



West Shore Sportsmen's Association, Inc.

Newsletter

Special Points of Interest:

- Elections in November!!!

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Message from the President

Fall is upon us, hunting season has begun and this is a busy time for us at West Shore. October is Officer nominations, November is the election, and membership renewals become due. Please see the article inside discussing this fall's renewals and the new electronic gate and card reader system. Also, see the article about where we've spend your dues this year.

We still see record numbers in membership. When I speak with Jane Byerly, Grover Herr, and Phil Dodson—three Board Members who have served us for many decades—they report never seeing membership numbers this high. Apparently we're doing something

right. With these increased numbers we have an even greater need for upkeep and maintenance. We produce more trash, and target stands need to be replaced more often. Our club dues are only a portion of what it takes for us to keep this place in good shape; we need volunteers to come out on work day to help repair damage, do upkeep, and clean the lead from the pit on the Indoor Range.

If you'd like to volunteer or can help further the good of the Club through volunteer work, talk to one of the Board Members. Or come talk with me personally. I'm out at the clubhouse nearly every Thursday night; stop out and have a cup of coffee with me and let's find out what you want to do to improve our Club. We are a volunteer Association and always have basic upkeep and other work that needs done. It is only through all your efforts that WSSA can continue to be the premier shooting Club in Central PA.

Warmest Regards,
Ken O'Donnell
WSSA President



WSSA Club House

Association Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

564 Ridge Road, Fairview Township, York County, Pennsylvania

Mailing Address: PO Box 219, Lewisberry, PA 17339

717-932-2780

10 outdoor, live fire ranges — Hours 8:00 a.m. to Sunset.

Ranges include: 1 trap house, 1 archery range, and 2 shoot houses

Indoor range — Hours 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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WSSA Officers and Board of Directors

President	Ken O'Donnell	938-3445
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Committee and Club Chairpersons

Building & Grounds	Phil Dodson
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Archery	Mark Hubbard
SIGHTS/IDPA	Hersh Gooden
ASTA/NTI	Hersh Gooden
Cowboy	Randy Smith
Trap	Steve Mahoney
Work Coordinator	Vacant
Range Rules Committee	Andy Fitzgerald
Newsletter	Ken O'Donnell
CMP	Tim Shuman
Range Committee	Skip Gochenour
Special Use Committee	J.D. Burns
NRA Recruiter	Vacant

nrarecruiter@westshoresportsmen.org

Member and Visitor Conduct

Unsportsmanlike Conduct and Unsafe Behavior. If you see a member or visitor behaving in ways that are unsafe or destroy property, please address it **right away**. Our new By-Laws enable any member to remind another to respect the bonds of our voluntary Association. If that individual is undeterred or is unreceptive to your request to cease such behavior, notify a Board Member immediately. If you cannot identify the person, get a license plate number and the Board will pursue the matter with Fairview Township Police.

In an effort to save costs, our newsletter will no longer be mailed out to the membership.

It costs WSSA roughly \$1,200 each quarter to print, assemble, and postage for a newsletter mailing. Mailing the newsletter ranks up at the top 3 of the club's annual expenses, with the other two being property taxes and the insurance.

We will print a limited amount of newsletters to have available at the clubhouse. We will post the newsletter on the website each quarter.

Smith Landscape Construction, LLC
Randy Smith **717-774-6606**
113 Airport Road, New Cumberland, PA
www.smithlandscape.com

We're on the WEB! www.westshoresportsmen.org

Please check us out.... New and important Club updates are posted on-line

Officer Nominations in October, Elections in November

Fall's coming, and along with a new hunting season we have WSSA Officer and Director elections. In September's meeting the Nominating Committee's report was heard. Nominations will take place in October's meeting, and in November we will vote on those nominees for their respective offices.

The Assistant Recording Secretary's position has no nominees for 2010. If you'd like to be considered for an Officer or Director position at WSSA, please let the Nominating Committee or the Secretary, Susie Gochenour know. Alternatively, you can announce your intentions in October's meeting.

All votes for Officers and Directors are done by ballot, and must be cast in person

in November's meeting. There will be a brief period of open nominations before we vote in November. If you are intending to run for office, please show up early to ensure we can get your name on the ballot. Remember that the monthly meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

Every Board Member position comes up for vote annually, and any member in good standing can be nominated for election.

This is your club. WSSA is always looking for those with the enthusiasm and passion for WSSA to help lead the organization. So if you have an interest in a position please don't hesitate in running.

Reminder:

ALL OUTDOOR RANGES are CLOSED the first two days of deer rifle season - November 30th and December 1st

Please call Grover Herr if you plan on hunting the property this year so we can keep track of who's where.

WSSA Sponsored Clubs and Events

Archery

The archery lane has been moved to the old Trap Range location.

We also have a new Archery coordinator. Mark Hubbard has asked that anyone interested in 3-D shoots, or other organized competitions, to contact him. We'd like to find all those archery shooters in our ranks and see what sorts of things you'd like to do at WSSA.

Contact Mark at 215-9991

SIGHTS Practical Shooters

WSSA's IDPA Chapter.

Matches are the first Sunday of each month. Practices are every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Contact Hersh Gooden @ 367-8936 to get started in competition. New participants wishing to compete in a match need to arrange to shoot a classifier.

Visit www.idpa.com to find out what handguns and equipment are approved for competition.

West Shore Posse

WSSA's Chapter of the Single Action Shooting Society. If you enjoy period firearms, and want to get involved shooting them competitively, SASS is the place for you.

Matches are the second Sunday of every month, March through November, sign up from 8 - 9:20 a.m. You can contact Randy Smith at 774-6606 for further information about matches at WSSA.

ATSA – NTI Study Group

WSSA has served as the home of the annual National Tactical Invitational event since its inception in early 1991. The NTI Team members that run the event meet monthly at the Club for lecture topics and practices. We invite other WSSA members to join us. The NTI Study Group meets to develop interpersonal skills useful for conflict resolution, and prepares men to resolve dynamic violent confrontations when the only option left is force.

The annual NTI match is the week of Memorial Day. The Study Group meets every third Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Contact Hersh Gooden @ 367-8936 for more information. ATSA will require all Study Day participants be WSSA members.

Trap Practice

The new Trap Range is complete. For years Trap shooters would meet the mornings of the first and third Sundays to shoot together. Now that the range is done, we'd like to see that activity resume.

Due to Jack Deitz' passing, we have an interim chairing the Trap Club. Please contact Steve Mahoney if you are interested in representing the group, or shooting Trap on those "every other Sundays".

Civilian Marksmanship Program**Senior Military Rifle**

The CMP/NRA High Power rifle matches are held the last Sunday of each month from 9 a.m. to Noon. Any, domestic or foreign, military rifle is acceptable. Cost is \$15/match and includes the CMP/NRA shooter classification fee. Contact: Tim Shuman @ Home: 717.292.3302; Cell: 717.968.4278; or E-mail: finnwolf308@comcast.net for more specific information.

Junior Air Rifle

The NRA Junior Air Rifle team is looking for Junior's, age 12 to 18, who are interested in learning to shoot air rifle competitively. We would be shooting weekly in the evenings at the club's Indoor Range. We need a minimum of 4-5 junior's for a team. If you have a son or daughter interested in such an activity, contact Tim Shuman.

<h2>Training Schools and Activities at West Shore</h2>
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Firearms Research & Instruction

Steve Silverman, Instructor and Owner.

717-764-1399

www.f-r-i.com

West Shore's resident professional firearms instructor. Entry to expert level pistol, rifle and shotgun courses. Force on Force/ Simunitions training. Steve is also an NTI Team member and regularly attends the monthly NTI Study Group.

Rangemaster Training Center

Tom Givens, Instructor and Owner.

901-370-5600

www.rangemaster.com

Annually makes the trip up from his training academy in Memphis, TN to offer his two day pistol course designed especially for citizens who choose to walk about society armed. Tom and his instructors attend the NTI and are valued friends of the Team.

Club Member Ray Waite of Villari's Self Defense in Mechanicsburg is offering **one free month of tuition at his martial arts dojo** for any current WSSA member in good standing..

Call him at 975-2111 and tell him you are a member of WSSA to take advantage of this offer.

InSights Training Center

Greg Hamilton, Instructor and Owner.

425-827-2552

www.insightstraining.com

Entry to advance level pistol, rifle and shotgun courses. Specialized courses include Unarmed Self Defense, Defensive Folding Knife, and Handgun Retention. Many of InSight's instructors are multiple attendees of the NTI and regarded as honored colleagues.

West Shore Recreation Commission

Contact the West Shore Rec. Comm. to sign up. www.wsrec.org

Phone - 920-9515; E-mail - wsrec@wsrec.org

BASIC HANDGUN MARKSMANSHIP & SAFETY

Instructor: Tom Olson from Classic Firearms

The Rec. Commission organizes basic firearms classes for the residents of West Shore. Men and women age 21 and older will learn about firearms safety, basic marksmanship and range rules. A period of classroom instruction is followed by training on the range. Students must bring: handgun with at least 2 magazines, 200 rounds of ammunition and ear and eye protection. Cost is \$16 for residents, \$20 for non-residents.

New Electronic Gate and Card Reader System at the Club

This Fall WSSA will have an electronic gate and card reader system installed on the doors to the clubhouse and the Indoor Range. The Board has talked about putting this system in place for nearly a decade. This year we are finally able to do it! This system will help ensure that the only people on our property are those with a legitimate reason to be here, and hopefully discourage some of the damage we see from time to time. It will also be a great convenience.

To help defray a portion of the cost, we are requiring a **one time** \$5.00 deposit for each member (except our Life Members) when we renew this year for the HID cards. Family memberships may request one additional card, but it is not required. Families get two. If you decide to no longer be a member, and you return your HID card, your deposit will be returned to you.

We will continue using our current combination locks and manual gate until December 31st.

For those who send renewals in early, you should see your HID cards begin arriving in the mail in mid-November. This is the only ID card we will have, and it will be yours for the entire duration of your membership at WSSA. **Keep it safe.** If you lose it, you will need to submit another \$5.00 deposit for a replacement. If you lose it while on club property, you will be unable to get out by yourself.

We will switch over to the new electronic gate system January 1st.

Continue to use the current combination until December 31st.

Your new cards will be mailed sometime in mid-November. Do Not Lose your new HID card.

How are we Spending Your Dues?

This summer we rebuilt the steel plates racks on Range #5. Donny Roth of DRI Machine Shop in Hanover rebuilt them using the armored steel we acquired last winter. Cost was roughly \$2,000.

We're spending money to install swinging steel plates on Range #1 this fall, and improve the Rifle Range with a new berm and an elevated target hanging system at the 100 yard line.

We're spending roughly \$26,000 on the new electronic gate and card reader system. We've needed a better access control process once the membership grew beyond the point where we all knew each other by sight. We'll finally have it by 2010.

First Aid Supplies on the Ranges



Emergency first aid supplies are on Range #1, #5, and the Rifle Range. They are in ammo cans painted white with red crosses on them.

These supplies only contain battle type dressings, sterile gloves, and CPR masks. They **do not** have band-aids, aspirin, or other non-emergency type supplies.

These supplies are placed around the ranges in case of an immediate medical emergency. If you or someone nearby on the range is injured, and needs urgent care to treat a serious wound, break the seal on the can and use them to perform whatever aid you are comfortable providing while waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

Visitor policy at WSSA

Temporary Membership. This is WSSA's "visitor's pass". This applies to non-members present for matches, training classes or activities, and Trial Visits. Any person on Association property who is not a current WSSA member (of any type- Adult, Senior, Family, Junior, Guest, or Honorary) and present for "sporting use" must apply for Temporary Membership. This "pass" is good for only one day; the fee is \$1.00 (One Dollar). There is no initiation fee, and this category carries no vote in Club business. Forms are available in the Clubhouse by the front door, and it will be up to that visitor's sponsor to ensure they are completed and dropped in the drop box with the fee. A Temporary Member must accompany his/her sponsor(s) during the visit.

Trial Visit. If the purpose for the visit to WSSA is not for: a match, class, police qualification, or some other WSSA sponsored activity, the visit is considered a Trial Visit. Individuals are permitted three (3) total Trial Visits in a lifetime. After those three visits they must join under one of the Regular Membership categories, otherwise they may only return to participate in a WSSA sponsored activity. Unless your activity is on the calendar, or the Board has otherwise determined your activity is a sponsored event, the activity does not qualify as an Association Sponsored Event and any visit is considered a Trial Visit.

Temporary Membership extended for the purposes of WSSA sponsored activities (matches, classes, police qualifications) has no limit on visits, but the "pass" is only valid for the duration and the specific purposes of that activity. Match organizers and Class/ Training Instructors are empowered to sponsor in those participants. Match/Class rosters, the completed forms, and the \$1 fees shall be turned over either at a Board meeting, or may be bundled together and left in the drop box by the door.

Individuals not present for a "sporting use" (spectators, non-firing classroom only activities, walk-thru club tours) are not required to complete this paperwork. Members found bringing persons onto the property to use the ranges without following this policy risk losing their membership. Association Sponsored Clubs found not enforcing this policy risk losing WSSA sponsorship.

Where's the Club's Calendar?

A Temporary Membership is WSSA's "visitor pass."

We've become so busy at West Shore that our calendar can literally change every couple of weeks. By the time our newsletter goes out, we get calls from police departments and private trainers to schedule classes and events at the club. This has made printing a quarterly calendar for inclusion in the newsletter obsolete.

Temporary Membership forms are available just inside the front door of the clubhouse.

In light of this, please check WSSA's website for the most current club calendar of events. We'll post the changes to the club calendar on the website as they occur.

Would you like a WSSA shirt?

A few of the long-time members still wear their WSSA shirts from orders placed over 10 years ago. Would you like one?

We've contacted a local supplier and arranged to order short-sleeved polo shirts with our WSSA logo on them. We're also ordering hats, and ID card holders. The shirts and hats will come in khaki.

Costs - Shirts \$25.00; Hats \$12.00; ID card holders \$4.00

Please visit WSSA's website for order forms.

Hunter's Education Course at WSSA

We've gotten lost of calls for Hunter's Education courses this Fall. Unfortunately we won't have another until next year.

The next Hunter's Education course scheduled for WSSA is March 12 & 13, 2010. Any person that would like to begin hunting in Pennsylvania needs to have successfully passed a Hunter's Ed course to get a license. This class fills up very quickly; this year's courses maxed out months ahead of time.

Contact Grover Herr to sign up. 938-1910.

Rifle Range shooting activities, work kicking off in the next few weeks

If you've visited the club this summer you may have noticed new signs have been posted on the rifle range. We have a problem with ricochets leaving club property when the rounds impact the gentle sloping ground at the rifle range. **All rounds** need to impact either the **100 yard berm**, or the **hanging steel plates** at the 150 and 200 yard lines.

If you need to sight in at short distances, such as sighting in a new scope, you may place your target at the 50 yard line caution sign. Ask any shooters on the line to cease fire, step up forward of the shooting benches to a closer distance and sight in your rifle. Construction work on the rifle range will begin very shortly, and we hope to have it done by mid-November. Please bear with us.

How does WSSA measure up to other clubs in the area? The President weighs in on how he sees the three county region.

We're all very fortunate to live in a state with such strong protections of hard-earned, hard-won gun rights. My family immigrated from Ireland to settle in a small area north of Pittsburgh. As the steel industry dried up, many of my aunts and uncles sought out better opportunities as far away as Texas and California.

I grew up in Maryland, and after a tour in the Marines I moved around a bit before setting down my roots in Central Pennsylvania. So I chose to be here.

My childhood home in Frederick County is about the same size but more densely populated than York County. Yet it has only 3 ranges. York County has over a dozen. One evening I sat down and began to list all the ranges that were within a 45 minute's drive from my house. I stopped counting after I hit 20.

It's no accident that George Washington formed the 1st Pennsylvania Regiment with volunteers from this very area, the same counties WSSA serves today. Pennsylvania's rich heritage and history of shooting still define many of our attitudes today.

We live in an area that affords us so many options in gun clubs. Not all Pennsylvanians enjoy what we have, and unless you've lived outside our area, you might find yourself taking what we have for granted.

So, how does WSSA measure up to other clubs in the area? I happen to think we're one of the best clubs in Central PA, and our liberal range rules and facilities are rare even throughout the entire Eastern Coast.

When we look at our little corner of Central Pennsylvania, certain clubs stand out. I try to keep myself current on the big clubs around us.

Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers is one of the most prominent clubs on the East Shore. They have roughly the same size in membership, and roughly the same amount of ranges we do. They're facing some serious challenges with urban sprawl as well, and their dues reflect the costs it's taking them to deal with it. Adult memberships run \$110 to join, and families are \$185. Renewals are \$75 and \$155, respectively.

The Izaak Walton League of York is another large club in York County, larger than ours. They offer a great nature setting, an active kids program, lots of fishing opportunities, and nice range facilities. They do a great deal to educate the next generation of what it means to be a good sportsman. Their dues run \$126 for individuals, \$164.50 for families. Renewals are \$76.00 and \$94.50, respectively.

Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association is probably the most active and largest club this side of Cumberland County. They have an awesome sportsman program, stocking game

and leading the way in conservation. They have very nice range facilities as well. They are also installing an electronic gate and card reader system similar to ours. Their dues are closest to WSSA's. Adult memberships run \$50, Families are \$85.00, with a \$15.00 initiation fee.

I just wanted to give you all a glimpse into what I see, and how I try to keep us competitive with other clubs in the area. But that **doesn't** mean this is a competition. I happen to think that variety is a good thing. A gun club can't be all things to all people. Each club has its own unique personality, and caters to specific shooting disciplines. I personally hold membership in two other clubs besides WSSA. I have no reservations referring a prospective member to a club other than ours if I know another club offers what he wants.

After all, the last thing I want is a member unsatisfied with WSSA and telling others not to join. Say a member was an avid trap shooter, looking for a league to join. We have a trap range, but trap shoots aren't a regular event at WSSA. He won't tell others the handgun facilities are unparalleled, but we really didn't offer what he wanted. He'll complain about the lack of trap shooting. I'd rather see that member join the club right for him.

We've seen incredible growth this year. Frankly, its making the job of long-term budgeting very challenging. But considering today's economy, we're in one of the few growth industries, so I won't complain.



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WSSA extends a special thanks to Chief Bernie Dugan and the Officers of Fairview Township Police Department. Chief Dugan and his Officers service our area.

Please respect our Range rules concerning shooting hours and the speed limit along the drive. Our neighbors have been instructed to call the Police to report after-hours shooting. Please remember to use our Club responsibly and to perform your rapid fire activities with discretion. Any problems we cause hurt not only our image with our neighbors, but also strains the support and respect we enjoy from Chief Dugan and his Officers.

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