

Orangerville Sportsmen's Club

Pond Progress

This summer was a hot one, and the Club unfortunately lost quite a few fish as a result. This Fall the pond is in the process of a much-needed, major overhaul to better support the natural habitat and fish population. The pond is now drained, and work continues to clean out and deepen the bottom. Drain swales and tile will also be installed in the pond and driveway area to help with water runoff.

If the schedule goes as planned, the pond will be completed and the fish returned to a new and improved home by the spring fishing season. Bring your pole and try your luck by the pond!

PFSC

The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs (PFSC) works to pass legislation that will help relieve the burdens that sportsmen's clubs are facing. The agency benefits more than just the hunters, trappers and anglers, but helps with programs to benefit all Pennsylvanians. They have lobbied to protect state game lands, create mentor youth hunting, lower mercury emissions, monitor chronic waste disease, and protect local waterways. We have supported the PFSC in these fights by renewing our membership each year. As the PFSC faces increased costs, they have raised their dues for 2011. To help offset this extra cost and continue to fight for Pennsylvania sportsmen, we are raising our annual dues by \$1 per member.

Groundhog Hunt

Will Robert Keefer, 2010's winner of the mounted groundhog, pass it on or keep it for another year? Robert beat out 23 other hunters with a winning 12lb, 1.5oz groundhog.

We would love to see you at the next groundhog hunt scheduled for June 3rd & 4th, 2011. The cost for the two-day event is \$10. Applications are available at Hess Do-It Center beginning April 2011 or by calling Leon Fish at 683-6630.

Mark your calendars for 2011's hunt and try to win the heaviest groundhog!

Youth Field Day

This year we introduced 46 young people to popular outdoor activities. The day included a good variety of events—archery, black powder, fly fishing, shotgun, .22 rifles, trapping, and wildlife identification. Good weather, food, prizes, and free T's and caps all made for a fun and educational day. By lowering the minimum age to 8, we were able to catch the interest of a larger group and accommodate more participants from the same family. Many thanks to all who made the 9th annual event possible. A special thank you to Hess Market & Do-It Center, Greg Masich & Curt's Gun Shop for sponsoring the event!

Black Powder

In 2010 the Sportsmen's Club offered Black Powder shoots. Most shoots cost no more than \$10 and the participant can shoot as many targets as desired for the best score. The shoots are informal, helpful, and offer interesting paper targets.

Also of interest to those who are just getting into black powder shooting, or for those whose eyes are not what they used to be, classes are forming to hone your skills in this sport.

Many thanks to Tom Sudol, who organizes and runs the shoots. Come try out a black powder shoot—and bring a friend!

Rifle Range

The rifle range was improved this summer in many ways. Tress and brush have been cleared around the bench rest area and along the left side of the range to create wider visibility. The frames have been repaired or replaced and painted florescent orange so the shooter is aware of the frame structure behind the target backer boards. Signs were posted at each yardage advising the shooters not to hang their targets on the orange lines. This work will greatly extend the life of the range structures. Also for the future, the Club is exploring the use of backer boards constructed from rubberized roofing material, which the PA Game Commission is currently using.

New at the Club

- Test out your bow on the new archery 3-D targets.
- Visit the rebuilt & restocked pond this Spring/Summer.
- Watch for our new & improved website coming early 2011.

Early Bird Expo

January 27-30

The Sportsmen's Club will again be offering free BB Gun shooting for all kids who stop to see us at the Expo. We will draw the winners of the raffle that benefits our Fishing Derby and Youth Field Day on Sunday afternoon. This event would not be possible without the volunteers that help year after year. Thank you!

Trap Range

2010 has been a good year at the trap range. The Thursday league had a record number of shooters - with 27 shooters to begin the season and finishing with 24. The 5-stand shoots were also well attended, despite the uncooperative weather this year. The wobble league continues with 18 shooters attending.

A good number of shooters are new this year, which is encouraging. If we haven't seen you yet, please come out and join!

Help!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with events this year. Please consider helping your Club and include your e-mail on the membership form. We would love to see new faces!

Volunteers are desperately needed for all events!

Orangeville Sportsmen's Club Activities - 2011

March 6	9:00 AM	Hunter Clay Shoot *
March 13	9:00 AM	Muzzle Loader Shoot
March 20	10:00 AM	50 Target Lewis Shoot
March 24	6:00 PM	Ham Card Shoot
March 31	6:00 PM	Ham Card Shoot
April 10	9:00 AM	Muzzle Loader Shoot
May 1 (pending)	12:00 noon	Kids Fishing Derby
June 3 & 4		Ground Hog Hunt
June 30	5:30 PM	5-Stand Shoot
July 17	9:00 AM	Muzzle Loader Shoot
July 17	10:00 AM	50 Target Lewis Shoot
July 28	5:30 PM	5-Stand Shoot
August 7	10:00 AM	Club Championship Shoot
August 7	4:00 PM	Club picnic
August 14	10:00 AM	5-Stand/Wobble Lewis Shoot
August 20	8:00 AM	Youth Field Day
August 25	5:30 PM	5-Stand Shoot
September 11	9:00 AM	Muzzle Loader Shoot
September 29	5:30 PM	5-Stand Shoot
October 9	9:00 AM	Hunter Clay Shoot *
October 16	10:00 AM	Meat Trap Shoot
October 27	6:00 PM	Meat Card Shoot
November 3, 10 & 17	6:00 PM	Meat Card Shoot
November 6	9:00 AM	Muzzle Loader Shoot
December 15 & 22	6:00 PM	Meat Card Shoot

Archery shoots will be scheduled at a later date.

Trap range is open Sundays 12:00pm year round. From April until December the range is open Thursdays starting at 6:00pm and Wednesday mornings starting at 9:30am.

* work day to be held the day before these events

check out events & more at our new website coming 2011!

Cut along dotted line, fill out form & return with payment

I can help with the following events:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> B.B. Gun Range | <input type="checkbox"/> Groundhog Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery Shoots | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sporting Clay/Event Shoots | <input type="checkbox"/> Workdays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Card Shoots | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Field Day |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Derby |

Check if new address/phone/e-mail

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail—help us save on postage costs & include your e-mail!

\$31 DUES & TICKET MONEY

PAYABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Return this completed portion along with dues & ticket money to:

Orangeville Sportsmen's Club
Po Box 183
Orangeville PA 17859

We also ask all life members to help pay their share of the liability insurance with a \$6 donation. All members are asked to support our annual raffle by purchasing the enclosed tickets. If you need more tickets, please contact any director.

Any member paying after March 1, 2011, will be considered delinquent and required to pay a \$41 fee to rejoin. The club has a membership cap of 500 members, which we are rapidly approaching. If your membership lapses, you may be forced into a waiting period to rejoin.