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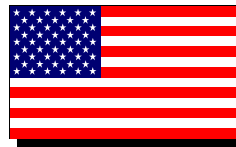
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Dates To Remember

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

December 31st - Your 2016 membership expires. Send in the 2017 completed renewal early.



There is no general membership meeting for the month of December.

Director's meeting Tuesday, December 20th, 7:30pm in the Fisherman's Cabin

2017 New Member Lottery

The new member lottery will take place on Sunday, February 5th 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.

FYI -

Enclosed again as an insert with this month's newsletter is your **2017 membership renewal form**. 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. If you have already submitted your renewal form from the fall newsletter, there is no need to submit an additional renewal form.

- ◆ **All memberships expire on December 31, 2016.** 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, 2016.** **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 6th. Fishing is closed on January 6th and will reopen on January 7th 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 2017 fishing license and trout stamp before January 1st.



Game Committee

Kevin O'Driscoll

The Game Committee will host a youth pheasant hunt on February 4, 2017. 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 application, which is included as an insert in this newsletter, and mail it back by January 1st. Applicants will be contacted with details. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success so 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.

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 and ground blinds 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.**



Official 2017 Membership Renewal Form

Enclosed with this newsletter is your 2017 official membership renewal form. The membership renewal form will also be available on the Club's website and in the Fisherman's cabin. Complete it and mail it in today!

If you have already submitted your renewal form from the fall newsletter, there is no need to submit an additional renewal form.

NOTICE TO ALL DOG WALKERS:

Trapping may be taking place this winter at the Club around the rifle & shotgun ranges and on the hill behind the caretaker's residence. It is your responsibility to exercise caution when walking your dog around these areas.

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 Tuesday, January 17, 2017 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 2016, and is 24 years old or younger. The application and waiver are on the Club's website.

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ALL RANGES ARE CLOSED FOR BUCK ON NOVEMBER 28th and 29th.

Trap

Henry Kuestner

Since the last newsletter our summer series has been completed. The results are as follows.



<u>High Gun for the year</u>	
1st - John Hannahoe	295x300
2nd - Jeremiah Lewandowski	289x300



Class shoot-off results:

High gun - **John Hannahoe** 48x50, 2nd High Gun - **Mark Chwastiak** 46x50, A-class 1st - **Henry Kuestner** 46x50, 2nd - **Dave McCauley** 46x50, B-class 1st - **Pete Farrand** 46x50, 2nd - **Larry Varichione** 44x50, C-class 1st - **Diana Kuestner** 42x50, 2nd - **Tom Fewer** 41x50, D-class 1st - **Don Degan** 35x50, 2nd - **Mark Corson** 26x50

Our hunter shoots have also ended. We had very good turn out the last two nights. The weather was good except for the first night. Our winter series has started, but there is still plenty of time to come out and have some fun. Check the Club's website for dates. Sorry to sound like an old record, but I'm still looking for kids to score for the shoots, if you know of anyone please let me know. Thanks **Henry**.

Pistol

Neil Johnson

We are now shooting indoor bulls-eye every Wednesday night. This event is open to all, but non-members must pay a fee and sign a waiver. Only standard velocity .22 ammo is allowed. Only pistols are to be used (revolvers and semi-autos). All shooting is done one-handed, but exceptions may be made. NRA awards are given as your skill level advances. Please if you use the outdoor ranges be courteous. Pull your stables from the uprights. Clean up after you're done, including picking up your brass and putting it in the hanging buckets. Put misfires in the proper bucket. Pick up your trash. Put stands and uprights back where they belong. This is your Club so take care of it. Stay safe and have fun. Questions / concerns, contact **Neil E. Johnson** at a2quest4@msn.com.



Rifle

Jake Ochnich

It's that that time of year again when the range gets busy. Please observe all range rules. Remember safety first and be courteous to all Club members. Keep range times to 30 minutes the two weekends before deer season and sighting in of deer rifles only. Thanks, Jake Ochnich.

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 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.



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.

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.

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



January 2017



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