



St. Thomas Sportsmen's Association Inc.
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2020 OFFICERS

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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Archery	Odrun Stevens
Awards Banquet	Deanne Christman
Black Powder	Les Boyd
Building & Maintenance	<u>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</u>
Christmas Party	Renee Shindle
Clubhouse Rentals	Kathy Shindle
Funnel Cake Trailer	Mike Ryder, Mike Brindle Fred & Bonnie Allen
Groundhog	Bill Wilson
Halloween Party	Nicole Shindle & Becky Sadler
Range Officer	Joe Johnson
Steak Feed	Larry & Audrey Sadler & Kate Mitchell
Trap	Gregg Wagner & Jim Stepler
Trophies	Randy Shindle & Tim Sollenberger
Turkey Shoots	Ken Hoffman
.22 Silhouette	Rick Campbell
Sportsmen for Youth	William Mitchell & Randy Shindle
Youth Archery	Tim Sollenberger
Website	Gregg Wagner & Shawn Chilcote

ARCHERY

Field Rounds

June 28, 2020

Metric Field Round (Shotgun start at 1:00 pm)

USA-AA distances 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55
and 60 meters

Animal Rounds

July 26, 2020

PSAA Animal Round (Shotgun start at 1:00 pm)

August 16, 2020

PSAA Animal Round (Shotgun start at 1:00 pm)

Practice rounds most Thursday evenings all spring and summer.

Some dates may be changed for National Shoots in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia.

Any questions, contact Odrun Stevens @ 717-369-2182.

AWARDS BANQUET

The 2020 annual awards banquet will be held on January 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Any questions or concerns, please contact Bertha Kuhn at 717-263-1976 or Deanne Christman at 717-369-3971 or 717-446-1280.

BLACK POWDER

Ft. McCord Militia, the Black powder club, will hold their remaining 2020 shoots on the following days:

August 9th – Grocery Shoot

August 28th, 29th, & 30th – State Black Powder Shoot

September 13th – Meat Shoot

October 11th – Grocery Shoot

All grocery shoots begin at 1:00 p.m. All other shoots begin at 9:00 a.m. Contact Les Boyd at 240-357-7770, Randy Shindle at 717-860-2685 or Bryan Forrester at 717-261-7092 for more information.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2020 children's Christmas party will be held Saturday, November 21st at 5:00 p.m. Children and grandchildren of members up to and including age 11 are invited. Please call Renee Shindle @ 717-552-3336 with names and ages by November 1, 2020. Santa will have a gift for each child. Please bring your favorite snack or drink to share.

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

Due to Covid 19 all of the events for 2020 were cancelled. We would like to give a Big Thank You to the chairpersons that stepped up to chair the funnel cake trailer this year and hope they will stick around for the job next year.

GATE

Upon entering and exiting the club grounds everyone needs to use their key card to open the gate. This info (name, date, time entering) is recorded on the computer system. NEVER follow someone through the gate. Otherwise if a problem should occur at the club, the computer system can be reviewed to determine if you didn't use your key card.

If you need a key card or have problems with your current card, please contact Kathy Shindle @ 717-369-3331.

GROUNDHOG

Groundhog matches are held Tuesday mornings starting April 2nd thru the end of October. Starting time is 9:00 a.m. and entry fee is \$5.00 per shooter in each class. Saturday shoots are held on the following dates: July 11th, August 8th, September 12th and October 10th. Entry fee for Saturday is \$15.00 per gun. Our rules are available on the website at www.stthomassportsmen.com. If you have any questions concerning the scheduled events or the Tuesday practice, feel free to contact one of the following: Rick Campbell @ 717-267-2442, Jay Peck @ 717-530-1260, Jeff Shetter @ 717-263-2621, or William Wilson @ 717-262-5450. The rifle range is closed during our groundhog shoots, but the black powder range is open.

We are looking for someone to run the kitchen for 7 Saturdays during our groundhog shoots. If you are interested or have any questions, please call one of the names above.

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

The hunter safety course will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. –3:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. You must be 11 years old to attend.

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 the club.

MEMBERSHIP & RENEWALS

Any member caught disobeying club rules will be suspended for 1 year. Your membership card must be displayed when using any or all ranges. 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.

All members of the club will be receiving their membership renewal form in October. Only life members **should not** receive a form. If you do not receive a form, please contact Kathy Shindle @ 717-369-3331 before December 31, 2020. Return your renewal form completely filled out with any change of address or phone number as soon as possible. It will be very important to have your renewal form to me by December 31, 2020, or I won't be able to accept it. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!** You will have to apply for a new membership and pay the initiation fee again. Please make all checks payable to St. Thomas Sportsmen. Any questions, contact Kathy Shindle @ 717-369-3331 or email: kshindle@centurylink.net.

NEWSLETTER

WE ARE GOING PAPERLESS! The newsletter is posted on our website @ www.stthomassportsmen.com If you would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, you will need to contact Kathy Shindle to have one mailed to you. The deadline for the January 2021 newsletter is November 15, 2020. If you have any information for the newsletter, or need a paper copy mailed to you, please contact Kathy Shindle@ 717-369-3331 or email: kshindle@centurylink.net. We publish 2 newsletters per year.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for officers for 2021 will be accepted during the months of October and November for all offices, with voting at the November meeting. The offices are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and three trustees. If anyone is interested in any of these positions or know of someone who might be, please contact one of the current officers. We have over 1000 members and we get the same benefits from our membership, however, just a few hold offices or help with the club events that make our income or are just fun events.

RANGE CLOSINGS

The range will be closing at 3:00 p.m. on dates of club functions such as Steak Feeds, etc. The rifle range is closed during groundhog shoots, and 22 Silhouettes, but the black powder and pistol range is open for your convenience. Check our website www.stthomassportsmen.com for any last minute closings. You may also call the club's hotline at 717-369-4791 for any closings that aren't listed in the newsletter. If you are planning on closing the range for any reason, the club needs a 2 week notice.

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 Gregg Wagner at greggwagner@hotmail.com or 717-264-8635. All inner clubs, please email Shawn Chilcote @ shawn.chilcote@gmail.com to post any of your events on the calendar. Please check our website for any upcoming special events. Also, check the website for any unforeseen circumstances that the ranges will be closed.

.22 SILHOUETTE

Shoots start the first Wednesday in May and run thru to the second Wednesday in September. The rifle range closes at 5:00 p.m. for our Silhouette setup, practice, and matches which start at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. All you need is a .22 rifle, standard ammo, and hearing and eye protection. Come enjoy the fun and sharpen your off-hand shooting skills. We follow the NRA rules for Hunter rifle and Standard rifle and also have categories for adult, junior, and under 12 years old. Come check us out; we need more shooters. .22 ammo available. For more information contact Rick Campbell at 717-267-2442.

RANGE INFORMATION

The rifle and pistol ranges are for members and one guest. Any non-member isn't authorized to utilize the 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 targets is on the belting/fiberboard. Railroad ties/2 x 4's are **off limit** for targets. **No swinging targets supported from railroad ties!!** Clay birds/soda cans, etc. are not authorized on the 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: Please use the **RED LIGHT** at benches to post targets at 50, 100, 200, 300 and 400 yards.

NOTE: The range closes at **SUNDOWN!**

NO AUTOMATIC OR BUMP STOCK WEAPONS ALLOWED ON ST. THOMAS SPORTSMEN GROUNDS!

Any questions or comments, please call Joe Johnson @ 717-369-2932.

SHOTGUNS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED ON PISTOL RANGE!!

NO HUNTING OR RIDING FOUR-WHEELERS ON ST. THOMAS SPORTSMEN GROUNDS!!!

STEAK FEED

Most of our steak feeds for this year have been cancelled due to Covid 19.

At this time the September steak feed is on hold. Please check the website closer to the time. We can always use help in setting up for the feed, preparing the food, selling tickets, help with any activities during the feed, and cleaning up afterwards. If you have any questions or need any tickets, contact Kathleen Mitchell at 717-369-2541 or Larry & Audrey Sadler 717-226-9743 or 717-226-9708.

TRAP

The St. Thomas Sportsmen Trap team is participating in the 2020 Franklin County Trap League for the 56th year. The league canceled the first 10 shoots due to the pandemic. Our remaining FCTL shoots at the club grounds currently scheduled are July 21 and August 25. Schedules for all FCTL shoots can be obtained from Gregg or Jim or click on the link provided on our web site.

We restarted trap practice on Tuesday evening starting at about 4:00 pm and is restricted to club and trap team members only until further notice. Cost is \$3.50 per 25 targets and \$2.50 for youths 18 years of age and younger. Shells are available upon request.

Anyone interested in learning the fundamentals of trap shooting or wanting more information on any programs we are involved with may contact: Gregg Wagner at 717-264-8635, e-mail; greggwagner@hotmail.com or Jim Stepler at 717-369-3332, e-mail; jgstep@comcast.net.

TURKEY SHOOTS

Ken Hoffman has agreed to chair the turkey shoots for one year. Please give Ken a call @ 717-860-1725 and volunteer your help.

The tentative dates for the fall shoots are:

The fall shoots are scheduled for September 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, 2020. Sign up will start at 6:00 p.m. and the first round will start at 7:00 p.m.

Once again we will hold a Junior Shoot for youth that are old enough to hold the gun safely – up to age 11. They will be shooting 410's. After age 11 you must shoot with the adults.

SPORTSMEN OF THE YEAR

Please get your letters in for the Sportsmen of the Year. Please include in your letter why you feel the person or couple deserve the award. We need your letters by December 31, 2020. These letters can be dropped in the box at the clubhouse or sent to the sportsmen address on the front of the newsletter. It is nice to receive as many nominations as possible, because it makes it easier for the committee to make a decision.

Rules are: Nominations are due no later than December 31, 2020.

1. Person(s) nominated must be a member in good standing.
2. The person(s) nominated must have performed special services and proved dedications to the club for the year he or she is nominated. (What they may have done for many years does not count.)
3. All nominations must be in letter form. Letters must specify reasons why member is being nominated. (A name written on a piece of paper is not acceptable. The number of letters received will not determine the recipient, but what the member has done for the club.)
4. The Sportsmen of the Year is decided by the last three members chosen as Sportsmen of the Year and will remain confidential until the announcement is made at the Annual Awards Banquet.

T-SHIRTS, JACKETS & HATS

T-Shirts, jackets, and hats with the Sportsmen's logo, are now available to purchase in various colors and sizes. They are available at club meetings, steak feeds, and at funnel cake locations or by calling Charlie and Pat Wagner at 717-352-7274.

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 Palamino 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 and measured by Keystone Outdoors, Randy Shindle, Tim Sollenberger or Buck Christman.

For any questions or concerns, or to register any game for awards, contact Tim Sollenberger at 717-369-3032 or Randy Shindle at 717-369-3331. You can also register at Keystone Outdoors, Fort Loudon.

YOUTH ARCHERY

Youth archery will begin on Saturday, January 2nd —February 6th, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Bring the kids and introduce them to archery. Bows are available to use if you don't have one. For more info, contact Tim Sollenberger at 717-369-3032.

January 2020:

NEW MEMBERS:

Cara Andrews, Jacob Slifka, Dylan Slifka, Madelyn Slifka, & Hazel Slifka, Misty McCaig, Thomas Fignar, Alex Drumheller and Darrel Conner

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE AWARDS

50/50-Wayne Stouffer

\$50.00-Raymond Etter, not present

\$25.00-Denny Wright-not present

February 2020:

NEW MEMBERS:

Jeffrey and Cheryl Cook, Cherish Monn, Dustin Sites, Paul Bittinger, Peter Kopko, Ian and Alaina Irvin, Ryan Walls, Sam Walls, Patrick Alexander, Ryan Walls Jr, Tyler Cooley and Richard Methner

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE AWARDS

50/50-\$35.00-Tim Bowers

\$50.00-Bryan Sipes

March 2020:

NEW MEMBERS:

Roger Kibler, Randy & Barbara Sue Hershey, Ryan & Samuel Zullinger, Alan Lehman and Amanda Morton

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE AWARDS

50/50-\$50.00-Randy Hershey – donated it back to the club.

\$50.00-Briar Hensley, not present

\$37.00-Gilbert Cramer-not present

April 2020:

NO MEETING – Due to Covid 19

May 2020:

NO MEETING- Due to Covid 19

June 2020:

NEW MEMBERS:

Jason, Mary Ann and Abigail Davis, Robert, Tiffany, Abigail, Casey and Colt Barrick, Shawn Ray, Tim, Brenda and Chris Leiboldt, Chris Carr, and John Keck

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE AWARDS

50/50-\$26.00-Deanne Christman

\$50.00-Casey Barrick

\$25.00-Mary Diller-not present

