

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Calendar:

February Events

Every Tuesday, 5-9 pm:
Open Trap: Games Only
Every Sunday 10am-3pm:
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Feb. 3, 7pm: Trustee Meeting

March Events

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Open Trap: Games Only
Every Sunday 10am-3pm:
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Mar. 3, 7pm: Trustee Meeting

General meetings are cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions. Watch the newsletter for announcement of when they will resume.

Hunter Education

At this time, we will be unable to have Hunter Education classes at the club due to Covid-19 restrictions. If you or someone you know needs a course to get a license, please refer to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources website at: ohiodnr.gov. On this site, they offer a version of hunter education that allows students to complete the entire course online. The course takes about eight hours to complete. You may stop the course at any time and pick up where you left off. There are quizzes at the end of each unit in the course that you must pass before proceeding to the next unit. Students must pass a final exam to receive certification. There is a fee that is due at the time of registration prior to starting the course.

Dues are Due

The 2021 membership dues are due now. General membership is \$110, associate membership is \$60 and spousal general membership is \$55 with spouse's full price general membership.

It is are requested that you include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your dues for your membership card to be mailed to you. While this is not a requirement to get your card, it helps out not only with costs, but also our treasurer's time processing all the dues being mailed this year. While this is optional, please at least include a current address if it is not appearing on a check sent. We are getting some cards back since members moved and did not notify us to update our records. You can mail your dues to: PSFS Club, PO Box 33, Diamond, OH 44412

Gun Sales and Ammunition Shortage

The following was taken, in part, from an article by Scarlett Lisjak of WIVB in Buffalo, NY. The entire article can be read at: wivb.com/news/local-news/buffalo/ammunition-shortage-will-continue-throughout-2021/

Director of Public Affairs at the National Shooting and Sports Foundation Mark Oliva said gun sales in 2020 surpassed previous records.

"We had 21 million background checks for a sale of a firearm that is by far the strongest year we have ever had on record. The previous record before 2020 was 15.7 million background checks for the sale of a firearm," Oliva said.

Oliva noted that in 2020 there were 8.4 million gun purchases from first-time buyers. Moreover, 40% of overall gun sales were from women, and gun purchases by African American's spiked by 58%.

Oliva said the growing number of gun owners has contributed to the increased demand for ammunition.

"You start to throw in all these new buyers, all the people who are using already, and you start to throw in a little bit of the panic effect that goes in with seeing a bare shelves (sic) you kind of get a picture of why it's been so difficult to find the ammunition we need."

Oliva said it's uncertain when manufacturers will catch up to the heightened demand for ammunition.

"We are probably going to have elevated buying that is going to go well into this year, how long that goes on for will really, be dictated by the opening moves of the Biden administration when it comes to gun control," Oliva said.

PICTURE PAGES

Please email pictures you took at any PSFS event or your hunting/fishing trips to psfsclub@gmail.com to be included in upcoming newsletters.

As promised in prior newsletter threats, If y'all do not send me pictures, you get a picture of my cat.

Lucy is judging your hunting skills from the lack of pictures she saw.

Bugs from Lucy's successful hunts will be included next month if
members have none to share.

