

Souderton - Harleysville






Game, Fish & Forestry Association, Inc.

The Region's Premier Sportsman's Club



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Dates to Remember

Every Wednesday in May (3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st) - Outdoor Pistol 7:00 - 10:00p

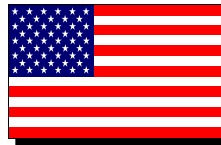
- May 9th - 200 Yard Small Bore Rifle Match
- May 5th and 26th - Trap 6:00 - 10:00p
- May 14th - Mother's Day
- May 28th - 3D Archery Shoot 7:00 - 11:00a
- May 28th - PA Fish for Free Day
- May 29th - Memorial Day

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Remember Mother's Day



The next general membership meeting will be October 17th. Plan to attend.

Director's meeting Tuesday, May 23rd @ 7:30p in the Fisherman's Cabin.

FYI

- ◆ General membership meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday in the months of January, March and October at 7:30pm in the Fisherman's cabin. Plan to attend.
- ◆ The Club newsletter will not be published again until September. Be sure to check the Club's website for the latest news & events.
- ◆ The summer calendars (June, July, August & September) are included in this newsletter.
- ◆ On behalf of the Club's Directors, have a safe and relaxing summer.
- ◆ Always obey Club rules. Always.
- ◆ Always check the Club's website for the latest news and updates. The newsletter is on the Club's website a few weeks before the printed version is mailed out.

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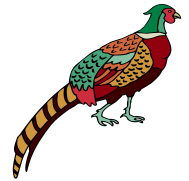
Game Committee

Kevin O'Driscoll

Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on Club grounds. The Club property lines have been posted to reflect any recent land acquisitions, in addition there are two large up to date maps in the Fisherman's cabin which show our property boundaries. Please respect neighboring land owners property lines and safety zones.

In addition to PA Game regulations, the following rules apply when hunting on Club grounds:

- ◆ No single projectiles while hunting with firearms on Club grounds, hunting is limited to shotguns and archery equipment.
- ◆ Hunters must wear a fluorescent orange hat for all hunting on Club grounds; this is in addition to any fluorescent orange required by PA Game laws.
- ◆ Tree stands may not be left on Club property, and must be carried in and out each day.
- ◆ Hunters using tree stands are required to wear a full body harness while on Club property.
- ◆ Baiting is not allowed on Club property



Safety Zone violations will not be tolerated and you are responsible for your actions on Club grounds. Please hunt safely, and respect safety zones while on Club property. A Florescent orange hat or vest is mandatory while hunting.

******* Notice To All Club Members *******

Membership cards must be displayed in full view at all times while on Club grounds at all times. Dependents using a copy must display it at all times. It is not to be hidden behind your fishing license, inside your tackle box, at home, in your car or in your wallet. You must also have a valid picture ID with you at all times. Members are responsible for the conduct of their dependents while on Club grounds.

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Fish For Free Days

The PA Fish & Boat Commission has set aside May 28th and July 4th as fish for free days. No PA fishing license is required on those days, however, you **must be a Club member.**



OBSERVE THE REAL MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY



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Fishing

Dave Haywood

Bass season opens on June 10th. Bass fishing seasons and size limits at the Club are shown below. Please consider keeping bass caught during the appropriate seasons. Our ponds have become overpopulated with 8" to 12" bass. Our ponds do not have a forage base to sustain the current overpopulation to allow the fish to grow bigger. We follow the PA Fish and Boat seasons, sizes and creel limits. They are as follows:



- January 1st through April 7th, and October 1st through December 31st - **15 inches**, (four combined species)
- April 8th through June 9th - **NO HARVEST** - Catch and immediate release only (no tournaments permitted)
- June 10th through September 30th - **12 inches**, (six combined species)

The link below will provide additional information:

<https://www.fishandboat.com/About-Us/Angler-and-Boater/AnglerBoater2023/Documents/janfeb2023ab-seasonscreel.pdf>

There are two Fish-for-Free days this year, May 28th and July 4th. You do not need a license to fish on those two days, however, **you must be a Club member.**

Rifle

Jake Ochnich

The .22 rimfire 200 yard league has begun. It's on the second Tuesdays of the month through October. Sign in is at 6:00pm and shooting starts at 6:30pm. Just a reminder that shotguns must be patterned on the patterning range by trap number 3 and not on the rifle range. Also fisherman please do not park in front of the rifle range. Park over by the wood piles. Remember to check out the rules on the website. It is your responsibility to know the rules. They are listed below. **All shooters must sign in prior to shooting and sign out when done shooting.** All members who are buying surplus ammo need to know what type it is. ARMOR PIERCING is prohibited. Please remember that all cameras are operational at all times. Thanks, **Jake**

Range Rules

Range Hours: Monday through Saturday 7:00am - sunset & Sunday 9:00am to sunset.

- 1). Never handle a firearm while people are down range period!!!! **You will absolutely lose your membership!!!**
- 2). All firearms are to be unloaded and actions open while people are down range. Muzzleloaders will have the powder removed from the flash pan and primers removed from the nipple or breech plug.
- 3). Use the man down range sign even if you're the only one using the range.
- 4). Always wear a blaze orange hat/vest, eye and ear protection.
- 5). No armor piercing or penetrating ammo, No tracer ammo, No 50 BMG or 416 Barrett ammo, No full auto or bump firing
- 6). No patterning of shotguns. Use the patterning range by trap number 3.
- 7). Paper targets only. No exploding targets of any kind!!!
- 8) Targets are to be mounted on the horizontal boards provided. With bulls-eye between the upper and lower boards.
- 9). All shots are to be fired into the target impact areas.
- 10). All shooters must shoot into the target area in front of them. No shooting across the range!!!
- 11). No children on the range without an adult and no guests.



Any violations of the above rules could result in the loss of membership!

Pistol

Neil Johnson



We are now shooting out doors every Wednesday night (weather permitting) with a varied program. The first Wednesday night of the month is center fire pistol and pcc's. The second Wednesday of the month is .22 pistol and rifle. The third Wednesday is center fire pistol and pcc's. The fourth Wednesday is tactical shotgun. If there's a fifth Wednesday it could be any combo. All shooters are required to take a safety check prior to participating. These events are open to all members for free and non-members for a fee. Please remember to clean up after you use the ranges and return items provide to where they were found. Put empty cartages in buckets provided. Keep updated by checking the Club's website at <https://www.shgffa.com> or on our Facebook site. Please remember that all cameras are operational at all times. Be safe and enjoy the summer.

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2023 Summer Trapshooting Series

Souderton - Harleysville Game, Fish & Forestry Assn.
58 White's Mill Road, Tylersport, PA 18971
Phone (215) 313- 7265

25 – Practice Targets ... \$6.00

CASH PRIZE SHOOT

50 - 16 YD. Targets\$17.00

March 31st	June 2nd
April 14th	June 23rd
April 28th	July 7th
May 5th	July 28th
May 26th	August 11th

Class Shoot-off ...September 8th
CLASS SHOOT-OFF OPEN TO EVERYONE

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Missed Shoots can be made up.
NO SHOOTING AHEAD

RAIN DATES

May 12th, July 14th & August 25th.
Cash donated by the Club to:
1st High Gun & 2nd High Gun

PRIZE FUND
\$3.00 of each entry to form prize fund divided as follows: 6 prizes for the class shoot off; 1st High Overall, 2nd High Overall, and 1st High and 2nd High for each of 4 classes for each Class is paid out in cash. Remainder divided Lewis Class; 1 class for each 3 shooters. Best 6 of 10 scores to count for all prizes. **ALL SHOOTERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CLASS SHOOT OFF.** All prizes will be paid out in cash. \$5.00 cash will be awarded to High Gun in each of four Lewis classes, divided equally depending on total number of shooters. \$1.00 of each entry will go into a number jackpot for each shoot, to be determined by the last number of the next evening's daily number.\$1.00 will go toward white bird pay-off, for which a white bird will be thrown for each full squad.

EVENT #2

25 – pair doubles\$12.00

Doubles are practice only. There is still a free round white bird for each full squad

EVENT #3

LONG BIRD SHOOT \$1.00

Buy a ticket for \$1.00, if your ticket is drawn you get one shot at a bird thrown from trap #2, while standing on trapline #1. If you hit the bird you win the jackpot if you miss the bird the jackpot rolls over until somebody hits. If the jackpot reaches \$100.00 we will draw one ticket to shoot the first bird and a second ticket for the remaining pot. The club will provide the shell. Ticket to be drawn at 8:00 P.M.

HUNTERS SHOOT WITH SPECIAL BIRD EVENT – September 27th,
October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

All non-members participating in shooting events at our Club will be required to sign an accident liability release form before entering these events: By order of the Board of Directors.

EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS REQUIRED



Trap

Henry Kuestner

Our summer series has started. There is still time to come out and join the fun. **DON'T FORGET IF YOU USE THE MANUAL TRAPS RING THE BELL AND WAIT 10 MINUTES FOR ANY FISHERMAN TO CLEAR OUT!** Our winter series ended in early March with our fun shoot. A good time was had by all. The top gun for the series was **John Hannahoe** with 287x300 The second high gun was **Steve McCafferty** with 281x300. Don't forget the hunter nights coming up the last Wednesday night of September and every Wednesday night in October. Thanks, Henry

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The Club will no longer pay for the USPS change of address service. It is the responsibility of each member to notify the Club of any address change or correction. Send address changes/corrections to: shgffa@gmail.com or P O Box 308, Tylersport PA 18971- 0308

Archery

Jerry Hawkins

At this time we are getting ready for the new season. The course will have a little different lay out and a little shorter walk. Also, disabled persons can shoot if they have the proper equipment to get around on the stone roads. They will also need someone to pull their arrows. All shoots will be held on the 4th Sunday of each month from May through September. As always breakfast and lunch until noon. Registration cost is \$12.00 per person. 7:00am - 11.00am.



Firewood

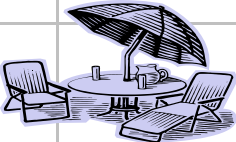



Butch King

The Club has firewood for sale at \$175 per cord or \$90 per half-cord, and it's ready for pickup. You'll have two (2) weeks from the point you place your order to pick it up or you'll lose your order. Call **Butch** at (215) 723-8530.



June 2023

**SCHOOL'S OUT...
PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY**

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4	5	6 D- Day, 1944	7 Action Pistol, PCC (center - fire Only) 7:00p 	8	9	10 <u>Bass Season Opens</u> (see related article with more info on page 3)
11	12	13 200 Yard Small Bore Rifle - 6:30p	14 Flag Day 22 Pistol & Rifle 7:00p	15	16	17 
18 Father's Day 	19	20 Summer Solstice On the 21st	21 Action Pistol, PCC (center - fire Only) 7:00p	22	23 Summer Trap Shoot 6:00 - 10:00	24
25 3D Archery Shoot 7:00 - 11:00a	26	27 Director's Meeting 7:30p	28 Tactical Shotgun 7:00p	29	30	3rd - Full Moon 10th- Last Quarter 18th- New Moon 26th - 1st Quarter

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July 2023



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Orange Hat / Vest Policy

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LAND FUND

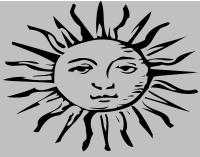
The Board of Directors would like to thank our members for their past generous contributions that have been made to the Land Fund.

Please mail in any contribution that you have already pledged. If you would like to make a contribution to the Land Fund, either original or additional, please send your check payable to:

Souderton - Harleysville G, F & F Association Land Fund, P.O. Box 308, Tylersport, PA 18971

Please mark your envelope and check "Land Fund".

Thanks again, Board of Directors



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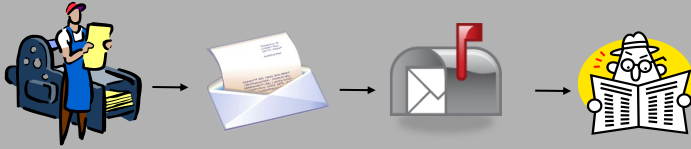


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Editor's Note:

I want to take this opportunity to thank our friends at **Telford Press**. **Scott** and **Debbie** do a fantastic job throughout the year publishing the Club's newsletter. Their eye on quality and quick turnaround time is very much appreciated.



A bell has been installed between trap #2 and #3. Anyone wishing to shoot trap from the manual trap during fishing season is required to ring the bell ten (10) minutes prior to shooting. Anyone fishing in a drop zone is required to move to a safe zone.



If you have lost or misplaced any personal belongings while on Club property be sure to check the lost and found inside the Fisherman's cabin.

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September 2023

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<p>10 Grandparent's Day</p>	<p>11 Patriots' Day</p>	<p>12 200 Yard Small Bore Rifle - 6:30p</p>	<p>13 .22 Pistol & Rifle 7:00p</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Rosh Hashanah</p>	<p>16</p>
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