

# STFSA NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events

**Due to the ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic, upcoming events may be postponed or cancelled. We will do our best to keep the membership updated.**

- **Every Friday Night** – Card Party starts at 6:30pm
- **September 8<sup>th</sup>** – Board of Directors Meeting starts at 6:30pm / Open Meeting starts at 7:30pm
- **September 11<sup>th</sup>** – STFSA Barbecue Feed – See announcement below...
- **September 11<sup>th</sup>** – Work party 8:00am start, meet at the clubhouse.
- **September 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** – Jacobus Beagle Club AKC Trial
- **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Work party 8:00am start, meet at the clubhouse.
- **October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Board of Directors Meeting starts at 6:30pm / Open Meeting starts at 7:30pm.
- **November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Work party 8:00am start, meet at the clubhouse.
- **November 10<sup>th</sup>** – Board of Directors Meeting starts at 6:30pm / Open Meeting starts at 7:30pm. Nominations by the open body for the 2021 slate of STFSA Officers and Director will be an order of business at this meeting.
- **December 5<sup>th</sup>** – Work party 8:00am start, meet at the clubhouse.
- **December 8<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas party and STFSA 2021 Officers and Directors elections – starts at 6:30pm

## STFSA News and Announcements

- **STFSA Barbecue Feed** – Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 4pm – 8pm at the Clubhouse. Beef, Pork, Turkey and sides. Non-Alcohol beverages provided. BYOB. Gun Raffles and Small Games of Chance. Adults - \$20, Kids under 12 - \$10.
- **Hunting Reminder** – Deer Hunting sign-ups will be held at the September Open Meeting on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. If you plan to sign-up, please bring your hunting license along with your membership card with work stamps. If you cannot attend this meeting, you must provide a written letter to the board of directors wishing to participate in the hunting privilege. **You must have obtained at least 16 hours of service work before September and be a member in good standing for at least two (2) years.**  
**NOTE: If using a tree stand on club grounds it must be marked with your name and phone number.**
- **Wearing of the Orange** – The STFSA Board is requiring that all members not legally hunting on the club grounds during big game hunting seasons, October 2<sup>nd</sup> thru January 17<sup>th</sup>, wear at least a fluorescent orange hat and we strongly recommend meeting the PA Game Commission required fluorescent orange requirements. If you aren't familiar with the PA Game Commission requirements here is the link - [http://read.nxtbook.com/pgc/huntingtrapping/20202021/fluorescent\\_orange\\_requiremen.html](http://read.nxtbook.com/pgc/huntingtrapping/20202021/fluorescent_orange_requiremen.html)  
Also plan to access club property from the main entrance to the clubhouse or Club Farm Road access from Valley road. Please be respectful of the guys hunting as well as those training beagles.
- **New members** are required to complete 8 hours of service time during their first year of membership or your membership will not be renewed. We are now past the halfway point of the year if you need to complete your service hours, please call President Nate Ehrhart @ 717-870-6574 or any of the listed committee chairs
- **Website** – The club has a new website [www.stfsa.org](http://www.stfsa.org) We are working on a membership page that members can use to log on & keep track of their service hours. Stay tuned for updates once we work through the glitches. Thank you Chuck Thrush for stepping up & running the website.
- **Membership Renewal Notices** – Will be available for pick up at the October Open meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Those not picked up will be mailed out to members within a week or so. Please be sure to update your email address on our membership list. There will only be one newsletter sent out annually around March / April of each year.

## STFSA News and Announcements (Continued)

- **STFSA Apparel** - Anyone interested in STFSA Hats, shirts & sweatshirts? Goal is to determine the membership's level of interest and go from there on ordering any STFSA Apparel. Contact President Nate Ehrhart @ 717-870-6574 if interested.
- We have been making improvements to our Tenant house and Farmhouse with a new roof & spouting. The clubhouse was showing wear with cinder blocks popping. Repairs were made to the blocks as needed.

### Membership Benefit Reminders:

- Did you know that we rent our clubhouse out to members who need a facility for a larger engagement? Cost is typically \$150 per event plus \$100 security deposit. Dates are first come/first serve. Contact President Nate Ehrhart @ 717-870-6574 for more information.
- **Facebook** – We now have a Facebook group. The group page is under the name of Springfield Township Farmer's and Sportsman's Association. Please request to join this group to follow us on Facebook on your device or computer.

## Committee News and Announcements

### Friday Card Club

- Card parties are every Friday night starting @ 6:30 pm. Contact Craig Greenawalt @ 717-676-6128  
Craig has stepped up to become the committee chair for the card parties. Helping with card parties is another great way to obtain service hours.

### Archery and Rifle Range

- **IMPORTANT:** Steel Targets were installed. Please use lead ammunition only at the range.
- Rifle range & shotgun area will be closed for use September 24,25 & 26 for the Beagle Trial
- During big game gun season, Ranges will be open as follows: 11/27-closed, 11/28-12/11-open 10am-2pm (except Sunday, 12/5 – range is open all day) Any member failing to follow these dates & times will be subject to meet with the BOD
- Rifle range rule reminder - Members using the rifle range are always required to show their current year membership card. **Guests are not permitted on the rifle range at any time.** Please remember to remove your targets when finished and clean up any residual brass and garbage from the range and bench area. Buckets are provided for brass.
- Archery Range will be getting new inserts for the targets for the upcoming season. Any questions, contact Jeff McClain @ 717-600-9850

### Farming Committee

- Please contact Kevin Shoff with any questions @ 717-309-6724 we or email [kwshoff@yahoo.com](mailto:kwshoff@yahoo.com)
- Interested in mowing of clubhouse, trails, ranges & pond area. Contact Jeff Buterbaugh @ 717-542-3954 to help with service hours.
- **Work Party dates & Farming** - September 11, October 3, November 7 & December 5 (all start at 8am). Plan to meet at the clubhouse.

### Pond Committee

- Our pond took a serious step back in August of 2020. The spring dried up and 75% of our fish perished. Since then, the spring started flowing again and in late winter of this year we started making improvements to the pond. We are trying to remove the Iris plants on road side of the pond creating more habitat on the far side. We are also working on getting a fish count of what survived. In July, we stocked 8 Asian grass carp to try reduce the underwater vegetation. We will continue to work on the pond to get it back on track. If you are interested in helping with the pond, call President Nate Ehrhart @ 717-870-6574.

### Jacobus Beagle Club

- Our Trappers and club members, Mark & Tristan Dehoff, will be trapping the grounds again this year. Signs will be posted in the areas where they will be trapping during the trapping season. We recommend using the areas not posted to trapping to run or walk your dog. Otherwise, you are running at your own risk. The club or the trapper will not be responsible for injuries to you or your dog. Any questions, contact Mark Dehoff @ 717-324-2159
- AKC Trial – Sept. 24th & 26th – For further information please contact Eric Shive – [lauriericshive@comcast.net](mailto:lauriericshive@comcast.net)

## **Special Shout Outs!!!**

- Special thanks to Shawn Strausbaugh for taking the position of President from January of 2016 to December 2020. Thank you for your dedication to the club as well as to his wife Kristi for helping & being understanding of the many behind the scenes obligations that are not seen by the membership that Shawn did during his time serving as President.
- Shout out from the President to New members Nick Posterli & George Makres. You guys have stepped up to get your 8 hours of service time in the first month you were members. And, you have continued to step up after filling those requirements. Thank you both for continuing to be active members of this club!
- Special thanks to Craig Greenewalt from the Officers and Directors for stepping up and taking over as the chairman of the Friday night card party. We all know what the dedication represents to this club for Friday night card party. Thank you Craig!
- Special thanks to our Board of Directors, Officers & Committee Chairs. A big thank you from Nate Ehrhart during my first year back as President. I know at times I make it very challenging, but I'm truly thankful for your dedication to running our club efficiently during these challenging times of Covid and just getting back up and running again.
- This past year we lost a great member in Phil Hoke. Phil served on the BOD for several decades. Along with his Board duties and involvement, Phil was heavily involved with helping with the Hunter Safety courses hosted by the club. He also was heavily involved in the planning of the annual Fishing Derby every Spring. He will be missed greatly!

## **HELP WANTED:**

- We need help with new ideas for fundraisers to raise money for the club. Our operating budget has been in the red over the past few years. Currently, our membership dues income barely covers ½ of the club's basic expenses (Utilities, Taxes, Insurance). New fundraising ideas could help minimize any need to raise membership dues.

## **Current Officers**

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|------------------------|---------------|----------------|--|
| • President            | Nate Ehrhart  | (717) 870-6574 |  |
| • Vice President       | Keith Collins | (717) 945-3167 |  |
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