

Souderton - Harleysville
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The Region's Premier Sportsman's Club

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Dates To Remember

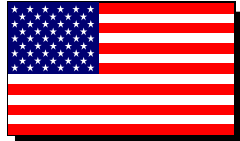
Every Wednesday night in March - **Indoor .22**
 7:00 to 10:00pm

April 1st— **Opening day of trout** 8:00am

Be sure to purchase your 2023 PA fishing license, along with a trout stamp, before opening day on April 1st.

*******NOTICE*******
***** ALL RANGES ARE CLOSED ON *****
APRIL 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th & 15th

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General membership meeting on March 21th - 7:30pm in the Fisherman's Cabin

Director's meeting on Tuesday March 28nd -7:30pm in the Fisherman's Cabin

The Fisherman's Breakfast will not be held this year

Check the Club's website for the latest news and event updates

All members must display their membership badges while on Club property. You must also have a valid picture ID with you as well.

No fishing at the Club from February 20th until opening day on April 1st at 8:00am.

- FYI**
- ◆ All fishing at the Club will be closed after February 20th and will resume on opening day April 1st at 8:00am.
 - ◆ **ALL GUN RANGES and the ARCHERY RANGE WILL BE CLOSED THE FIRST TWO WEEKENDS OF TROUT SEASON (April 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th AND KID'S DAY (April 15th)).**
 - ◆ 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.
 - ◆ Review the trout rules included as an insert and on the Club's website under Committees/Fishing.

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*** 2023 Opening Day of Trout Season Information ***

2023 Opening Day of Trout - April 1st at 8:00am

Dave Haywood

February 20th - Fishing at the Club will be closed after this date and will resume on opening day of trout beginning on April 1st at 8:00am. Purchase your 2023 PA fishing license with a trout stamp prior to opening day

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

March 31st - We will stock 2,300 ~ 13- 14 inch & 25 ~ 20- 26 inch rainbow trout



April 1st - Opening Day of Trout ~ 8:00am.

April 7th - We will stock 4,000 ~ 13 - 14 inch & 25 ~ 20- 26 inch rainbow trout. (No fishing until 6:00am on April 8th)

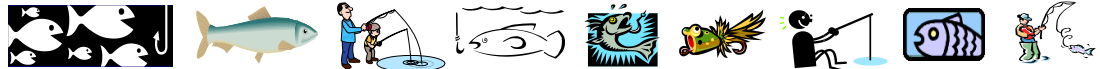
April 14th - for Kid's Day - we will stock 600 ~13- 14 & 12 ~ 15- 17 inch rainbow trout in the kid's pond, pickerel pond, and catch and release pond. These ponds will be off- limits to all members until April 15th at 8:00am.

April 15th - Kid's Day-open to kids 12 years of age and under. Begins at 8:00am. 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. There will be prizes, along with hotdogs and drinks this year.

April 16th - Members can fish in the kid's, pickerel, and catch and release ponds after 6:00am



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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). **2023 Club membership badge**
- 2). **2023 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.

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.

A Special Thank You

To those members who donated to the Club's fish fund and land fund. Your generosity, as always, is very much appreciated.

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Fisherman's Breakfast



Due to the lack of volunteers, the Board of Directors has decided not to hold the Trout Breakfast this year.

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Pistol

Neil Johnson

All ranges will be closed the first two weeks of trout season (April 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th) and for Kid's Day (April 15th).

We are currently shooting indoor bulls-eye and will begin the outdoor Wednesday night shoots in April. The Wednesday night outdoor shoots are open to all, but you must complete a safety check (new shooters) and non-members must sign a release and pay a small fee. Please clean up after yourself, including picking up empty shell casings and placing them in the buckets. Pick up any misfires and place them in the orange bucket. Please pull your staples and place target stands back where they belong. Do not shoot in front of the benches. Do not use the saw horses to hold targets. Eye and ear protection must be worn on the range. Be safe and courteous to others. Report bad actions to any one of the Directors immediately. This is your Club, please keep it safe.



Rifle

Jake Ochnich

All ranges will be closed the first two weeks of trout season (April 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th) and for Kid's Day (April 15th).



Fisherman please park over by the wood bins and not in front of the range. The 200 yard 22lr league start date will be posted on the Club's website at a later time. No patterning of shotguns on the rifle range. Use the patterning board by trap number 3. Make sure you sign in and out on the rifle range. Thank you for your cooperation and be safe. Jake

Trap

Henry Kuestner

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The winter series will be over by the time you receive this newsletter. I will have the winter series results in the summer newsletter. The schedule for the summer series is included as an insert. DON'T FORGET TO RING BELL AND WAIT 10 MINUTES BEFORE USING THE TRAP RANGE WHEN TROUT SEASON OPENS! Thanks, Henry.



Archery

Jerry Hawkins

All ranges will be closed the first two weeks of trout season (April 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th) and for Kid's Day (April 15th).



Archery shoot dates are the 4th Sunday of each month from May through September. Registration is at 7:00—11:00am and the cost is 12.00 per person. We will be open to handicap shooters and all shots will be taken from the stone roads. You will need a runner to pull arrows. As always breakfast and lunch will be available until noon.

All New 2023 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 visibly displayed at all times on your person while on Club property. You must also have a valid picture ID in your possession. Always obey Club rules.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Over the past seventy years, we've been very fortunate to have had many members of our Club volunteer to help with Committees and Club projects. Many of those volunteers are no longer with us, or unable to work on Committees or projects. **We need members to volunteer to work on Committees and Club projects. What would it take for you to volunteer?** Please step up and help our Club. We keep operating expenses and dues low by doing the work at the Club ourselves. **We need members to volunteer to work in the following areas: Archery, Fish, Pistol, Rifle, Trap, Firewood, Property and Grounds.** If we do not have members volunteer, these committees and activities may not exist. We may also have to raise dues to cover the cost of hiring people to do the work. If you are interested and would like to volunteer, please call the Committee Chairman of the Committee that you are interested in. Their names and phone numbers are listed on the Club's website under Board of Directors and in every Club Newsletter on the left side of page 2, under Board of Directors. Thank you, **Board of Directors.**

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 15th

Take your son/daughter/ grandchild 12 years of age and under. There'll be prizes, hotdogs and sodas. It's a great time for all.



March 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NO FISHING AT THE CLUB UNTIL OPENING DAY ON APRIL 1st at 8:00a.	See the April calendar on the Club's website	<u>A florescent orange hat or vest must be worn on the rifle range at all times</u>	You must ring the bell and wait 10 minutes before using the Trap Range during trout season!	Always check the Club's website for the latest news and information regarding cancelled events	Membership badges must be displayed at all times on Club property. You must also have a valid picture ID with you.	It is your responsibility to pick up after your dog while on Club grounds
	Make sure you have your 2023 PA fishing license and a trout stamp for opening day on April 1st.	It is your responsibility to notify the Club of any address change/update. See page 2, lower right-hand corner.	1 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00pm	2 	3	4
5	6	7	8 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00pm	9	10 	11
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins	13	14	15 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00pm	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18
19	20 Vernal Equinox	21 General Membership Meeting 7:30pm	22 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00pm	23	24 	25
26	27 	28 Director's Meeting 7:30pm	29 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00pm	30	31 Opening Day of Trout on April 1st. 	<u>Moon Phases</u> 7th - Full Moon 15th- Last Quarter 21st - New Moon 29th - 1st Quarter