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Fall/Winter 2024

From the Desk of the President Kenneth Sloat

By now archery season should be about over and firearm deer season will be upon us in no time. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable trip out to the Pennsylvania woods in search of game or peace and tranquility. It was another warm season for archery and the rut, it seemed to me, was later. The one big deer we were looking forward to hunting this year ended up being hit up the road a week or two before the season started. We had some smaller bucks, but he was a bruiser. Such is life. I did end up taking the .22 out for squirrel more this year than I had in the previous 30 years. I didn't realize how I missed the slow pace and the quiet of the woods. I managed to harvest a few squirrels but missed plenty more. I then stumbled upon a .410 hinge action at an auction and since I've never owned a .410, I figured I'd pick it up. It was a reasonable price for an H&R and I'm now the new owner. Two days later with some shot shells it's back out in the woods harvesting squirrels again. Take time to enjoy the beauty around you and the fall colors, for the dulls of winter are soon to be knocking at our doors.

April Gun Raffle tickets are now available for sale, please contact Mike Ulrich @717-577-4465. Mike will also be at the club house every Sunday in December and January from 10am-1pm, the December, January and February meetings and at the New Year's Event. All tickets sold or unsold must be returned to Mike no later than March 2.

Thank you,
Kenneth Sloat, President

Membership Committee Tracy Roberts, Chairman

It is that time of year again for membership renewals. Your dues are \$75 for regular members and \$10 for life members and collection will begin on December 1, 2024 and runs thru January 31, 2025. You have 2 options for renewing your membership, you can mail your dues to the P.O. Box (please remember to either include a self-addressed stamp envelope or an extra \$1 to cover postage), or you can pay in person at one of the dates and times listed. If paying in person please bring your access card so we can verify your information is correct.

I will be at the club on meeting nights in December and January from 6pm-7:30pm (dues will not be collected during the meeting). I will also be at the club on Sundays from 10am-1pm (I will leave promptly at 1) in December and January. I will also be at the club on New Year's Day from 9am-2pm.

As always, please remember to keep your information current and provide us with an email address so that we can send correspondence out regularly to keep you updated on things happening at the club.

Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday Season!!!!

Tracy Roberts
Membership Secretary
717-825-3816

All membership dues can be mailed to:
Starview Sportsmen's Association
P.O. Box 35
Manchester, PA 17345

Environmental Committee Todd Forry, Chairman

Despite the very dry and then very wet mowing season, the club fared well with all mowers working throughout the year. I appreciate the help from the mowers to keep the grounds manageable. Work detail was well attended, about 25, but most of the people already had an agenda for work to complete. Only one person was available to work on the firewood situation in the parking lot and restacking the old wood and new wood in the storage area. Needless to say, he was one of our older members. We really could have used more energetic younger help in that area. Keep that in mind for the spring work detail. The new JD tractor was a huge blessing this year and made mowing the fields and food plot work much easier.

Sporting Clays Committee Larry & Beverly Flinchbaugh, Chairmen

Sporting Clays is going well BUT it could be better with help from more members. This is one activity that happens almost every Sunday that adds to the club's bank account. As with many of the committees at the club, we are in need of help on Sundays. You do not work every Sunday that we are open but instead be set up on a team that volunteers every couple of Sundays. The more people we have helping out, the fewer Sundays you would need to volunteer. Please stop by any Sunday to talk with our current committee and see the operation in action or let Larry or Beverly know that you are interested (717-873-7783 or 717-873-1030). You'll find that we have a great team and we would like for more people to join.

Range Committee

Jim Arvin, Chairman

On Saturday, September 21st, we had a successful workday at the ranges. You will notice that the 300–500 yard range has been widened. Over the years the trees and overhanging limbs have narrowed the range making it very difficult to see the targets. Even though it is not perfect, it has been greatly improved. We will continue to work on this project at the Spring 2025 workday. I would like to thank our fellow club member, Zach Stehman, for his expert tree dropping experience. He saved us a lot of work by dropping the trees perfectly, requiring a lot less manual use of the chainsaw.

The road leading from the fish hatchery to the 300 yard targets and continuing up past the 500 yard to the feeding plot was cleaned up and some areas reopened following several storms over this past summer.

Pistol Range:

When hanging paper targets, please keep them at least 8” from the main upright posts. The uprights are exceedingly difficult to replace if they are damaged. Unfortunately, major damage continues to occur to the wood structures that hold the paper targets. It appears that most of the damage is the result of improperly hanging of paper targets to the wooden frames. Below is the signage indicating the proper way to hang paper targets.

Rifle Range:

If you like shooting longer distances but cannot walk up to the 200-500 yard targets, you now have the option to shoot at the new hanging steel targets. These targets are regularly maintained and repainted several times a week. It’s amazing the amount of use these targets are getting. In order to reduce damage to the steel target hangers, please have a reasonable idea of your rifles DOPE (Data On Previous Engagements) or bullet drop. Remember, please hang your paper targets correctly. They should always be attached BETWEEN the upright boards on the rifle ranges and between the horizontal boards on the pistol range. Here is the signage indicating the proper way to hang the paper targets...



Attaching paper targets to sheets of cardboard further reduces damage to the target stands. I’m also seeing some unsafe practices. Please remember to use the buzzer and that there is to be NO handling of firearms when people are downrange. These rules are in place for everyone’s safety. If there is any doubt, please feel free to contact me for clarification.

During my regular visits and interaction with members at the ranges, I constantly ask for feedback on what shooters want out of their shooting experience at Starview. Being a competitive rifle shooter,

ammo hand loader and pistol shooter myself, I am always looking to interact with others in this sport. If you have ideas for the ranges, please email, text, or call me at the contact information below.

Anyone wanting help or have questions with their long distance shooting, please contact me. I am always looking to help others enjoy the shooting sport.

REMBEMBER, Shooter safety should always be a priority of every member here at Starview Sportsman Association.

Thank you and enjoy your Fall & Winter...

Jim Arvin, Range Chairperson

717-818-1300 (call or text)

JBArvin@comcast.net

Fish and Game Committee

John Weisser, Chairman

It was another hot and dry summer for raising trout. With over 30 days passing the 90 degree mark, surprisingly we had no problems with the water temperature. I credit this to our gabion wall project along the creek and the brush canopying over the stream to block out the sunlight.

Water flow was another problem and we were close to not having enough a few times but ultimately made it. Some of the other co-ops in the area weren’t so lucky and ran out of water, resulting in the loss of their fish. Starview’s trout are fat, happy and growing with very few losses of yearlings and no losses to the holdovers thus far. If things hold up, it should be a very good year.

We had a good turnout for the work detail in September. We installed a continuous use pump for the holdover pen to increase the water flow. We also installed 3 new HD aluminum raceway lids, replacing the old wooden ones. We also cleaned up the summer weed growth from around the pond. Thank you to all that came out and helped.

In the upcoming year, we will be stocking the pond early again for Youth Day held on Saturday, March 29th. This day is open to any kids 15 years old and under. We should have plenty of trout including big holdovers to stock the pond for Youth Day and the club’s Fish Rodeo.

We will be stocking triploid grass carp in the pond in October. This was recommended by the PA Fish and Boat Commission to control the algae in the pond so we don’t have to use chemicals. If you happen to snag one of these fish, please release it promptly.

We are talking about doing something with the game portion of the “Fish and Game Committee.” Possibly making our club grounds more wildlife friendly for everything, from butterflies and songbirds to deer and turkey. Creating nesting areas, food and cover. Anyone interested in helping with this, please call me and leave a message. I am currently collecting names and will get back to you when it’s time to plan a meeting where we can discuss ideas and plan projects.

Thank you,

John Weisser

717-684-0072

717-693-5883

Archery Committee

Eric Duncan, Chairman

Starview archers, I hope everyone had a safe and successful archery season. I would like to give a special thanks to the grounds committee for keeping our archery range looking good. Thank you archers, for keeping our new targets in good condition. We intend to keep improving the range and adding new targets throughout the new year.

Keep an eye out for the new Starview Archery stickers and pins that will be available for sale in the future. Anyone with range improvement ideas can contact us via email or leave a message in the suggestion box. Shoot straight and stay safe during the late season.

Kitchen Committee

Tracy Roberts, Chairman

I just want to remind everyone that the club's kitchen is based on the honor system for snacks and drinks that are in the kitchen. With that being said, we ask that you bring small bills (\$1's & \$5's) to pay for the items you are purchasing since we do not keep a large amount of change in the cash drawer.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that repeatedly step up to help us at all our functions. Without the volunteers we cannot continue to have our functions. Speaking of functions, we had to cancel our Corn Bake earlier this year due to a lack of help. Our New Year's Day event is coming soon so please consider volunteering. There is a signup sheet on the counter at the main club house if you are interested in helping that day. We need at least 25 people to make this event happen.

Oyster Bake tickets will be available beginning December 1st. You can purchase them at a meeting or on any of the Sunday's that we are at the club for dues collection. The cost is \$35 per member and \$40 per guest. You will need to show your membership card to purchase tickets. No extra guest tickets will be available for purchase until January 2nd per our club policy.

Newsletter Committee

Vinh Tran, Chairman

ATTENTION MEMBERS!!!! If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically please send me an email at starviewsportsmen@yahoo.com with your full name and membership ID number (first 5 digits located on your access card) stating you would like to receive the newsletter via email. In the future, if you change your mind and would like to receive the newsletter via snail mail, just send me another email and I will make the change. The club would definitely appreciate your efforts in reducing our cost. Your email will only be used as a method of contact and/or distribution of club materials.

Please make sure that if you choose the email option, it may end up in your spam/junk folder so please look out for it in the months of May and November. Any emails I send will include "Starview Sportsmen" in the subject box. Also, if you change email address, let me know so I can make the correction for future deliveries.

Nominating Committee, 2025 Officers

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Recording Secretary Beverly Flinchbaugh

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Co-Membership Secretary Emily Ulrich

Corresponding Secretary Vinh Tran

Trustees Steve Dixon, Todd Forry, Mike Ulrich, Joel Spiese, Larry Flinchbaugh

Clubhouse Phone # 717-266-4982

Club Policy

This policy became effective May 2005:

Any member giving his/her key card to any non-member to gain access to the Club for any reason will result in immediate expulsion of that member from the Club for Life!!!

Just a Reminder, the Speed Limit on the private drive is 15 mph

Please keep this in mind and be safety conscious.



2024 Schedule of Events

*	Sat, Nov 30	Ranges Closed for Deer Season	All Day
*	Sat, Dec 7	Ranges Closed for Deer Season	All Day
	Tues, Dec 10	Membership Meeting	7:30p.m. - 9:30p.m.
*	Sat, Dec 14	Ranges Closed for Deer Season	All Day
	Sat, Dec 21	Big Buck Contest	1p.m. - 3p.m.
	Sun, Dec 22	Big Buck Contest	1p.m. - 3p.m.

* Indicates **ALL RANGES CLOSED** for scheduled events

** Indicates **ALL RANGES CLOSED** for activities until 1p.m.

ALL RANGES ARE CLOSED FOR THE THREE SATURDAYS OF RIFLE DEER SEASON

Membership Meetings are the First Tuesday of each month @ 7:30p.m.

2025 Schedule of Events

*	Wed, Jan 1	New Year's Day Event	9a.m. - 2p.m.
*	Sat, Feb 8	Oyster Bake	12p.m. - 3p.m.
	TBD	Wild Game Dinner	TBD
*	Sat, Mar 22	Spring Work Detail	8a.m. - 2p.m.
	Sat, Mar 29	Youth Fishing Day	8a.m. - 7:30p.m.
*	Sun, Apr 13	Fish Rodeo	1p.m. - 4p.m.
	Sun, Apr 20	Sporting Clays Closed	Easter Sunday
**	Sat, Apr 26	Masonic Fish Rodeo	9a.m. - 1p.m.
	Wed, June 4	Hunter's Safety Course	7p.m. - 9:30p.m.
	Sat, June 7	Hunter's Safety Course	8a.m. - 2p.m.
*	Sat, June 14	Veteran Shoot	11a.m. - 6p.m.
*	Sun, Aug 3	Corn Bake	12p.m. - 3p.m.
*	Sat, Sept 20	Fall Work Detail	8a.m. - 2p.m.
*	TBA	Youth Pheasant Hunt	8:30a.m. - 12p.m.
	Tues, Nov 4	Election of New Officers	7:30p.m. - 9:30p.m.
*	Sat, Nov 29	Ranges Closed for Deer Season	All Day
*	Sat, Dec 6	Ranges Closed for Deer Season	All Day
	Tues, Dec 9	Membership Meeting	7:30p.m. - 9:30p.m.
*	Sat, Dec 13	Ranges Closed for Deer Season	All Day
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