



Clays for KECA

Northern Tier Shooting Clays Event

Saturday May 29th, 2021

Thunder Ridge Sporting Clays & Game Farm
Middlebury Center, PA



Greetings:

We are excited to announce that the *Clays for KECA – Northern Tier* event will be taking place this year on Saturday May 29th at Thunder Ridge Sporting Clays & Game Farm in Middlebury Center! We have been working very hard to bring this event back after last year’s cancellation due to the Covid restrictions and are excited for you to join us. Events like *Clays for KECA* play such an important role in our fundraising efforts with the Keystone Elk Country Alliance and we look forward to this event becoming a staple with our organization. Our *Clays for KECA* program started in 2019, with our first event held at Thunder Ridge Sporting Clays and this year we are excited to announce that the program has expanded and we will also be holding a second sporting clays event in addition to this one at the Carlisle Fish & Game Club in August. The *Clays for KECA* event has provided many more people the opportunity to support KECA and have a great time while doing so!

When joining us for the *Northern Tier Clays for KECA* event you will look forward to a day of fun and camaraderie amongst people with a love for Elk Country. Our event takes place at a top-class shooting facility with 16 different shooting stations and shooters will be provided with 100 target opportunities with all ammunition provided as well! Included with the shooter registration is also the usage of a shared golf cart but all shooters do have **the option to bring their own golf carts or SXS UTV’s**. The event will be topped off with a home cooked BBQ lunch and exciting raffles as well!

Due to the overwhelming response from our first event, we are expanding shooting opportunities for the Northern Tier Event. This year, we will be offering both morning and afternoon shooting flights. This will allow for a more casual and less rushed shooting experience. Shooters are permitted to register to shoot in both AM & PM sessions. We will also be accepting PM re-registration the day of the event. When completing your application, please note your desired shooting flight time and we will do our best to accommodate all requests.

Shooting/ Event schedule is as follows:

- 8AM- 9AM AM Registration
- **9:30AM** **AM Shooting Starts**
- 11AM – 1PM PM Registration
- 11:30AM – 12:30PM Lunch served/ Raffles Open (for both AM & PM Shooting Flights)
- 12:30PM AM Awards & Raffle prize drawings
- **1:30PM** **PM Shooting Starts**
- 3:30PM (approx.) PM Awards/ Closing of event



We are excited to also present some very exciting raffles at the event as well as through our online fundraising program. Starting on May 24th through June 2nd, you will have the opportunity to bid with our online auction to help support the *Clays for KECA* event. The Online Auction and Raffles can be found on our website at ExperienceElkCountry.com and locate the “Fundraising” tab and then go to the “Online Auctions & Raffles”. You will find the link to view the current online fundraisers that are happening. The Clays for KECA online auction will showcase items like the Elk Mountain Homestead, situated on the Elk Country Visitor Center property, is likely one of the most

exclusive rental properties in Elk Country. The online auction will feature a **very sought-after date of Friday October 1st – Sunday October 3rd**, the PEAK of Rut Season in Pennsylvania’s Elk Country. Also featured is a private horse drawn Wagon Ride for up to 24 people on the Elk Country Visitor Center property on **September 11th at 4:45PM.** This is an opportunity to get up close and personal with bulls bugling and chasing as the horse team takes you on a 45-minute ride through the “back 40” of the Visitor Center property.





We will also be offering an online raffle along with our auctions for your chance to own the 2021 KECA Banquet Rifle, a Remington 700 .30-06, with a custom engraved gloss maple stock featuring the KECA sparring bulls brand image. Tickets for the Banquet Rifle Raffle will be \$20 each or 3 for \$50 and will also be available the day of the event.

Another exciting raffle that will be featuring EXCLUSIVELY at the event is the ever-popular Progressive Raffle. This item is exclusive to Chapter special events and is a two-part raffle with a tremendous grand prize. For just \$20, you will get a chance to win a **Thompson Center Compass II .30-06 Rifle with a Vortex Sonora 4-12x44**

BDC Scope the day of the event. This year's Progressive Rifle is also fully customized with a special edition KECA exclusive Cerokote in distressed green pattern. The winner of the rifle from the *Clays for KECA* event will then be entered along with the 15 other rifle winners from our Chapter special events for a chance to win a **fully guided Companion Elk hunt for Two at Fish Tail Ranch in Chama, New Mexico!** That is a 1 in 16 chance of winning an elk hunt! The grand prize winner will be drawn at the final event of the year.



Over the past year, the Keystone Elk Country Alliance has encountered some interesting trials but we are very proud to say that 2020 was one of our most successful years to date! We welcomed over 515,000 people through the doors of the Elk Country Visitor Center, despite being closed for nearly two months. Our Conservation Education department instructed and worked with over 41,000 people last year with everything from our Distance Learning program, to field trips, to impromptu sessions at the Elk Country Visitor Center. And in light of the given situation, we kicked off an online fundraising program and were able to use that program to help supplement any monies lost due to cancelled events. All in all, 2020 was a challenging year, but we are extremely proud of the final outcome. In 2021, we are excited to bring back our Conservation Banquets starting later this spring, and many other new and exciting events at the Elk Country Visitor Center and across the state.

Please complete a separate application for each Individual or Team of Shooters. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to reach out to our event committee listed below. We look forward to seeing you at the 2021 Northern Tier Clays for KECA event in May!

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