

# St. Joe Valley Trap and Skeet

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## *New Year's Day Sausage Shoot*

The Perfect Way to Start 2017 – Shooting!

Join us on January 1<sup>st</sup> for our annual Sausage Shoot. The club will open at 10:30 and the events will start at 11:00.

Entries close at 2pm.

We will shoot trap and skeet, and other events such as “splatter board” and wobble

trap. Prizes are very generous this year, and we will be giving away a lot of sausage!

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more details. Happy New Year!



## *5-Stand For Winter League!*

Join the Fun!

This year, we are bringing back 5-stand. If you haven't had a chance to shoot it yet, please give it a “shot”. We've heard from a lot of people that never shot 5-stand before about how much fun they had.

5-Stand for winter league will be open on Saturday, and on Wednesday by appointment only. Please contact the club if you would like to have a group shoot on a Wednesday.

## *Did You Know?*

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St. Joe Valley is an ALL VOLUNTEER club. The guy behind the counter is a volunteer. The person on the mower is a volunteer. The person fixing the trap and skeet machines is a volunteer. The person helping new shooters, running the youth team, doing the accounting, making sure the property is in good repair, plunging the toilet, taking out the trash cleaning the windows and running the shoots are – you guessed it – volunteers!

We simply wouldn't have this beautiful club without our volunteers. It's sometimes hard to remember that this is a volunteer run club.

Next time you see someone working at the club, take a moment and thank them. Or better yet, ASK HOW YOU CAN HELP!

## Skeet Field Improvements

If you haven't been to the club in a while, you may not have noticed the improvements to our skeet fields. Fields 7 and 8 have been upgraded to concrete walks (instead of gravel) and concrete drives have been installed to most skeet houses.

The Board of Directors hopes you notice the improvements we are making to our club. It is our mission to constantly improve our facility, and if you have any suggestions, please let us know.

This is YOUR club, and we appreciate your input!

## 2017 ATA Trap Schedule Available

The 2017 ATA Trap schedule is now available, and listed on

## 2017 Skeet Program

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May 10: 100 Rd. 12ga.

May 25-28: Mid America

June 14: 100 Rd. 20ga.

June 23 -25: Bandido - POCO  
Loco

July 12: 100 Round 12ga.

July 21-23: Harry Michelson  
Open

July 27-30: NSSA Jr. World  
Championship

Aug 9, 2017: 100 Round .410

the following page. Please also remember that every Wednesday starting in the spring will be a "Big 50" event. The Big 50 Events allow shooters to register 50

## Youth Team

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St. Joe Valley's Youth Team has wrapped up for the year. We have competed in many competitions this year, and look forward to continuing with the Winter League.

If you know any youth between the ages of 8 and 22 that are interested in our team, please have them contact Jay Hammond, Todd Ely, or Steve Eckert.

targets for ATA Singles, Doubles, and Handicap.

This is our first year for the Big 50's and we look forward to a huge success.

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## 2017 ATA Trap Dates

April 30

May 7

June 18

July 16

August 20

September 24

October 8

If you haven't been to an ATA shoot at St. Joe recently, you may be surprised at some of the changes. We recently received an upgraded computer system that makes it a lot easier – and faster – to classify and squad shooters.

We've also implemented a program to cut "down-time" for shooters at the events.

We invite you to participate in our ATA shoots, as well as our Big 50's on Wednesdays. Come out and see our improvements!



## Membership Drawing/RV Leases

Please renew your membership if you haven't done so already. If you have already renewed, or are a life member, THANK YOU!

Dues have not changed this year, and are still \$100. The membership covers you and your household.

Everyone that renews prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> will be entered into a chance to win one of three cash prizes - \$250, \$150, and \$100.

Life Members will also be eligible for the drawing for a donation of \$20.



*RV Site leases are also due at \$100. If you do not plan to renew your RV Lease, please let us know as the demand is very high.*

**WELCOME**  
*new members*  
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## New Members for 2017

Please welcome our new members:

Jim Chandler  
Mike Larson  
Alan New  
Dan Stewart  
Mike Ley

Shawn Kem  
Joseph Libby  
Buz Sather  
Eric Rieke  
Steve Fetters

If you or anyone you know needs a membership, a membership form is attached to this newsletter. WELCOME!!!



## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

YOUR Board of Directors has a lot going on for 2017. Please feel free to make suggestions directly to a board member, attend a board meeting, or drop a suggestion in the suggestion bucket. It is our mission to ensure that St. Joe Valley remains one – if not the – top club in the country. We look back at 2016 and thank all of our patrons and volunteers for making it a great year, and look forward to an even better 2017.

From all of us, MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

## Firearm Christmas Gift Tips

First and foremost, if you are giving a firearm as a gift this Christmas, please make sure that the recipient knows the three basic safety rules:

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the gun unloaded and the action open until ready to shoot.

Following the above three basic safety rules, accidents absolutely can NOT happen.

Second, make sure you know the laws concerning transfer of firearms from one person to another. Did you know that giving a handgun to someone – even a relative – that lives in another state is not legal unless you transfer through a Federal Firearms Licensed dealer? Did you know that you could be liable if you give a firearm to someone that is not able to own a firearm? Did you know that you CAN in some instances gift a firearm, even a handgun, to someone in your family that is not 18?

Firearms laws can be very confusing, and sometimes seem to make no sense at all. For example, an 18 year old in Indiana can possess a handgun and can receive a license to carry a handgun. But, a person under 21 years old in Indiana cannot purchase a handgun from a licensed dealer, and cannot purchase handgun ammunition? Confusing? Yes....

You can find answers online at the following websites, and directly from the ATF and Indiana State Police.

Giftng a Firearm -

<https://www.nrablog.com/articles/2016/4/buying-and-selling-a-firearm-giving-someone-a-gun/>

Indiana Firearms Licenses -

<http://www.in.gov/isp/firearms.htm>

Please also check your local and state laws!  
Ignorance is not an excuse.



## **ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY SAUSAGE SHOOT**

**CLUB OPENS AT 10:30**

**PROGRAM STARTS AT 11:00**

**ALL ENTRIES CLOSE @ 2 PM**

**TRAP      50 TARGET LEWIS CLASS EVENT      \$25**

**25 TARGETS @ 16 YARDS & 25 TARGETS @ 20 YARDS**

**SKEET      50 TARGET LEWIS CLASS EVENT      \$25**

### **AWARDS**

**HIGH GUN TRAP AND SKEET      10 lbs SAUSAGE**

**LEWIS CLASS      1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE      5 lbs SAUSAGE**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE      3 lbs SAUSAGE**

**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE      1 lbs SAUSAGE**

**EACH SQUAD RECEIVES SAUSAGE BASED ON THE SHOOTERS TOTAL SCORE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE – 3 lbs      2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - 2 lbs      3<sup>RD</sup> 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACES - 1 lb each**

**ALL TIES BROKEN FROM FRONT, THEN BACK IF NECESSARY**

**10 BIRD EVENTS ON TRAP OR WOBBLE TRAP**

**SPLATTER BOARD**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - 3 lbs. & 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - 1 lb**

**WINNER – 3 lb**

**THERE WILL BE GOOD FOOD AVAILABLE, COME OUT AND ENJOY THE DAY.**



# 2017 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Shooting Interest, **please check "one"**: Trap  Skeet  5 Stand  Other

New Membership

Renewal

Change of address

**2017 Family Membership** (10/01/16 to 12/31/17).....\$100

Contributing Life and Life Members .....\$20

**(This is a Donation for a chance to win the \$500 Gift Card)**

**All Memberships include the following;**

Discounted Shooting Fees \$5.00 (non-member\$7.00)

Discounted Token Cost (\$4.55 ea.) (22 tokens for \$100)

Components available for member only purchase Shot and Primers

Voting Privileges

**Chance to Win a \$500 Gift Card**

Must be 18 years of age to be eligible for membership

Reserved & Discounted R/V Sites (for 2017 events) .....\$100

Contributions for Buildings & Grounds Improvement (non-deductible) \$\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **St. Joe Valley Conservation Club**

and mail to **P.O. Box 60 St. Joe, IN 46785**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Check Credit Card Rec'd by \_\_\_\_\_

The SJVCC Board of Directors reserves the right to reject or retract any membership, for actions detrimental to the interest of the club!