



THE MOUNT JOY SPORTER

April-May-June 2008

President's Message

We're all thinking spring, and warmer weather and yours truly can't wait to start those outdoor pistol matches! The warmer weather is sure to bring an increase of people using the ranges so I would like to stress the importance of working together on the firing line to keep everyone safe. No one should ever go in front of the firing line unless every rifle and pistol is clear with actions open, and magazines out. Empty Chamber Indicators (ECIs) are cheap and are now required for any NRA affiliated match so get yourself some orange weed eater cord, cut it down and get in the habit of flagging your firearm before moving down to check your target.

Hopefully, with the addition of the Safety Committee, we will have regular scheduled safety courses for the members. I urge everyone to attend at least a basic course. Also, the pistol team will be hosting an all day clinic in the near future. You'll be able to see us practice safety on the line, shoot with us, and grab some hints and tips as well. I think it would be fun for just about anyone from the novice to the advanced.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the .22 range rebuild and the 200 yard target area. There will be more work parties so keep your eye on the calendar!

Thank you,
Steve Stoltzfus, President

Membership Card Display

Remember to display your membership card during all activities at the club. Please do not be offended if asked to produce your card.

Please Note: Proper Targets and Proper Target Attachment

The **only allowable targets** for use on any range at Mount Joy Sportsman's Association are **PAPER TARGETS. NO bottles, cans, or other non-paper targets.** The only exceptions are the 3D archery targets and the clay shotgun targets. Targets must be properly attached to the backstops when shooting. **DO NOT** place targets so that the shots pierce the wood or metal frames. Frames are costly and time consuming to repair. **PLEASE** help to keep your club neat and use care not to cause unnecessary damage.

Shotgun Patterning

To properly pattern a shotgun, place your target so the shots will **NOT** pierce the wood frames. Shoot **ONLY** from the **DESIGNATED SHOOTING AREA. Please DO NOT shoot closer than 25 Yards to the target.** Some past damage situations do not represent sportsmen-like conduct. Help to keep your club presentable for other club members and leave it **better than you found it.**

Membership Information

Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. New member applicants are requested to arrive at 7 PM if possible.

Convince your buddy to join the club in April, May, or June and they get an extra month, or two, or three for their annual dues. New members joining in these months are considered paid up for the coming year.

Additional Range Rules

The small indoor range has recently been repaired and is now in proper working order. Please remember that this range is intended for .22 caliber non-jacketed (lead-only) standard velocity ammunition with paper targets only. Please hang targets only within the black area. This is where the bullet traps are located.

The large indoor range is intended for up to .45 caliber **non-jacketed** ammunition (lead-only) using **only paper targets**.

Persons under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult while on club property.

No shooting outdoors before 8 AM on weekdays and Saturdays and 9 AM on Sundays.

Safety Committee

The Safety Committee has formed and, by the time you receive this newsletter, will have met twice. The charter of the Committee is to;

- Perform Spot Safety Check at the Club
- Report to the Board of Directors
- Make written recommendations
- Schedule and perform safety training

If you have any ideas for safety improvements, please contact one of the committee members. The members of the Safety Committee are as follows;

Ed Hahn	951-3322
Tom Chambers	
Mike Glenville	449-8558
Irvin Saylor	367-2250
Bill Stanley	653-8165

200 Yard Backstop Repair

Most likely by the time you are reading this newsletter the 200 yard backstop repairs have been completed. But just in case the repairs have not been completed, please check carefully before firing down range to ensure workers are not present.

Hunter Education

The next Hunter Education Class is scheduled for Friday, April 4th from 5:30 PM until 9:30 PM and Saturday, April 5th 8 AM until 4 PM. Attendance at both sessions is required to successfully complete the course. For more information contact Vaughn Nissley at 367-2444 or Bill Ansalvish at 653-8928 or register at <http://www.pgc.state.pa.us/>

Junior Small Bore Rifle

By the time you receive this newsletter, junior small bore rifle will be done for the year. Please standby for the tournament winner.

Junior rifle will began again on or about the third Saturday in January 2009. Participation is open for ages 11 through 20 at a cost of only \$5.00 per shooter for the entire season. Shooting begins at 8 AM each Saturday morning and lasts until approximately 11 AM. If you want additional information please contact Vaughn at 367-2444.

Outdoor 3D Archery Shoots

Outdoor 3D archery shoots will begin on April 12 & 13, 2008. These shoots will continue on 5/17 & 5/18, 6/14 & 6/15, 7/12 & 7/13, 8/9 & 8/10, 8/23 & 8/24, 9/6 & 9/7, and 9/20 & 9/21.

We set up a course with 30 animal targets, which include several shots from different elevated platforms. Three shooting positions are offered, youth, hunter, and advanced. Field points only, no broadheads. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for ages 12-16, and free for children under 12 with adult supervision.

Non-members are welcome and encouraged to take part. Registration begins at 7 AM and continues until 2 PM each day. Food is available. For more information call Mike at 653-9448, Bill at 653-8928, or Walt at 426-3139.

30 Caliber (Military Weapon) Shoots

The 2008 shoot dates are 4/13, 5/4, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, and 11/9. Any US Military Service Rifle with metallic sights and a magazine capable of not less than 5 rounds may be used. Those taking part need to be at the club by 8:30 AM to prepare targets and equipment. Shooting begins at 9AM and, depending upon the number of shooters, is usually finished about 2 PM. The fee is \$5.00 to cover the cost of targets. Club members may also purchase ammunition for \$20.00. Non-members are welcome to take part, but must bring their own ammunition. The club has weapons available for use. We only ask that you clean them when finished. For more information please contact Tom at 393-4214 or 394-7209 or Vaughn at 367-2444.

Basic Handgun and Home Firearm Safety Course

The club offers Basic Handgun and Home Firearm Safety Course when we have enough interested participants. This is a two-day course and offers both classroom instruction and practical training (shooting). If you have an interest in this course please contact Tom Brooks at 394-4214 or email at tomshomefront@aol.com

U.S. Army Ordinance Museum - Bus Trip

At press time, there were still three seats left on the bus. We have scheduled this trip for Saturday, April 19, 2008. The trip will depart the Mount Joy Sportsman's Club parking area at 8:30 AM. Transportation to U.S Army Ordinance Museum located at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland is via luxury motor coach. We have space for 31 people at a cost of \$35 each for transportation. Entrance to the museum is free of charge. You will need to pack a lunch. We will depart the museum at 4 PM for home. If interested please contact Tom Brooks at 393-4214 as soon as possible.

Trap Program

The trap program has begun and will continue through and including November 11, 2008. Trap Shooting is held each Tuesday evening (the only exceptions are election days) beginning at 6 PM and lasting until everyone has shot enough or 10 PM, whichever comes first! The cost is \$3.00 for 25 shots before dark and \$3.50 under the lights. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to take part. For more information contact Claude Steinmetz at 626-8614 or Irvin Saylor at 367-2250. Come on out and bring a friend.

Pistol Team

Steve Stoltzfus, Pistol Team Captain announced that although the scores are somewhat out of sorts due to some cancelled matches, the Blue and Gold Teams are both winning the William Penn Pistol league again this year. Matches are every Wednesday from September through April at 7 PM.

We practice every Monday @ 7 PM (except meeting Monday's then 6:30 PM) and every Sunday @ 10 AM. I hope to see a full line.

The team shoots .22 Cal pistols, one-hand hold at 50 feet. For any Mount Joy Sportsmen's Association members curious about the pistol team, I encourage you to contact me or just show up at practice and see what we're doing. Join a winning team!

For additional information see our web site:
<http://www.mountjoysportsmen.org/wppl/>

Or contact Steve at smstoltz@aol.com or (717) 951-3271 or Doug Ward at 653-9474.

Tree Sale

The Lancaster County Conservation District is conducting a tree sale on April 10 from 12 to 6 PM and April 11 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Trees can be picked up at the Farm Home Center in Lancaster. For more information call 299-5361 ext. 5 or visit www.lancasterconservation.org.

Important Web Sites

Mount Joy Sportsman Club

Events and dates will be updated on the Web
www.mountjoysportsmen.org

Cheaper Than Dirt

<http://www.cheaperthandirt.com/default.asp>

Bulls Eye Shooter Supply

<http://www.bullseyeshooter.com/>

Champions Choice

<http://www.champchoice.com>

National Rifle Association

<http://www.nra.org>

PA Federation of Sportsman's Clubs

<http://www.pfsc.org/>

2008 Club Officers

Your 2008 club officers are as follows;

President	Steve Stoltzfus	951-3271
Vice Pres	Bill Ansalvish	653-8928
Treasurer	Bill Stanley	653-8165
Recording Sec	Joe Borelli	653-2319
Financial Sec	Al Gillis	293-1051
Exec Officer	Vaughn Nissley	367-2444
Director	Walt Stoner	426-3139
Director	Brian Brubaker	653-8652
Director	Doug Ward	653-9474
Director	Tom Herron	464-5609
Director	Irvin Saylor	367-2250
Director	Earl Harry	684-8126

PA Federation of Sportsman Club News

*The 2008 PFSC Poster
and PWF Photo*



Contest Theme is "HIDDEN PENNSYLVANIA



*WILDLIFE!" For more info,
contact PFSC / PWF.*

We are always looking for additional people to attend the PFSC meeting and represent our club. The next meeting will be held at the Mill Creek Sportsmen's Association and is scheduled for June 5, 2008. If you are interested in attending, please contact Bill Ansalvish at 653-8928 or Walt Stoner at 426-3139.

2008 Lancaster County Youth Conservation School

The 2008 Lancaster County Youth

Conservation School camp is open to boys and girls 14 to 16 years of age. The goal of the school is to provide basic instruction in fish and game management, soil and water conservation, forestry, outdoor recreation and sportsmanship, and general environmental resource protection. During the week-long resident school, federal, state, and local conservation agency personnel provide instruction assisted by local sportsmen. The school is held at the Northern Lancaster County Game and Fish Protective Association located in West Cocalico Township, approximately ½ mile north of Route 897 on Forest Road. It will be held July 20-26, 2008.

The club sponsors two youth each year to attend this excellent camping experience and will be accepting nominations during April and May 2008. If your son or daughter is interested in attending this week-long resident outdoors camp, please contact Bill Ansalvish at 653-8928 or Steve Stoltzfus at 951-3271. For more information please contact the Lancaster County Conservation District at 299-5361 ext. 117 or visit

<http://www.lancasterconservation.org/youthconschool.php>. Applications may be picked up at the club house or via the link above.

Lehigh Valley Hunting & Fishing Extravaganza

The Lehigh Valley Hunting & Fishing Extravaganza will be held on June 20, 21, and 22, 2008 at the Kempton Fairgrounds in Kempton, PA. The main events are Mr. Lehigh Valley Outdoorsman competition, 50 target 3D Archery Course, 50 Target Sporting Clay Course, and a 3D Motion Archery Course. Admission is \$4 for adults, and \$1 for ages 8-12. Parking is free. This is a rain or shine event. For more information call 610-683-7405 or 610-398-7609 or visit www.lvhfe.com

Shooting Hygiene Guidelines

While shooting or cleaning your guns, you are exposed to airborne lead particulate, powder residue, solvents, and other chemicals. Although casual exposure to these elements is minimal compared to daily activities and exposures (such as exposure to household chemicals), you should still follow certain precautions.

Precautions such as the following should be followed;

- Refrain from eating, drinking, smoking, or placing your hands close to your mouth. Keep your hands away from your mouth, eyes, and nose to prevent ingestion of lead particulate, and chemical residues. This precaution includes refraining from applying lip balm, or makeup.
- Wash your hands and face. After shooting or cleaning a gun, wash your hands and face thoroughly with soap and *cold* water prior to eating, drinking, smoking, or otherwise placing your hands near your mouth, eyes, or nose. (Cold water shrinks the pores in the skin, thus reducing the chance of absorption.)
- Change and wash clothing. Change and wash clothing as soon as possible after shooting or cleaning a gun so that possible exposure to lead particulate or solvent residue may be minimized.

Open House Committee

The Annual Open House Committee is off and running. Katie Crowl has agreed to chair the committee and already has several prospective volunteers. She will hold the first official Open House Committee meeting on April 14, 2008, just before the next monthly club meeting, at 6:45 PM. She is asking for additional volunteers to help organize a bang up event that might include a chicken or pork bar-b-que, demos, etc. Please help Katie get this year's Annual Open House off to a great start by signing up for the planning committee. Please contact Katie at 587-5341 or k_e_gerhart@yahoo.com

Club Work Parties

There are two scheduled Club Work Parties.

The first party is scheduled for Thursday evening, April 3, 2008 from 6 to 8 PM. The purpose of this party is to give the club house a good cleaning prior to the Hunter Education Course. All are welcome to help.

The second work party is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 8 AM to 4 PM. The purpose of this work party is to spring clean the club grounds. Please plan on attending at least one of these work parties and show your support for the club.

Women in the Outdoors

A Women in the Outdoors event, sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation, will be held at the Milton Grove Sportsmen's Club, 731 Milton Grove Road North, Elizabethtown on June 14, 2008, from 8 AM to 5 PM. This event includes hands-on outdoor activities for women. You must pre-register for this event by contacting Judi Brosey at 892-3543 or broseyj@yahoo.com or Tammy Kauffman at 354-0457 or tkauffman@frontiernet.net

Lancaster County Sportsmen for Youth

A Lancaster County Sportsmen for Youth field day will be held at the Milton Grove Sportsmen's Club on June 7, 2008. The goal of this youth field day is to introduce young people to outdoor sports. The age limit is from 10 up to and including 15. The day will include at least thirteen different hands-on events, including instruction in trap shooting, rifle shooting, archery, muzzleloaders, fishing, fly casting, canoeing, trapping, turkey hunting, hunting dogs, outdoor safety/survival, conservation, and a fun run. All shooting events are performed with experienced one-on-one instruction. All youths must sign in at the club by 7:45 AM prior to participating in any events. All activities will be completed by 5:15 PM. Lunch will be provided for both youth and the adult accompanying the youth. An adult guide will accompany each group during the events. Adults are not permitted to participate in the activities. This is a rain or shine event. There are no charges for any activity, food, or beverage. Pre-register early, as they will only accept 200 youth. To register, please use the application in this newsletter or contact Vice-President Terry Fitzwater at 367-4790.



Lancaster County Sportsmen For Youth

P.O. Box 44, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022-0044

LANCASTER COUNTY SPORTSMEN FOR YOUTH

YOUTH FIELD DAY REGISTRATION AND

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY FORM

Youth must be age 10 and no older than age 15 by the day of the event, June 7, 2008.

The following form is to be completed by the parents or guardian of the youth who will be participating in the Youth Field Day, held at the Milton Grove Sportsmen's Club and Big Chiques Bowmen on Saturday, June 7, 2008.

Youth's Name _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Date of Birth _____ T-shirt Size (men's sizes only) M L XL

Parent's Name _____ Home Phone _____

Parent's Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

I/We, the undersigned parent or guardian, do hereby permit my/our child to participate in the various activities offered by the Lancaster County Sportsmen for Youth at the Youth Field Day event, held at the Milton Grove Sportsmen's Club and Big Chiques Bowmen on June 7, 2008 at his/her own risk.

I/We, the undersigned parent or guardian, do hereby release the Lancaster County Sportsmen for Youth, the Milton Grove Sportsmen's Club and Big Chiques Bowmen, the sponsors and staff members of the Youth Field Day event from any liability due to any accident or injury incurred during the day's activities.

(signature of parent or guardian required)

(date)

MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE BY MAY 31, 2008

HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED A YOUTH FIELD DAY BEFORE?

Yes / No

- New Member
 Renewal
 \$50.00 One-Time, Indoor Range Fee *(optional)*

Mount Joy Sportsmen's Association, Inc.
Membership Application

Membership Renewals-Complete Application ONLY for address change

Last Name	<input type="text"/>	Date Joined	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>	Endorsed By	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>	NRA Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
City	<input type="text"/>	Interest Pistol	<input type="checkbox"/>
State	<input type="text"/>	Interest Rifle	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zip	<input type="text"/>	Interest Archery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>	Interest Trap	<input type="checkbox"/>
E-Mail Address	<input type="text"/>	Interest Other	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>	Spouse Name	<input type="text"/>
Driver or NPA ID	<input type="text"/>	Spouse Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>

Membership Type
Circle One, Two if buying life

FAMILY - \$50.00
INDIVIDUAL - \$35.00
LIFE - INDIVIDUAL \$350.00
FAMILY \$500.00
New Individual Member \$15 Initiation fee

MUST BE APPROVED AT MEETING.

MUST HAVE ORIENTATION,
 either at Monthly meeting --
 Second Monday - 7:30 p.m. or
 Call 653-1648 to make arrangements

Family Member's Name
 (Spouse & children 18 and under, living at home)

Date of Birth

Membership Renewals-Complete Application ONLY for address change

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30 Caliber Shoot Dates

2/10	7/13
3/9	8/10
4/13	9/14
5/4	10/12
6/8	11/9

Clip and Save

Outdoor 3D Archery Dates

4/12 & 4/13	5/17 & 5/18
6/14 & 6/15	7/12 & 7/13
8/9 & 8/10	8/23 & 8/24
9/6 & 9/7	9/20 & 9/21

Know what you are aiming at and be sure of the background, before squeezing the trigger

Do Not Use Jacketed Ammo Anywhere Indoors