

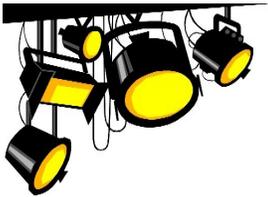


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Spotlight on Men's Basic Pistol/ Self Defense Course

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The Men's Basic Pistol/Self Defense Course is scheduled to begin on April 11th at 6:30 p.m., rain or shine. The classes will continue every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. until dusk during the months of April through August and will be conducted at the Irwin's Sportsman's Association, Pistol Range, 995 Oakside Drive, Irwin, PA. The course is open to the public. Young men ages 12 to 17 are welcome to participate but will need written parental consent. Participants need to bring the following to each class: firearms, ammunition, hearing and eye protection and the \$5 fee for each class. (No fee is charged for those evenings it rains).

While this is not a "formal class," the instruction and material is based on basic pistol and self defense courses. Some of the topics that will be covered include: firearm safety, basic shooting fundamentals and home defense.

Whether you are a first time shooter or an experienced shooter, this course offers you the opportunity to improve your skills as well as your knowledge of firearms and shooting.

We look forward to seeing you on April 11th at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend all or any of the sessions. Bring a friend.

Contact Lee Joyce at 724-864-0094 or by email at lja740@aol.com if you have any questions!



Recommended Web Sites

Pro Gun:

- Gun Owners of America
- Jews for Preservation of Firearms
- NRA
- Oath Keepers

- <http://gunowners.org>
- <http://jpfo.org>
- <http://nra.org>
- <http://oathkeepers.org>

Shooting News and New Products:

Ammoland

www.ammoland.com

Ammunition:

- Factory Director/Freedom Munitions
- Wholesale/Lucky Gunner

- www.freedommunitions.com
- www.luckygunner.com





Did you change your phone number, email account, or address recently?
Please tell us so that we can communicate with you.

There is no need for anyone to work alone. Please call one of the following so that they can assist and provide additional safety. They have volunteered to be "on call" to assist.

Smokey Burdin [724-396-9627](tel:724-396-9627) M-F 9-5
Kevin Kennelty [724-493-9565](tel:724-493-9565) Almost
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Joe Curran [724-744-4329](tel:724-744-4329) or [412-610-3692](tel:412-610-3692), Except Thursdays
Rich Boehm [724-953-4778](tel:724-953-4778)

Sale or Wanted

Wanted - Complete Issues of American Rifleman Magazine for 2015 and 2016.
Contact Tom at 724-864-6542.

For Sale - 28" Barrel for Win 1400 12 Gauge 2 3/4 chamber Modified, Excellent Condition \$60. Call Jamie after 4 PM @ 724-396-7350.

Activities

Officers Meeting - 7 PM 4/13, 2nd Thursdays
Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM 4/27, Last Thursdays
Silhouette Shoot - 4/1
Ladies Instructional Pistol Shoot starts 6:30 PM 4/4, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Work Party Schedule Starts every Wednesday - 4/5 5-7 PM
Action Pistol Shoot - 4/6 4 PM
Work party setup for safety course, 4/7 7:30 PM
Hunter Safety Course, 4/8, 8-3 PM
Men's Pistol/Self Defense Course starts 6:30 PM 4/11, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
Work Party Schedule Starts each Month - 9-11 AM April 12 and each 2nd Wednesday
Pin Shoot starts 5 PM 4/13 - 2nd and 4th Thursdays
Lucky BB shoot followed by a Trap Shoot, 4/23, 1 PM, Pattern shooting at 12 PM, \$2 fee per round, 12 or 20 gauge.

Each membership meeting we offer 50/50 tickets for sale. Can't win if you don't play. Come to our meetings and buy one or more of our 50/50 chance tickets. \$43 this month to the winner.

Is Lead Dead?

By Cory Yarmuth

Over the years I have spent several hours in front of a lead smelting pot pouring custom 1/4-ounce lead headed jigs, which offer the perfect profile topped off with a heavy wire Gamakatsu jig hook.

Between melting of the lead, pouring the jigs, and then spending a few hours powder coating the perfect jig, I am sure I had been exposed to some unwanted fumes given off by the lead. We have been raised to understand that heavy metals are not good to be exposed to, and lead is a prime example of this.

Call me old-fashioned, but I am kind of partial to lead and its use for jigs, weights and other fishing related uses. There is just something about catching fish on something that you have created yourself that was once a pot of hot metal.

Other heavy metals are slowly taking over as "lead replacements." Tungsten is right there on top of the list and with due reason. It is much denser than lead and heavier in comparison to its size. This is a great advantage in many ways to the angler as it has properties that lead doesn't.

One of these properties is the hurting that it puts on the money clip of the average angler. The cost of these lead substitutes can be overwhelming, and just the thought of trying to replace all of my current lead-style baits makes my head spin.

From a practical standpoint, some of these lead substitutes actually offer an angler some great advantages. The smaller size allows the angler to drop down and use a finesse presentation with the same weight and still keep a good, positive feel for the bait in heavier wind or rougher water. The density of the heavier metal also changes the drop rate of many baits to allow the angler to get down to the fish much faster.

If you had to list all the advantages and disadvantages of lead vs. tungsten, I am sure you will have a list that balances each metal out. Each of these different styles of baits have their time and place and I will never rule out the use of either. However, if I had to choose sides, then I choose lead.

Everyone will have their opinions, and everyone is entitled to them. What it all boils down to is I just keep using what works best for me, and if that is lead or tungsten or both, then that is what I will use.

What Do Deer Eat in the Winter?

By Mark Nale

I have read about what deer prefer to eat during the winter and what is considered a “starvation food” — that is, a food only eaten when there is nothing else for the deer to eat. Both mountain laurel and rhododendron are on the “starvation food” list. My observations tell me otherwise.

For example — In early December — when deer are clearly not starving — I have observed deer eating rhododendron and mountain laurel leaves, hemlock needles and even dry, brown leaves from the forest floor. Now, if deer can live by eating dead leaves, then they should almost never starve. Just last week I watched deer munching on rhododendron leaves — and the forest floor surrounding my house is still littered with acorns.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission burns, cuts and sprays mountain laurel and rhododendron on state game lands because they say that the deer don’t eat it and it prevents the growth of tree seedlings. It certainly looks like that when I visit some of these gamelands.

Yet, almost every winter, the deer strip the leaves nearly bare from the mountain laurel bushes on my Centre County property. Deer feeding on rhododendron seems to be selective, rather than a necessity. Some of the native rhododendron

At each membership meeting we draw a member name, and if present, the member receives the current value of our pot, now \$65.

Dave Wachter was drawn but he was not present.

New Members

Welcome to you all and may you find our facility and fellowship to your liking.

Mike Benkovich
Nathan Haman
James Kowinski
Louis Laffoon jr.
Louis Laffoon 3rd

bushes on my property have never been touched by deer, while others have been hit hard — browsed up 5 feet. I often see the result of deer eating, but not them actually feeding.

I live in the middle of the woods. One January, I was watching out my bedroom window as four deer slowly walked past the house. All of a sudden they veered to their left and started to munch on rhododendron leaves. They ate and they ate, and when the group moved on, the bush was almost naked. Meanwhile they had walked past a dozen other bushes and had not touched a single leaf. I wish I knew what had happened to make one bush so enticing.

While doe hunting in Potter County, I once saw deer digging up and eating fern rhizomes (another supposed starvation food) that were buried under 5 inches of snow. At the time, I assumed that the deer must have been starving, but it was mid-December and they were probably not. Did they just have an irresistible craving for ferns? You got me.

ISA's Own NRA Instructors



NRA Pistol Safety Course Graduates

Give Our Sponsors Your Business

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724-424-1200

City of Jeannette, Richard Jacobelli,
724-527-4000 x28

RE/MAX Realty Access, George/Dana
Kendall, 724-864-2200x20

All Vehicle Service, Shawn Mason,
724-863-6424

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2045

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Work, 724-863-9305

Manor Grille, Derek Gutkowski,
724-861-3404

Varine-Slavin Insurance, Eric Slavin, Agent,
724-527-2802

PA Group Fitness, Jason Serbanjak,
724-261-7171

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David L. Holloman Tree Service
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Lenhart's Service Center, Nick Lenhart, 724-
863-4000

Brian T. Lumsden, 92, of Irwin, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, the morning of Friday, March 10, 2017. He was born Nov. 19, 1924, in Buena Vista, Pa., the son of the late Josephine Merlin and Thomas Lumsden. He graduated from McKeesport High School. Brian was a proud veteran of the Navy and served on DE-791, USS Maloy. Brian was a member of Manor Presbyterian Church, Masonic Lodge No. 526, Manor American Legion, and a life member of Irwin Sportsmen's Association.



The Junior Rifle Team is raising funds to compete at Camp Perry over the 4th of July week this year. They will be holding Triangle Hoagie Sales (yes from the Triangle Bar in Swissvale) on the first Saturdays in April, May and June (April 1, May 6, June 3). Hoagies are \$7.00 each and will be available at the ISA club during the silhouette shoots, roadside at the S and T Bank on Route 130, and the Manor Auto Care.



New Members

ISA 2017 Officers

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