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Dedicated to the Conservation of Our Natural Resources

Dear Members,

It's that time of year again. Time to work on cleaning up the yard and garden, putting patio furniture away, and getting ready for hunting season. Speaking of getting ready for hunting season, it's time to sight in your weapons and make sure you're ready to bag that big one. And there's no better place for safely sighting in your guns than Saegertown Sportsmen's Club. Enclosed is the renewal form for your 2023 membership. Renew now and your card will be good through December 2023.

Our club continues to grow every year. Our rifle range is in great shape and there are several target distances for practice. Hitting the gong is fun and it is very satisfying to hear that sound! Our pistol range continues to be upgraded and is in beautiful shape. Please enjoy these practice areas but be respectful, police your brass, and leave the facilities even nicer than when you arrived.

Trap League We had another busy and successful season. Although participation has dropped off a bit, no doubt due to the scarcity of supplies, we enjoy our sport and the company of like minded others. Just getting out in the outdoors is reward enough for some. Our members shoot in several different leagues; the ECTL and the Lake and Valley League in addition to our regular Tuesday night contests. This sport is fun and something the family can enjoy. We have several youngsters now joining their parents and grandparents learning this sport and being mentored is a safe way.

SHS Our youth league continues to grow and gain success. Spring season started with 44 kids, 24 on the competition squad, which finished 3rd in the conference, and 20 on the recreational team. The team also qualified for nationals. Of the 230 teams, our kids finished 64th overall!!! What a great showing for our 5 students.

Fall league, a 5 week traveling league, was also a great success. Our kids finished 2nd overall behind CASH. Of the 60 participants, Saegertown fielded 22 students. Please see John Jordan, one of the team's coaches, for all the exciting details and individual accomplishments. The team wishes to thank everyone who helped and supported our young shooters.

Sporting Clays This event started out with just "pick up" birds and a bunch of folks trying something new. It has grown to a very well attended annual event. The shoots were held on July 30 and August 6 this year. There were 8 shooting stations, some new, some old, but all very challenging. Turnout was very good with 147 shooters going through the course. The many different presentations of 50 birds really tested the shooter's skills. The perfect weather again blessed our shooters with warm temperatures and light winds. There was even transportation for shooters who preferred to ride rather than walk. All shooters were treated to excellent food, that was generously provided by our members, and served by our special kitchen staff. The low price of \$20 per round makes this a very popular and successful event. Everyone leaves smiling and with a full belly. The committee wishes to thank the many volunteers and donors who make this event such a success every year.

VIPL The pistol team once again was successful in earning the "chicken" during their annual team shoot. I think the poor thing needs a nest now though, because it's been "hanging" around in the clubhouse for several seasons!! Josh Barger and new member Nick Laurito recently presented the idea for a new type competition for shooters. The details for a "2-22 aka S2Cubed .22R Two-Gun" type league are being worked out. This event will hopefully be up and running, for club members only, next spring. It looks like this could be a fun one. Watch for details on our website.

The Saegertown Sportsmans Club is for everyone to enjoy. We welcome new members, new ideas, and your time and talents. Please join us for the meetings that are held the second Monday of each month. The meetings start at 7pm. There is always hot coffee available and sometimes treats! We appreciate all 394 of our members and would love to see you more often. Be sure to get your 2023 membership renewal form back soon. As always, we wish you a safe successful hunting season. Enjoy the fall, your families, and the upcoming holiday season.