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Dates To Remember

Every Wednesday night in December is Indoor .22 Pistol - 7:00 - 10:00p.

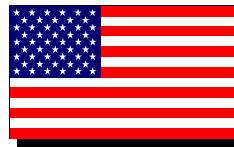
December 31st - Your 2014 membership expires. Send in the 2015 completed renewal today.

2015 New Member Lottery

The new member lottery will take place on February 1st in the Fisherman's cabin. Doors open at 8:00a and the raffle begins at 9:00a.

If selected the initiation fee of \$200 and the annual dues of \$150 (total of \$350) must be paid the day of the lottery. Cash, check or money orders will be accepted. You must also have proper ID.

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The Club's Directors extend their wishes to each member and their families for a peaceful and joyous holiday season, along with a healthy and prosperous New Year.

There is no general membership meeting or Director's meeting for the month of December.

Director's meeting Tuesday, December

FYI -

Enclosed again as an insert with this month's newsletter is your **2015 membership renewal form**. **The annual dues have increased to \$150.00.** This will be the last one sent, but you can access the Club's website to print one or stop by the Fisherman's cabin and pick one up.

◆ **All memberships expire on December 31, 2014.** Your completed membership renewal form, along with your check or money order in the amount of **\$150.00**, plus any donation to the fish fund or land fund, **MUST BE PAID or POST- MARKED by DECEMBER 31, 2014.** **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!**

◆ Be sure to always check the Club's website for updated information and dates.

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Fishing

Dave Haywood

We'll stock 600 Rainbow trout (13" - 14") on January 2nd. Fishing is closed on January 2nd and will reopen on January 3rd at 6:00a. You may fish with or without ice. If there is ice it must be at least four (4) inches thick to safely walk on. Test it. Don't forget to purchase your 2015 fishing license and trout stamp before January 1st.



Game Committee

Kevin O'Driscoll

The Game Committee will host a youth pheasant hunt on February 7, 2015. This hunt is for members ages 12- 17 who have completed a Hunter/ Trapper Education course. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a parent/ guardian during the hunt. Interested members must fill out the enclosed application and mail it back by January 1st. Applicants will be contacted with details. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success please contact **Kevin O'Driscoll** if interested. Clean Christmas trees, free of ornaments and tinsel, will be accepted in the rifle range parking lot next to the firewood racks.

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. 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.



Official 2015 Membership Renewal Form

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The membership renewal form will also be available on the Club's website and in the Fisherman's cabin. Complete it and send it in today!

Member's Dependents

Any member who has a dependent son or daughter wishing to join the Club must come to the general membership meeting on January 20th at 7:30p.

The dependent must be accompanied by a parent, have proper I.D and proof of age, a school completion document, along with a check in the amount of \$150.00 check, made payable to Souderton- Harleysville Game, Fish & Forestry Association.

A dependent son or daughter is defined as someone who is out of school, or the military, and no longer living at home, and was no longer dependent on their parent's support in 2014, and is 24 years old or younger. The application and waiver are on the Club's website.



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***** Increase in Annual membership Dues *****

Dear Club members,

For over the past 20 years the Board of Directors has worked diligently to keep the annual dues at \$125 per member despite ever increasing costs to maintain the region's premier Sportsman's Club. However, due to continued increasing operational costs and associated expenses, including taxes and land acquisition, the Board of Directors has voted unanimously to increase the annual dues by \$25 per member. **Beginning in January 2015 with your membership renewal, the annual dues will increase to \$150 per member.** Thank you for your understanding and support.

- Board of Directors

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Pistol

Neil Johnson

We are now shooting indoor Bulls-eye every Wed. night. This event is open to all. Non-members are required to pay a fee. Only standard velocity .22 caliber ammo allowed. Only pistols are used. NRA awards are given as your skill level advances. Please, if you use the outdoor pistol ranges be courteous. This means; pull your staples from the wooden target stands, pick-up your brass and put it in the proper container, pick-up your trash, put things back where you found them and put misfires in the proper bucket. Questions or concerns....contact **Neil E. Johnson**, a2quest4@msn.com if you have questions.



All ranges closed for buck on December 1st and 2nd.

Rifle

Jake Ochnich

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

Range Rules:

- 1). Never handle a firearm while people are down range period!!!! **You will 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 your 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
- 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.
- 12). No guests.
- 13). From the Saturday before Thanksgiving until the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the range will be limited to the sighting in of firearms only with a 30 minute maximum time limit. Please be courteous to other shooters for this is a very busy time of the year.

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

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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.

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.






All ranges (rifle, pistol, trap and archery) are closed for buck season on December 1st and 2nd.

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



January 2015



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>A florescent orange hat or vest must be worn on the rifle range at all times.</u>				1 New Year's Day	2 Stock 600 Rainbow Trout (13" - 14") <u>No fishing on the 2nd</u>	3 Open to fishing at 6:00a 
4	5	6	7 Indoor .22 Pistol 7:00 - 10:00pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Indoor .22 Pistol 7:00 - 10:00pm	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Day	20 General Membership Meeting 7:30	21 Indoor .22 Pistol 7:00 - 10:00pm	22	23	24
25	26 	27 Director's Meeting 7:30p	28 Indoor .22 Pistol 7:00 - 10:00pm	29	30 	31
The general membership meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month.		<u>A florescent orange hat or vest must be worn on the rifle range at all times.</u>				5th - Full Moon 13th - Last Quarter 20th - New Moon 27h - 1st Quarter