

# Jefferson Sportsmen's Association

## Fall 2016 Newsletter

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### Environment - Conservation - Wildlife - It's our Responsibility

All meetings are held on the **1st and 3rd Thursday** of the month and start at 7:30 p.m. There is no meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in December or the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in July.

#### Dues:

Regular Membership:	\$ 75.00
Junior Membership:	Free (12-18)
New Members:	\$ 125.00
Senior Members:	\$ 65.00 (age 65 & 20 years of membership)
Active Military:	Free

**A late fee of \$ 35.00 will be charged if dues are not paid by January 5, 2017.**

**The Club does not send out notices when renewals are due.**

When paying dues by mail, please **write your membership number on the check and include a self-addressed stamped envelope**. Renewals received without a self-addressed stamped envelope will be kept at the club to be picked up in person. You may also pay your dues on meeting nights and Tuesday mornings between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. **Please notify the club if your address or phone number changes.**

**Sponsors of Prospective New Members:** Sponsors and prospective new members will meet with the Membership Committee the first meeting of the month. This is for orientation only; prospective members will not join at this time. The completed sponsor check list and application fee are to be turned in at the first meeting. Prospective new members will join on the second meeting of the month. The sponsor and the prospective new member must be present at the meeting to be voted into membership. **If the checklist isn't completed, the person will not be considered for membership.**

**GUESTS :** Members with guest using ranges must sign a waiver form that is located in the Archery Building. **Both Member & Guest must sign the forms. MEMBER MUST PROVIDE MEMBERSHIP NUMBER.** Two copies of form must be completed. One is to be left in book and the other taken to range. A member is only allowed to bring one guest at a time, and cannot bring the same guest more than once per year.

**Guests are not permitted to use any of the ranges from September 1 to January 1.**

**Spouse's Day** - The board of directors has designated the following Saturdays as Spouse's Day.

**April 15, 2017      June 17, 2017      August 26, 2017      October 7, 2017**

Members may bring their spouses to the club on these days to enjoy the facilities. Please use the **Pink forms** in the Archery Building to register your spouse. Members must accompany their spouse.

**Incentive Work Program:** The Incentive Work Program was developed to give a \$25.00 discount on annual dues to members who participate in Board approved activities. The member must get a Board member or Committee Chair to sign the activity card and list the participation. All that needs to be done is work on one of

the various projects during the year. i.e. Work detail, Carnival, help at 3d Shoot, actively serve on a committee. When it comes time to pay your dues, just present the card to the Membership Secretary to receive the discount.

**Attendance Wards** – This program was established to encourage members to attend meeting to find out what is happening in our organization. If you attend 20 or more meeting a year you qualify to receive a knife. Last year we gave out Buck knives. If you attend 15 to 19 meeting you will received a club t-shirt.

**3D Archery** - We need someone to step forward to head up the 3-D shoots. If you are only interested in coordinating one of the shoots that would be a big help. You will have others to help you out. Please consider volunteering your time for this event. We will continue to work towards finding individuals who will run the event. Please contact Jeff Thomas if you would like to help out. Continue to check the club event calendar to see if and when shoots are scheduled.

**New Year's Day Shoot** – Festivities begin shortly before noon on January 1, 2017.

Refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring your 12 ga. and try your luck at winning cash. There will also be a few games of chance. Enclosed you will find the New Years Gun Raffle tickets. Please consider purchasing or selling them to your family and friends. You have a choice of a gun or cash. Please return any unsold tickets to the club prior to New Years day. **Winners must be legally eligible to own a gun.**

**Roy Wagner Scholarship** – Applications will be available at the Club starting in January 2017. This scholarship is open to high school seniors pursuing a career in forestry, wildlife, marine science or environment. The scholarship is for \$1,000.

**Indoor .22 Shoot** – The indoor .22 shoot will start on January 4, 2017 and run for 10 weeks. Shoot times will be on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and is for .22 pistol & rifle. Cost is \$ 4.00 per gun.

**Members Shoot** – This member's benefit is February 16, 2017. Bring your 12 ga. Shells will be provided. Prizes will be awarded. There is no cost for members.

**Covered Dish Social** – The dinner will be held on March 11, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish and a vegetable or dessert to share, along with your own place setting. Drinks and entertainment will be provided.

**Spring Clean Up** – March 25, 2017. Please come out and help keep your Club grounds looking good. This participation counts toward the "Work Incentive Program". Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – This event will be held April 1, 2017. It is open to all children of the community up to age 10. Starting at 12:00, Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided along with great prizes. The **Egg Hunt will begin at 1:00 p.m.** Please bring a canned good that will be donated to a local food bank.

**Hunter Safety Course** will be held on April 8, 2017. You must register at [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us) or call Jim Staub if you have a problem at 717-637-3750. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost for this course.

**Strawberry Social** - Please plan on attending the June 15, 2017 meeting. We will be serving ice cream and strawberries to you and your immediate family members. This is another good tasting benefit of your club.

**Jefferson Carnival July 17 to 22** – Please consider helping out any time during this event. A few hours, a couple of days or the entire week. No previous experience is required. You can help to set up the stands prior to the carnival, work during the carnival or help tear down and put everything away. This is the largest fund raiser for the club and your participation would be greatly appreciated. See Dean Becker for more information or to sign up. Another opportunity for the work incentive program.

**Conservation Camp** - The Conservation Camp will be held at Club from July 24-28. It is open to boys and girls age 12-16. The cost is \$200.00 for the week. Applications must be submitted by June 20,, 2017. **Contact Bob Hilker at 717-225-3081 to register. The Archery/.22 Building will be closed this week.**

**Hunt of a Lifetime Benefit Shoot** – On August 6, we will hold our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual 3D Hunt of a Lifetime Benefit Shoot. The PA based Hunt of a Lifetime Foundation sends children with life threatening illnesses on their “dream” hunting and fishing trips. The cost for the shoot is \$15.00. Youth 15 and under shoot for free. Registration is from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event will include food, novelty shoots, raffles and fun for the whole family. All proceeds benefit the Hunt of a Lifetime Foundation.

**Hunter Safety Course** will be held on September 9, 2017. You must register at [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us) or call Jim Staub if you have a problem at 717-637-3750. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost for this course.

**Family Day** – September 10, 2017 If you are looking for some time to eat great food, enjoy conversation with other club members and just relax for a few hours please consider attending this wonderful event. Your immediate family is invited. All food and drinks are provided by your club. All that being said we can always use an extra hand for an hour or two during the day.

**Annual Meeting** - October 5, 2017 – This is almost a year away but we hope will you not forget to attend the annual meeting to help elect the officers for the coming year. You will not find better roast beef sandwiches that are served after the meeting. We would hope that many of you would consider running for one of the offices. You will be working alongside a group of great individuals who have also given great consideration in dedicating some of their time to the club to keep it running.

#### **Election Results – Club Officers**

Jeff Thomas	- President		
Thomas Reilly	- Vice President		
Phillip Stansfield	- Recording Secretary		
Robert Henry	- Treasurer		
Geoffrey Hoertz	- Membership Secretary		
Dennis Myers	- Corresponding Secretary		
Tony Gates	- Trustee	Dennis Myers	- Trustee
Felicia Bourgeois	- Trustee	Dean Becker	- Trustee
Bob Hilker	- Trustee	Leslie Byrd	- Trustee

Thank you to the outgoing officers who served our organization well; Rick Cox, Ed Corio, Jim Arford.

#### **Results of Annual Meeting Drawings:**

Pheasant Hunt – Dan Mislak, Felicia Bourgeois, Ken Crissman, Dennis Myers

Mr. Sportsman - \$50.00 – Tim Moran

First ticket out - \$50.00 – Jeff Thomas

\$25.00 Winners – Geoff Hoertz, Dean Becker, Frank Toth, Tom Ecker

\$20.00 Winners – Bill Reimold, Dean Becker, Dan Mislak, Luke Beardsley, Ken Crissman, Phil Stansfield, Tom Svirsko, Felicia Bourgeois

Members only Gun – Bob Henry

We held a gun drawing during the month of September. Due to our late start we were not able to notify all of our members. We had 19 days the ticket holders chose firearms, 6 who chose the cash option and there were 5 days that the numbers drawn were not sold. We plan on doing this again next year. The drawing will be held

during the month of September. Tickets will be available a lot earlier so everyone will have an opportunity to purchase and sell them.

**25 Year Club:** If you are a member for 25 years, you can pick up your pin from the Membership Secretary at a Meeting, or Tuesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**NRA** - Are you a member of the NRA or have you been thinking about joining? If so, please consider joining through our club. The cost is only \$30.00. That is a savings of \$10.00 per year and the club will receive \$6.00 commission from the NRA. This is a win-win for everyone. All you need to do is stop by the membership secretary's office and ask for a NRA sign up form. It is as simple as that. If you have a friend or relative who are NRA members, they can also renew with us. **Thank you** to everyone who renewed or joined through the club. Last year we received \$293.00 in commissions from the NRA.

**Members – you can receive email alerts by signing up on the clubs web site. On the right side of the home page you will see “Subscribe to our mailing list”. Enter your name and email address in the box.**

**“ Turn in a Poacher” – Call 1-800-PGC-8001 – Don’t let bad apples spoil our Sport.**

**Our future depends on the members to keep the club moving forward. Please consider donating a few hours.**