

# Orangeriville Sportsmen's Club

## Reminder

You **MUST** be a member to use the rifle range, fish in the pond, hunt on the grounds, and enjoy any of the Club's facilities. **ONLY** junior hunters are allowed as guests. These rules are strictly enforced and punishable according to Club by-laws. As a member, please be sure you follow Club rules and regulations.

## Early Bird Expo January 26-29

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!

## Youth Field Day

This year we hosted a record 59 young people and introduced them to popular outdoor activities. The day included a good variety of events—archery, bass fishing, fly fishing, shotgun, .22 rifles, trapping, staged turkey shooting and wildlife identification. Good weather, food, prizes, and free T's and caps all made for a fun and educational day. Many thanks to all who made the 10th annual event possible. A special thank you to Hess Market & Do-It Center, Greg Masich, the National Wild Turkey Federation & Curt's Gun Shop for sponsoring the event!

## Pond Progress

The pond received a much-needed, major overhaul to better support the natural habitat and fish population. The pond was drained and cleaned to deepen the bottom. Drain swales and tile were installed and will also be added in the driveway to help with water runoff.

The pond was restocked with our bluegill and bass and 200 seasonal trout were added.

With all the work done and the pond restocked, the Club was able to host 17 Veterans from the Wilkes-Barre VA Hospital for a day of fishing and picnicking. Children also enjoyed the new pond, catching 100 trout at the annual Kid's Fishing Derby in May.

During the warm summer months, the Club started a catch-and-keep program of three trout per member. If you haven't tried your luck in the new pond, bring your pole and enjoy!

## Club Pig Roast

Back by popular demand! The Club picnic will return to the traditional pig/corn roast on Saturday, August 4th at 4pm. Please contact Leon Fish and the picnic committee for suggestions or to volunteer. Come join your fellow members for a day of fun and great food!

## Groundhog Hunt

Will John Dildine, 2011's winner of the mounted groundhog, pass it on or keep it for another year? John's 10lb, 10oz winning groundhog beat out 44 other groundhogs shot.

We would love to see you at the next groundhog hunt scheduled for June 1st and 2nd, 2012. The cost for the two-day event is \$10. Applications are available at Hess Do-It Center beginning April, on the website or by calling Leon Fish at 683-6630. Mark your calendars for 2012's hunt and try to win the heaviest groundhog!

## Black Powder

In 2011 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.

Come try out a black powder shoot—and bring a friend!

## Website

The new and improved Club website offers easy downloads of applications for membership, Youth Field Day, and Groundhog Day. The annual schedule is posted on the website as well as any new events scheduled throughout the year. A contact link is available for easy e-mail access to the Club. Don't forget to use the website to keep updated on current Club events!

## New at the Club

- Fly-tying classes hosted by Dick Bennett are scheduled from 6 to 8pm on Thursdays beginning January thru April.
- Have you checked out the new website?

## Trap Range

The summer trap league was successful again this year with 21 members, down a little from the past 2 years. The increasing cost of reloading materials and the high price of gas has hurt turnouts. Another large factor this year more than any year in memory has been the weather. Rain completely washed out the first hunter's clay in March and rained on 3 of our 4 five-stand shoots, holding down numbers. A few specialty Lewis class shoots were added to increase income but 2 out of the 3 were affected by rain. Good luck and better weather at the end of the event year helped with the last hunter's clay and the meat trap shoots. In 2012 we are trying additional types of clay shoots to help keep the trap range and Club going strong in the coming years. Come join us and shoot some clays!

## Rifle Range

New backer boards were constructed at the rifle range and are holding up very well. The backers are made from rubberized roofing material, which the PA Game Commission is currently using.

## 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 - 2012

March 4	9:00 AM	Hunter Clay Shoot *
March 11	9:00 AM	Muzzle Loader Shoot
March 18	11:00 AM	50 Target Lewis Shoot
March 22	6:00 PM	Ham Card Shoot
March 29	6:00 PM	Ham Card Shoot
April 1	9:00 AM	Muzzle Loader Shoot
May 6	12:00 noon	Kids Fishing Derby
June 1 & 2		Ground Hog Hunt
June 3	9:00 AM	Muzzle Loader Shoot
June 28	5:30 PM	5-Stand Shoot
July 15	11:00 AM	50 Target Lewis Shoot
July 26	5:30 PM	5-Stand Shoot
August 5	10:00 AM	Club Championship Shoot
August 4	4:00 PM	Club picnic
August 14	11:00 AM	5-Stand/Wobble Lewis Shoot
August 18	8:00 AM	Youth Field Day
August 30	5:30 PM	5-Stand Shoot
September 16	9:00 AM	Muzzle Loader Shoot
September 27	5:30 PM	5-Stand Shoot
October 7	9:00 AM	Muzzle Loader Shoot
October 25	6:00 PM	Meat Card Shoot
November 1, 8 & 15	6:00 PM	Meat Card Shoot
November 4	9:00 AM	Muzzle Loader Shoot
December 13 & 20	6:00 PM	Meat Card Shoot

Archery shoots will be scheduled at a later date.

Check the website for additional shoots scheduled during the year!

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 [www.orangevillesportsmensclub.org](http://www.orangevillesportsmensclub.org)

**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!**

**\$35 DUES PAYABLE IMMEDIATELY  
TICKET MONEY DUE ASAP**

*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 \$10 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, 2012, will be considered delinquent and required to pay a \$45 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.*