



# THE MOUNT JOY SPORTER

April-May-June 2008

## President's Message

We're all thinking spring, and warmer weather and yours truly can't wait to start those outdoor pistol matches! The warmer weather is sure to bring an increase of people using the ranges so I would like to stress the importance of working together on the firing line to keep everyone safe. No one should ever go in front of the firing line unless every rifle and pistol is clear with actions open, and magazines out. Empty Chamber Indicators (ECIs) are cheap and are now required for any NRA affiliated match so get yourself some orange weed eater cord, cut it down and get in the habit of flagging your firearm before moving down to check your target.

Hopefully, with the addition of the Safety Committee, we will have regular scheduled safety courses for the members. I urge everyone to attend at least a basic course. Also, the pistol team will be hosting an all day clinic in the near future. You'll be able to see us practice safety on the line, shoot with us, and grab some hints and tips as well. I think it would be fun for just about anyone from the novice to the advanced.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the .22 range rebuild and the 200 yard target area. There will be more work parties so keep your eye on the calendar!

Thank you,  
Steve Stoltzfus, President

## Membership Card Display

Remember to display your membership card during all activities at the club. Please do not be offended if asked to produce your card.

## Please Note: Proper Targets and Proper Target Attachment

The **only allowable targets** for use on any range at Mount Joy Sportsman's Association are **PAPER TARGETS. NO bottles, cans, or other non-paper targets.** The only exceptions are the 3D archery targets and the clay shotgun targets. Targets must be properly attached to the backstops when shooting. **DO NOT** place targets so that the shots pierce the wood or metal frames. Frames are costly and time consuming to repair. **PLEASE** help to keep your club neat and use care not to cause unnecessary damage.

## Shotgun Patterning

To properly pattern a shotgun, place your target so the shots will **NOT** pierce the wood frames. Shoot **ONLY** from the **DESIGNATED SHOOTING AREA. Please DO NOT shoot closer than 25 Yards to the target.** Some past damage situations do not represent sportsmen-like conduct. Help to keep your club presentable for other club members and leave it **better than you found it.**

## Membership Information

Regular meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. New member applicants are requested to arrive at 7 PM if possible.

Convince your buddy to join the club in April, May, or June and they get an extra month, or two, or three for their annual dues. New members joining in these months are considered paid up for the coming year.

