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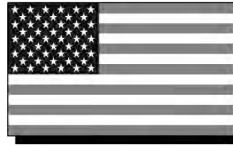
Spring 2014

Dates To Remember

- Every Tuesday night in March - **Indoor Rifle Small Bore 4 Position 7:00p**
- Every Wednesday night in March - **Indoor .22 7:00 to 10:00p**
- March 1st - Keystone Bow-hunter's match
- March 29th - Opening day of trout 8:00a

Be sure to purchase your 2014 PA fishing license, along with a trout stamp, before opening day on March 29th.

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General membership meeting on Tuesday, February, 18th @ 7:30p in the Fisherman's Cabin

Director's meeting on Tuesday February 25th @ 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 29th at 8:00a.
- ◆ **ALL GUN RANGES and the ARCHERY RANGE WILL BE CLOSED THE FIRST TWO WEEKENDS OF TROUT SEASON (March 29th & 30th, April 5th & 6th) and Kid's day (April 12th).**
- ◆ 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.

Read This First

TROUT BREAKFAST

The annual Trout Breakfast, which for many years has been served to hungry fisherman on the first two Saturdays and Sundays of trout season **is in danger of being cancelled.**

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*** 2014 Opening Day of Trout Season Information ***

2014 Opening Day of Trout - March 29th 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 29th at 8:00a. Purchase your 2014 PA fishing license with a trout stamp prior to opening day

March 27th - We will stock 2,300 ~ 13- 14 inch rainbow trout

March 28th - We will stock 2,300 ~ 13- 14 inch & 25 ~ 20- 26 inch rainbow trout



March 29th - **Opening Day of Trout** ~ 8:00a.

April 4th - We will stock 4,000 ~ 13 - 14 inch & 25 ~ 20- 26 inch rainbow trout. (No fishing until 6:00a on April 5th)

April 11th - 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 13th at 6:00a.

April 12th - **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 13th - 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). **2014 Club membership badge**
- 2). **2014 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.

Trout Breakfast

(Continued from page 1) We desperately need Club members to step up and volunteer a few hours of their time on March 29th & 30th, and April 5th & 6th. **If there are not enough members to volunteer by February 21st the Trout Breakfast will be cancelled.**

Contact **Larry Detwiler** at (215) 723-4427 as soon as possible.



A Special Thank You

A special Thank You to those members who donated to the Club's fish fund. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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Pistol

Neil Johnson

All shooters, new or experienced, please remember to be safe, courteous and respectful to anyone on the range. Do not handle a firearm if anyone is down range, not even to case it or uncase it. We will resume shooting outside in April, every Wednesday night, weather permitting. All are invited to participate. Come on out and find out just how good you are or how good you can become. There will be challenges for experienced shooters and new shooters. New shooters must schedule and pass a safety check before participating. The safety check is common sense and basic movements with a firearm. Please remember to clean up your brass and put it in the brass buckets if you do not want it. Pull staples from the target boards and throw trash in the trash can.

There will be a basic pistol class, open to members and non-members, to be held in May. Class will be limited to no more than 12 people. Please check the web site for more information as May approaches.

This is your range; keep it clean. Remember "eyes and ears" are required on the range when it is active.



Game Committee

Kevin O'Driscoll

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

- 1). No single projectiles while hunting with firearms on Club grounds, hunting is limited to shotguns and archery equipment.
- 2). 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.
- 3). Tree stands may not be left on Club property, and must be carried in and out each day.

Please be advised a large portion of our recently purchased property is within safety zones. 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.



Rifle

Jake Ochnich



Indoor Rifle Small Bore 4 Position will be held every Tuesday night at 7:00p in February and March.

Archery

Fran Devlin

3D shoots for 2014 will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month from May to September. The dates will be May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th, and September 21st. Work has begun to rebuild the old archery course behind the pole barn. We will be working to have some sort of a course set up prior to next archery season. We will also be trying to incorporate this part of the property into the 3D shoots. Any member interested in helping on the archery committee can contact me at (215) 872-7882.



Trap

Henry Kuestner



There's a Trap meeting set for February 19th at 7:00p in the Fisherman's cabin. Anyone is invited to attend and bring their suggestions. After the meeting I will get a schedule posted on the Club's website. Our winter series is about done with the last shoot scheduled for February 16th. I am still trying to work on the trap house, around the weather.

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.

Attention: All New 2014 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 printed on the reverse side of your membership badge. Membership badges must be displayed at all times while on Club property. You must also have a valid picture ID in your possession.

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Director Election

Below are the Directors whose three year terms expire in April 2014, and who are up for re-election. The election will take place at the April general membership meeting.

Richard Marsh - Secretary
 Fran Devlin - Archery Committee
 Tom Fitzgerald - Communications
 Dave Haywood - Fish Committee
 Mike Iannetta, Jr - Membership
 Nelson Newton

Orange Hat / Vest Policy

A Florescent orange hat or vest is mandatory on the rifle range and while hunting. Not to supersede Pennsylvania Game Commission laws. Recommended, but not mandatory for all others. All Pennsylvania Game Commission laws apply.






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

***** ALL RANGES ARE CLOSED ON *****
 MARCH 29th & 30th and APRIL 5th, 6th & 12th



March 2014



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		***** <u>All ranges are closed on March 29th & 30th.</u>		<u>A florescent orange hat or vest must be worn on the rifle range at all times.</u>		1 Keystone Bow-Hunter's Match 
2	3	4 Indoor Rifle Small Bore 4 Position 7:00pm	5 Ash Wednesday Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00p	6	7	8 
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins	10 Indoor Rifle Small Bore 4 Position 7:00pm on the 18th	11 Indoor Rifle Small Bore 4 Position 7:00pm	12 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00p	13	14	15 
16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 General Membership Meeting 7:30p	19 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00p	20 Vernal Equinox	21	22
23	24 Indoor Rifle Small Bore 4 Position 7:00pm on the 25th	25 Director's Meeting 7:30p	26 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00p	27	28	29 Opening Day of Trout - 8:00a
30	31		Attend the general membership meetings held every 3rd Tuesday of the month.	See the April calendar on the Club's website	Make sure you have your 2014 PA fishing license <u>and</u> a <u>trout stamp</u> for opening day.	24th- Last Quarter 30th - New Moon 8th - 1st Quarter 16th - Full Moon