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Irwin Sportsmen's Association Newsletter

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ISA Open House

Our annual ISA Open House will be held on Sunday, September 24 from 12:00 PM until 4:00 PM. This event is open to the public and allows our club to showcase our facilities, attract new members and allow current members to spend some time together.

At the writing of this newsletter, we currently have the following events lined up for the day:

- Daisy BB Shoot
- Rifle shooting—assisted by the Jr. Rifle Team
- Pistol shooting
- Knife and tomahawk throwing
- Archery (tentatively)
- Concealed Carry permits with the Westmoreland County Sheriff
- 50/50 raffle
- Auction baskets
- Fundraising tickets for sale

The club will provide a lunch of hot dogs, rigatoni, chips, water, coffee and soda.

In order to make this a success, we need everyone's help. There are various volunteer opportunities that we need filled. Anyone who volunteers for two hours will earn a work party credit. We need help with the following:

- Parking
- Range Safety Officers
- Food runners for volunteers (great for teens or families)
- Provide tours of the facilities
- Food or dessert donations
- Chinese Auction Basket donations

If you can help with any of the opportunities above, please send your name and the opportunity you can assist with via email to irwinsportsmens@gmail.com

If you are unsure of how you can help, let us know. We can find something for you!

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ISA Post 228 Junior Rifle Club Inc.



2022/2023 Team: Pictured Left to Right: Nathan, Gianna, Cameron, Logan, Parker, Evan

The team has taken on three new members during the summer season, which will bring our roster total to nine. Welcome to the team Dalton, Landon and Sarah. The 2023/2024 season will officially start on September 25. Officers will be elected at the October 3 meeting.

The team will send Nathan, Logan and Cameron to University of Akron on September 30 to compete in the 2023 Zippy Open. During this competition, each member will compete in a USA Shooting 3x20 Smallbore match (60 shots in 90 minutes using Kneeling, Prone, Standing. The team will then compete in the International Air Rifle match (60 in 75 minutes).

With the kickoff of the 2023/2024 season, the team will be competing within the Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League. Each week, starting in October, the team will shoot targets at the club. From there, the targets will get mailed to the Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League for scoring.

You can continue to help support the team by purchasing monthly raffle tickets and purchasing hoagies. Please contact Coach Paul to get your tickets. We sell Triangle Bar hoagies each month at the following locations:

- Manor Car Wash
- S&T Bank on Route 130 in Penn Township
- Busy Beaver (Irwin)

Our next hoagie sale is Saturday, September 16 starting at 10:30 AM.



A big thank you to Randy Gooch who donated custom made hoagie fundraiser signs to the team (as shown above). We would also like to thank Randy's Dive Shop for becoming a sponsor of the team.

ISA Events

- Sept. 3 Trap Shoots, Noon, \$4.00 per person/round
- Sept. 6: ISA Member Work Party, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM
- Sept. 7: Outdoor Pin Shoots, 5:00 PM
- Sept. 10: Trap Shoots, Noon, \$4.00 per person/round
- Sept. 11: ISA Post 228 Jr. Rifle Practice, 6:00 PM
- Sept. 12: ISA Post 228 Jr. Rifle Practice, 6:00 PM
- Sept. 13: ISA Member Work Party, 9:00 AM—11:00 AM
- Sept. 13: ISA Member Work Party, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM
- Sept. 14: ISA Officers Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Sept. 16: ISA Post 228 Jr. Rifle Club Inc. Hoagie Sales: Purchase a Triangle Bar
hoagie for \$8.00 at Manor Car Wash, S&T Bank on Route 130 or Busy
Beaver
- Sept. 17: Trap Shoots, Noon, \$4.00 per person/round
- Sept. 20: ISA Member Work Party, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM
- Sept. 21: Outdoor Pin Shoots, 5:00 PM
- Sept. 23: Special Work Party, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
- Sept. 24: ISA Open House, 12:00 PM—4:00 PM
- Sept. 25: ISA Post 228 Jr. Rifle Practice, 6:00 PM
- Sept. 26: ISA Post 228 Jr. Rifle Practice, 6:00 PM
- Sept. 27: ISA Member Work Party, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM
- Sept. 28: ISA Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM
- Sept. 30: ISA Post 228 Jr. Rifle Competition @ University of Akron

Sporting Events in the Area

- Sept 2: Pennsylvania Black Bear: Get up close and personal with this PA creature. Hosted by PA Game Commission. Laurel Hill State Park-Campground Amphitheater, 7:00 PM
[Pennsylvania Black Bear - DCNR Calendar of Events \(pa.gov\)](#)
- Sept. 15: State Rep's Steele's Outdoor Recreation & Conservation Expo, Syria Shriners (Cheswick, PA). 3:00 PM—7:00 PM
[Event - State Rep. Steele's Outdoor Recreation & Conservation Expo - September 15, 2023 in Cheswick, PA \(register-ed.com\)](#)
- Sept. 16: Concealed Carry Seminar hosted by Rep Leslie Rossi. Ligonier Township Municipal Building, 10:00 AM—1:00 PM
[Events :: Firearms Owners Against Crime ILLEA \(foac-illea.org\)](#)

Youth Wildlife Art Contest



The George Montgomery/NRA Youth Wildlife Art Contest is open to students grades 1 through 12 (including home-schooled children).

Entries are sorted into one of four categories, based on school grade:

- Category I: Grades 1-3
- Category II: Grades 4-6
- Category III: Grades 7-9
- Category IV: Grades 10-12
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Entries must be signed by the artist and portray any North American game bird or animal that may be legally hunted or trapped. Endangered species and non-game animals, such as eagles and snakes, are not eligible subjects. To confirm whether a certain animal or bird is eligible, please visit the contest animal website [North American Game Birds & Game Animals \(nra.org\)](#)

Contest starts September 1 and entries must be received by October 31, 2023 to be eligible.

For additional information, please visit [How It Works | Youth Wildlife Art Contest \(nra.org\)](#)

Hunters Safety Course

Irwin Sportsmens Association will host the Hunter/Trapper Education course on October 22. You can register for the class online:



<https://www.pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/Hunter-TrapperEducation/Pages/default.aspx>

Opportunities to Earn Work Party Credits

- * Attend ISA Member Work Parties that are held each Wednesday
 - * We have a variety of tasks that can be completed for all skill levels
- * Attend Monthly Membership Meetings
 - * Attendance at 4 meetings = 1 Work Party Credit
- * Monitor the ranges
 - * Instructions for this duty are inside the binder in the Club House room. Make sure to sign-in for credit and borrow a safety vest.
- * Help clean up Sandy Hill Road up to the intersection of Route 130.
 - * Contact Smoky Burdin
- * Help sell monthly tickets with the Post 228 Jr. Rifle Club Inc.
 - * Contact Paul Angelicchio
- * Help sell a minimum of 10 tickets for ISA
 - * Contact Dan Nave
- * Contact an ISA Officer to inquire about additional opportunities that may be coming up
- * Volunteer for 2 hours at the Open House on September 24

Special Work Party

We will hold a special work party on Saturday, September 23 from 10:00 AM—2:00 PM for the ISA Open House. During this party, we will be preparing the grounds, ranges, setting up the clubhouse and cleaning. You can earn a work party credit by attending.

If you are interested in helping, please send an email to irwinsportsmens@gmail.com

ISA Membership Renewals

Do you know someone who is interested in joining the club? Are you looking to renew your membership? Then you won't want to miss the Open House on Sunday, September 24.

The membership drive during the Open House includes a lower initiation fee. This is a great time for new members to join and be covered through 2024.

Existing members can also renew their membership at the Open House as well, which will cover them for thru the end of 2024.

ISA Fundraising

Reminder: If you sell 10 tickets, you will receive 1 work party credit!

Fall Gun Tickets

The fall gun ticket are on sale now. We have 250 tickets that will contain 4 numbers. The cost of each ticket will be \$15.00 each. This combo ticket will feature gun and ammo for Men and Women (2 different guns) along with a \$100 gift card for Defenders Armory. The ticket will go off on October 6. All stubs and money will be due back to the club by September 14.

Please contact Joyce or Rich for tickets.



Membership Renewal Cards

If you did not include a Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope with your dues payment, your new card is at the club and may be picked up at any regularly scheduled meeting.

Spotted Lanternfly

At this point, these invasive pests shouldn't be unknown to anyone in western Pennsylvania. One of the best things each of us can do right now is manage spotted lanternflies on our properties by scraping eggs, using traps, and if needed, using chemicals to control them.

As we head into the fall season, they will start laying eggs. Egg masses are covered with a gray-brown substance, flat, and laid on many surfaces, most commonly trees. You may also find them underneath your car or in your wheel well.

Tree hosts preferred by these pests during the fall include red maple, silver maple, and willows— these trees are an excellent place to start looking for egg masses! However, they will also lay eggs on other trees on which they do not typically feed, including black cherry, pine, and others. They will lay eggs in protected areas under rocks and on lawn furniture, decks, fences, rusty metal, and many other surfaces.

The eggs can be destroyed by scraping them from the surface where they were laid into an alcohol solution (e.g., rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer) where they should be left permanently. Eggs can also be destroyed by thoroughly smashing them.

For additional information, please visit:

[How to Build a Spotted Lanternfly Circle Trap \(psu.edu\)](https://www.psu.edu/extension/pests/spotlight/spotlight-2018-09-12-how-to-build-a-spotted-lanternfly-circle-trap)

[Spotted Lanternfly Management Guide \(psu.edu\)](https://www.psu.edu/extension/pests/spotlight/spotlight-2018-09-12-how-to-build-a-spotted-lanternfly-circle-trap)

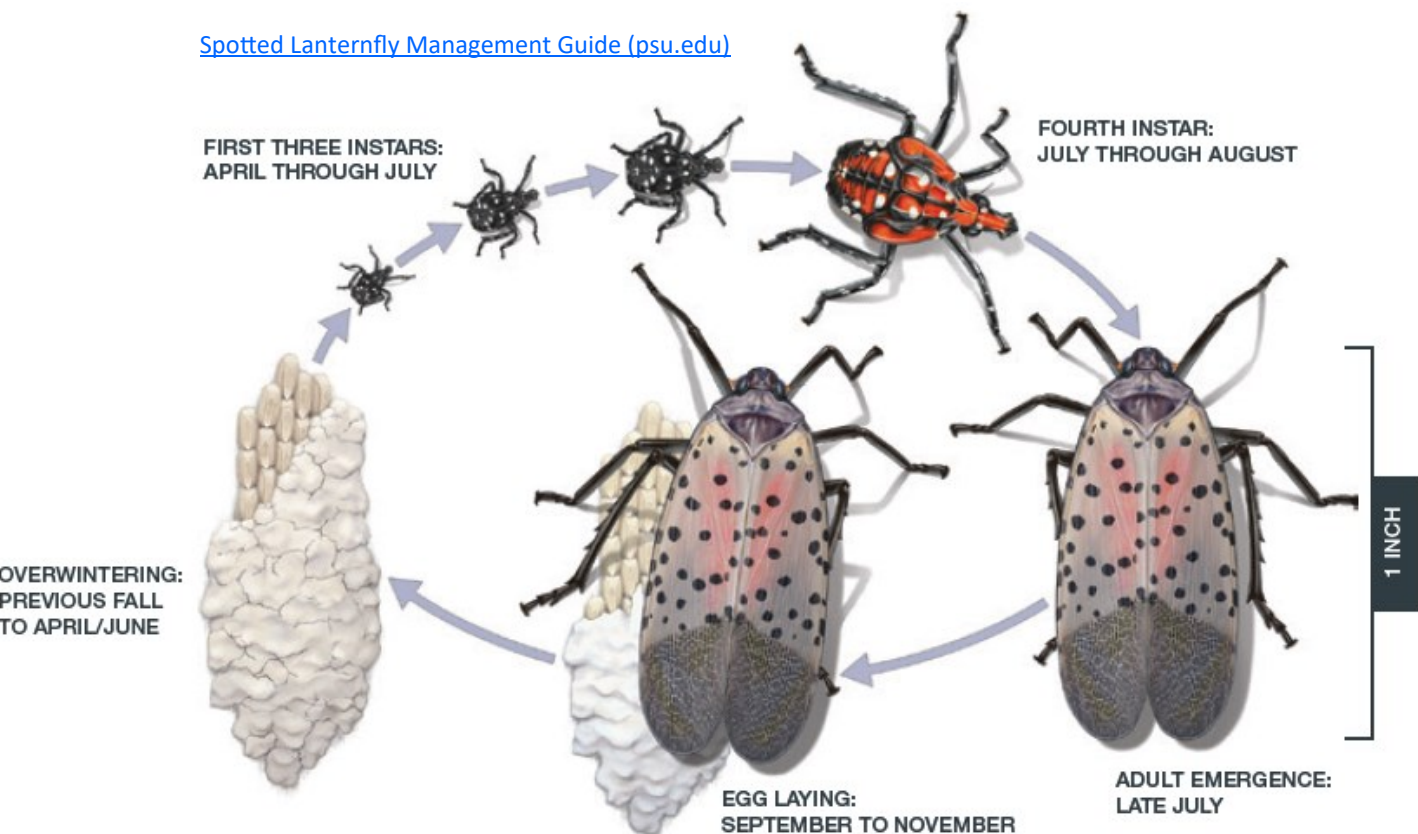


Figure 1. Spotted lanternfly life cycle. Illustration © Emily S. Damstra. As featured online [Spotted Lanternfly Management Guide \(psu.edu\)](https://www.psu.edu/extension/pests/spotlight/spotlight-2018-09-12-how-to-build-a-spotted-lanternfly-circle-trap)

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