

Jefferson Sportsmen's Association

November 2004 Newsletter

Access Control System

The installation of this system is complete. An access card can be purchased for \$15.00 at any meeting. The main gate can be opened by using your access card or entering the combination lock number on the keypad. The gate opens toward your vehicle when entering. **Effective January 6, 2005, you will not be able to enter the club grounds without a card.** The \$15.00 fee will be refunded if an individual chooses to drop their membership and return the card. If a card is lost or damaged due to abuse, a \$5.00 fee will be charged for a replacement. Access to the clubhouse will be limited and requires approval by the Board of Trustees.

2005 Membership Dues

If you have not already done so, members are required to sign the Association and Range Rules agreement form to maintain their membership. The following is a breakdown of the various membership categories.

Senior Membership \$20.00 – Individuals who have been a member in good standing for at least 20 years and are 65 years of age or older qualify for the Senior Membership. If your date of birth is available, we will automatically move you into this category once you qualify.

Students – No membership dues are collected for youth between the ages of 12 and 17.

Active Military Duty – Individuals who are actively serving in the military will receive a free membership for the upcoming year. A military ID is required to qualify.

Regular Membership \$30.00 – All other individuals who do not fall into any of the above categories.

Members paying their dues by mail must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please include \$15.00 for your access card.

Club Officers for 2004-2005

President – Ken Klein

Vice President – Bob Hilker

Recording Secretary – James Arford

Corresponding Secretary – Sam Becker

Membership Secretary – Rick Cox

Treasurer – Dean Becker

Trustees – Jeff Thomas, William MacMillan, Jeff Hersh, Gerald Hoff, Dave Lloyd, Tim Moran

This year we received \$7,000 less from the Jefferson Carnival. This is a significant drop in our revenue which may hinder our ability to provide many of the benefits our members have enjoyed in the past. We are asking each member to become more active in selling raffle tickets and supporting all of our clubs fund-raising events.

Twelve tickets are enclosed for the New Years Day Gun Raffle. Please do your best to either sell or purchase these tickets. We will also be holding our 30 gun raffle in September this year. This will give everyone more time to sell tickets.

New Years Day

Start the New Year off right in 2005. Bring your 12 gauge and try your luck at winning a ham or turkey, but don't worry about it being cold outside because you will be shooting indoors. The activities start at 12:00 noon. Food and drinks will be provided for you to purchase. There will be games of chance for you to try your luck.

Volunteers are needed and welcome to help during this event. Spend an hour or two so others may enjoy the day as well.

Trading Post

We will be starting a Trading Post on our web site for members to list items they wish to sell. There will be no cost for this service, and it is open to everyone. If you have a family member or friend who would like to list an item (as long as it is legal), they can do so. All you need to do is to send an email to jsa@jeffersonsportsmen.org with the information of the item being sold. Please include a description of the item, cost and contact information. Email address or phone number is acceptable. All items will be listed for 30 days unless it is requested to be removed earlier.

Wildlife Banquet

The date for this event will be March 12, 2005. Bring a covered dish and enjoy some great food. Entertainment for the evening will be Al & Jean Shade. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. sharp so don't be late.

JSA Helping Others

Bring a non-perishable food item to the next club meeting and help those less fortunate. Our organization continues to support the Southern York County Food Bank.

Email Newsletter

We are now prepared to send the newsletter directly to your email address. Please send us your email address, and you will be one of the first to receive the latest newsletter when it is available. We will not share your email address with anyone. Please remember to let us know if you change your address.

Indoor .22 Shoot

This league will start on Wednesday, January 5, 2005 and run for ten (10) weeks. Shooting hours will be from 8:00 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$4.00 per gun. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Thompson at 717-637-0270.

Archery Committee

The Outdoor 3-D Shoots were a success for 2004. The Hunt of a Lifetime Shoot was extremely successful. Thanks to all who volunteered their help throughout 2004.

A Winter Indoor shoot has been scheduled to begin January 10, 2005. Please contact the Club for further information.

Please note, without more volunteer assistance, it will be difficult to continue with our archery activities. Please consider giving some of your time. Hope to see you in 2005.

2004 Annual Range Officers' Report

Within the past year new range rules have been adopted and a new group of Range Officers has been put in place. These rules and Range Officers set forth by the Board of Directors are for your safety, the safety of others, and the club. The following are some of the more common infractions reported by Range Officers and other members.

1. Having more than five rounds per clip in semi and automatic firearms
2. While people are down range, bolts or actions must be open, unloaded, and not handled. Firearms may only be loaded on the line when the down range is clear and the line is hot. This rule includes holstered and concealed guns. This will be considered a loaded firearm behind the line of fire and in violation of Range Rules.
3. Members bringing too many guests (only two at a time) or bringing a guest too many times per year (2 to 3 times per year).
4. Nonstandard targets i.e. clay birds, spent cartridges, and shot shells, are being shot off the rails of backstop. Only paper and cardboard targets are allowed.
5. The 40 yard shot gun patterning board is for shot shells only. Shot gun slugs may be shot into the 25, 50, 100 yard back stops.
6. Targets are not being removed when finished shooting. Please remove all targets and spent cartridges from ranges.

To date, two members have had their membership suspended, and many warnings have been issued by Range Officers for violations of the range rules. Please read and understand the range rules of the club so everyone is safe and has a good time. Remember this is your club, and it's your responsibility to keep it safe for you and everyone else. If you see an unsafe situation or violation of range or association rule, please report it to a Range Officer or a member of the Board of Directors.