety first!!!

Work day at the club grounds is April 2nd, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Schedule this day to help with clean up and maintenance of the club grounds. The ranges will be closed during this time. For more info, contact Charlie Wagner at 717-352-7274.

NO HUNTING ON SPORTSMEN GROUNDS!!

RANGE CLOSINGS

The Cub Scouts will be renting the clubhouse March 11th, 12th & 13th, 2016. The ranges will be closing at 5:00 p.m. on March 11th and will reopen at 11:00 a.m. on March 13th. The ranges will also be closed on April 2nd, 2016, due to clean-up day at the ranges. The range will be closing at 3:00 p.m. on dates of club functions such as Steak Feeds, etc. The range is closed during Groundhog shoots and .22 Silhouette shoots. Check our website: www.stthomassportsmen.com for any last minute closings. You may also call the club's hotline at 717-369-4791. If you need to have the ranges closed for any reason, the club needs a 2 week notice. Any other questions, call Charlie Wagner at 717-352-7274.

ST. THOMAS SPORTSMEN WEBSITE

The web address is: www.stthomassportsmen.com. It will cover all inner clubs, calendar of upcoming events, officers, membership forms, etc. If you are interested in posting anything on the site or have any suggestions, please contact Charlie Wagner at cwagner@stthomassportsmen.com or telephone 717-352-7274.

.22 SILHOUETTE

Shoots start the first Wednesday in May and run thru the last Wednesday in September. Practice starts between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. The first match starts at 6:00 p.m. and the second match at approximately 7:00 p.m. All you need is a rifle, standard ammo, and hearing and eye protection. The first shoot is free. We have three age groups; adult, junior, and youth under 12 years of age. We have two categories; hunter rifle and heavy barrel. Come and enjoy the fun. Sharpen your offhand shooting skill. The rifle range is closed during our practice and matches. If interested contact: Jack Hawbaker at 717-267-3210, Rick Campbell at 717-267-2442 or Dennis Hornbaker at 717-328-5845.