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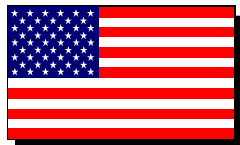
Every Tuesday night in March - **Indoor 4**
 Position Small Bore - 6:30pm

Every Wednesday night in March - **Indoor .22**
 7:00 to 10:00p

March 31st— **Opening day of trout** 8:00a
 Make sure you have your 2018 PA fishing license with a trout stamp

Be sure to purchase your 2018 PA fishing license, along with a trout stamp, before opening day on April 1st.

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TROUT BREAKFAST

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

The annual Trout Breakfast is in the planning stages and volunteers are needed. See the article on page 3.

General membership meeting on Tuesday, February 20th @ 7:30p in the Fisherman's Cabin

Director's meeting on Tuesday February 27th @ 7:30p in the Fisherman's Cabin

- FYI**
- ◆ All fishing at the Club will be closed after February 28th and will resume on opening day March 31st at 8:00a.
 - ◆ **ALL GUN RANGES and the ARCHERY RANGE WILL BE CLOSED THE FIRST TWO WEEKENDS OF TROUT SEASON (March 31st, April 1st, 7th and 8th AND KID'S DAY (April 14th).**
 - ◆ All members must display their membership cards on their person while on Club property. You must also have a valid picture ID in your possession.
 - ◆ Property & Grounds information is included as an insert in this issue. The parking lot map is on the reverse side.
 - ◆ Always obey Club rules.

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***** 2018 Opening Day of Trout Season Information *****

2018 Opening Day of Trout - March 31st at 8:00a
Dave Haywood

February 28th - Fishing at the Club will be closed after this date and will resume on opening day of trout beginning on March 31st at 8:00a. Purchase your 2018 PA fishing license with a trout stamp prior to opening day

March 29th - We will stock 2,300 ~ 13- 14 inch rainbow trout

March 30th - We will stock 2,300 ~ 13- 14 inch & 25 ~ 20- 26 inch rainbow trout



March 31st - Opening Day of Trout ~ 8:00a.

April 6th - We will stock 4,000 ~ 13 - 14 inch & 25 ~ 20- 26 inch rainbow trout. (No fishing until 6:00a on April 7th)

April 13th - for Kid's Day - we will stock 500 ~13- 14 & 12 ~ 15- 17 inch rainbow trout in the kid's pond, pickerel pond, and catch and release pond. These ponds will be off- limits to all members until April 14th at 6:00a.

April 14th - Kid's Day-open to kids 12 years of age and under. Only one (1) rod can be used. The parent or guardian can throw the line in, but the kid must reel the fish in by themselves.

April 15th - Members can fish in the kid's, pickerel, and catch and release ponds after 6:00a

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Members of the Board of Directors will man strategic check points the first two weekends of trout season verifying everyone's Club membership. You must have in your possession the following:

- 1). **2018 Club membership badge**
- 2). **2018 PA fishing license with trout stamp**
- 3). **A valid photo ID**

Anyone caught attempting to bring in a non-member to fish will immediately lose their membership in the Club. No Exceptions.

A Special Thank You
 To those members who donated to the Club's fish fund. Your generosity, as always, is very much appreciated.

Firewood Butch King

The Club has firewood for sale at \$175 per 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.

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Fisherman's Breakfast



It's that time of year again. There will be a sit down breakfast as we did last year. We need volunteers to help. The dates are March 31st, April 1st, 7th and 8th from 6:00am to 12:00pm. Please contact me at (215) 723-1824 to help out or if you have any questions.

Tim Blank

Pistol

Neil Johnson

All ranges will be closed the first two weeks of trout season (March 31st, April 1st, 7th and 8th) and for Kid's Day (April 14th). We are currently shooting indoor NRA .22 bulls- eye every Wednesday night. We will move to an outdoor program in April. Wednesday night pistol shoots are open to all, both members and non-members. Non-members must pay a fee and sign a waiver. For outdoor shooting a safety check will be required. As always, safe firearm handling is priority number one. Do not handle a firearm, not even to case or uncase it if someone is down range. Do not break the 180 rule. In other words keep the gun pointed down range when you handle it. Do not shoot from in front of the shooting tables. Please pick up your brass and put it in a hanging brass bucket, not the trash can. Pick up all mis-fires and put them in the orange bucket provided. Remember to pull your staples from the target stands (staples can hurt people's hands) and return provided shooting items to where they belong. Please be courteous to others. Remember this is your Club, take care of it.



Rifle

Jake Ochnich



All ranges will be closed the first two weeks of trout season (March 31st, April 1st, 7th and 8th) and for Kid's Day (April 14th). Indoor 4 position small bore is every Tuesday night at 6:30pm. March 27th will be our last shoot. Starting in April through October every 2nd Tuesday of the month will be the 200 yard rim-fire match. Start time is 6:30pm. Also a reminder to fisherman do not park in front of rifle range. Park over by the wood boxes so members have access to the range. Thanks, Jake.

Game Committee

Kevin O'Driscoll

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.
- ◆ Please hunt safely and respect safety zones while on Club property.
- ◆ No waterfowl hunting.
- ◆ **Hunters are advised violating State game regulations or Club hunting rules will result in loss of their Club membership.**



Trap

Henry Kuestner



All ranges will be closed the first two weeks of trout season (March 31st, April 1st, 7th and 8th) and for Kid's Day (April 14th). Our winter series is winding down, we've had a pretty good turnout this year. The results will be in the summer newsletter. Our summer series will start in April. The schedule is included as an insert in this newsletter. **DON'T FORGET TO RING BELL BEFORE USING THE TRAP RANGE WHEN TROUT SEASON OPENS!** Thanks, Henry.

***** ALL RANGES ARE CLOSED ON MARCH 31st, APRIL 1st, 7th, 8th and 14th *****

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Attention: All New 2018 Club Members

On behalf of the Club's Directors, a special welcome to our new members. Please familiarize yourself with the Club's rules and regulations. For your convenience, they are on the Club's website and printed on the reverse side of your membership badge. Contact one of the Board of Directors with any questions. **Membership badges must be displayed at all times while on Club property. You must also have a valid picture ID in your possession. Always obey Club rules.**

Please observe the trap shooting /fishing bell policy when shooting trap during fall / winter fishing. **The bell must be rung 10 minutes prior to shooting and fishermen must move to another area.**






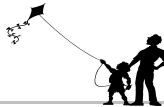

Kid's Day is April 14th. Take your son/daughter/grandchild 12 years and under. It's a great time!

If you walk your dog on Club grounds, it is your responsibility to pick up after the dog.



March 2018



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|--|
|  | NO FISHING AT THE CLUB UNTIL OPENING DAY ON MARCH 31st at 8:00a. | |  | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 Indoor 4 Position Small Bore - 6:30pm | 7 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00p | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins | 12 | 13 Indoor 4 Position Small Bore - 6:30pm | 14 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00p | 15 | 16  | 17 Saint Patrick's Day |
| 18 Vernal Equinox on the 20th | 19 Indoor 4 Position Small Bore - 6:30pm on the 20th | 20 General Membership Meeting 7:30p | 21 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00p | 22 | 23  | 24 Trout Breakfast on the 31st |
| 25 Palm Sunday | 26 Indoor 4 Position Small Bore - 6:30pm on the 27th | 27 Director's Meeting 7:30p | 28 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00p | 29 | 30 Good Friday | 31  Passover OPENING DAY FOR TROUT |
| <u>A florescent orange hat or vest must be worn on the rifle range at all times</u> | Always check the Club's website for the latest news and information | Attend the general membership meetings held every 3rd Tuesday of the month. | It is your responsibility to pick up after your dog while on Club grounds | Make sure you have your 2018 PA fishing license and a trout stamp for opening day. | See the April calendar on the Club's website | 2nd - Full Moon 9th - Last Quarter 17th - New Moon 24th - 1st Quarter 31st - Full Moon |