

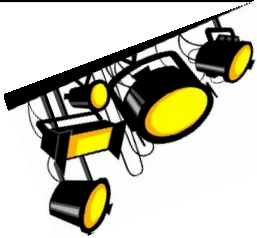


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Spotlight on Joyce Lichtenfels New President of ISA

After 13 years John Reed has passed the baton to Joyce Lichtenfels. Joyce has been very active in our club, heading the Ladies Instructional Pistol Shoots and improving our facility in various ways. Born in Greensburg, PA, and raised in Arona and Herminie, PA. Graduated from Yough High School in 1979, ranked 40 out of 283 with accounting and business awards. Education would be a number one priority.

Joyce grew up #2 of 7 children. She was the first girl and helped to take care of her younger siblings. First experience of shooting was at age 12 when she shot her brothers BB gun, which was promptly taken away when she outshot her brother. Her next shooting experience was in San Antonio, TX, at the age of 18 where she learned to shoot revolvers, semi-autos, shotguns and bows and arrows.



Joyce helped with the kitchen for Junior Rifle when her niece and nephew shot. She helped with the Boy Scouts and for the NRA Basic pistol class held at ISA. She helped run the pistol range for open house the last 10 years.

She has lived through the times when women were not widely accepted to the shooting sports and made it her mission to make sure that no other woman, child or man was deprived of the experience of shooting. She is an NRA Certified Pistol Instructor as well as certified in Home Protection. She has also taken the Next Level training for SIRT pistols* and is looking for opportunities to add more credentials in the future.

If you have any suggestions to improve our club or our facility, please do not hesitate to pass those along to Joyce or any officer. We wish Joyce a long and successful Presidency.

*The SIRT 110 training pistol is a dedicated laser training device which mimics a full-size Glock. It provides an auto-resetting, fully-adjustable trigger, a trigger take-up, a shot indicating laser, and a removable and weighted training magazine.

NEW MEMBERS	WELCOME AND WE HOPE YOU CAN ENJOY THE CLUB ADVANTAGES AND FELLOWSHIP
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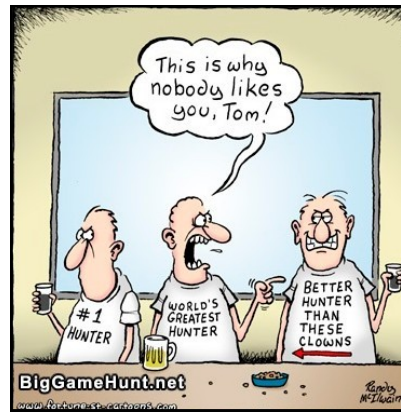
"The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun."

My 12 yr old son Jakob Haynes harvested this 10pt buck on November 4th with his bow. Taken at 10 yards! His second buck with a bow since he started hunting when he was 10 yrs old.

One dozen empty & clean 5 gal. plastic buckets needed. Donations appreciated.

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.

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REMAINING 2017-18 HUNTING SEASON

COYOTES: No closed season. Unlimited. Outside of any big game season (deer, bear, elk and turkey), coyotes may be taken with a hunting license or a furtaker license, and without wearing orange.

RACCOONS and FOXES: now through Feb. 17, unlimited.

OPOSSUM, STRIPED SKUNKS and WEASELS: No closed season, except Sundays. No limits.

BOBCAT (WMUs 2A, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2H, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4C, 4D and 4E): Jan. 13-Feb. 7. One bobcat per license year. Licensed furtakers may obtain one permit each.

PORCUPINES: now through March 31. (3 daily, season limit of 10).

SQUIRRELS, Red, Gray, Black and Fox (Combined): Dec. 26-Feb. 28 (6 daily, 18 possession).

RABBIT (Cottontail): Dec. 26-Feb. 28 (4 daily, 12 possession).

PHEASANT: Male only in WMUs 2A, 2C, 4C, 4E, 5A and 5B. Male and female may be taken in all other WMUs – Dec. 26-Feb. 28 (2 daily, 6 in possession). There is no open season for taking pheasants in Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas, except within the Central Susquehanna Wild Pheasant Recovery Area, as authorized by executive order.

BOBWHITE QUAIL: now through Feb. 28 (8 daily, 24 possession).

GROUNDHOGS: No closed season or limit except on Sundays and during the regular firearms deer seasons.

CROWS: now through April 8, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. No limit.

STARLINGS AND ENGLISH SPARROWS: No closed season, except during the antlered and antlerless deer season. No limit.

Rising to the challenge posed by anti-hunting comments and questions

By Mark Nale (edited for space by your newsletter editor)

I am still traumatized from my childhood when my mother told me that our neighbor killed Bambi.” Another person said, “I don’t understand the need for hunting.”

These are important comments that all hunters should take note and be able to respond to politely and intelligently. We hunt at the pleasure of the vast majority of people who do not hunt. One should always remember this — that is, if you want to continue to hunt. It is our job to help others understand what hunting is all about.

I am a hunter, but when I make hunting-related posts and posts about game animals, I take care to be sensitive to the feelings of non-hunters. In writing and sharing photos, I always communicate respect for the game animal. I never show blood. If you care about hunting, this should be a priority for you, too.

Perhaps your attitude is, I don’t care what other people think, or through your photos or words, you convey the image that you “just like to kill stuff.” This is a problem — it turns people off, and it helps to fashion non-hunters into anti-hunters.

I hunt because I like to hunt, not because I like to kill animals. There is a difference. Yes, I kill game animals during the legal seasons — hunting was part of the family culture in which I was raised, and my family had many dinners from the game that we brought home. However, killing is not my reason for being in the woods. I love being in the outdoors, to experience all of the wonders that nature has to offer.

So, what do you say to the person who does not understand hunting?

You can say that we don’t have mountain lions or wolves to help control the deer population. Without hunting, the deer population would double in two or three years. Explain that auto insurance in Pennsylvania is more costly because of the high number of deer. On average, a deer-auto collision costs thousands of dollars. I know — my wife and I have had our share of run-ins with deer in the past. With each collision, there is also a risk to human life and injury.

You could mention agricultural damage and how deer hamper forest regeneration. These make food and forest products more expensive. More deer means more damage to landscaping, too. One of my sons lives in a densely populated suburban area, yet deer have come through his front yard and eaten budding roses and nibbled on tomatoes.

Then there is increased disease and winter starvation — with does driving their own offspring away from food so that they can eat. Mother Nature can be cruel.

Hunting is part of nature. It provides healthy “organic” food for hundreds of thousands of people in Pennsylvania alone, and it is the best way to control the deer population.

Whether they know it or not, the non-hunters need people like you and me to hunt deer. If you care about the future of hunting, I hope that you, like me, will politely take time to help them understand. Our sport depends on it.

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