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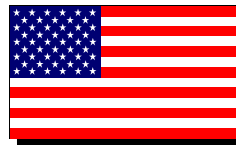
Every Wednesday night in December is Indoor .22 Pistol - 7:00 - 10:00p.

December 31st - Your 2017 membership expires. Send in the 2018 completed renewal early.

2018 New Member Lottery

The new member lottery will take place on Sunday, February 4th 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 for the month of December.

Director's meeting Tuesday, December 19th, 7:30pm in the Fisherman's Cabin

FYI -

Enclosed again as an insert with this month's newsletter is your **2018 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.

- ◆ **All memberships expire on December 31, 2017.** 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.
- ◆ **ALL DUES MUST BE PAID or POST-MARKED by DECEMBER 31, 2017. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- ◆ **If you have already submitted your renewal form from the fall newsletter, there is no need to submit an additional renewal form.**
- ◆ Always obey the Club's rules. They are printed on the back of your membership card.

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Fishing

Dave Haywood

We'll stock 600 Rainbow trout (13"- 14") on January 5th. Fishing is closed on January 5th and will reopen on January 6th at 6:00am. 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 2018 fishing license and trout stamp before January 1st.



Game Committee

Kevin O'Driscoll

Please check the Club's website for information on the 2018 youth pheasant hunt.

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.**



U.S. Law Shield Class Notice

U.S. Law Shield class to be held at the Club on January 11, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Follow the link below to register. You must register to attend...Club members are free.
https://texaslawshield.secure.force.com/pmtx/evt_QuickEvent?id=a2z5A00000SRyuW

Official 2018 Membership Renewal Form

Enclosed with this newsletter is your 2018 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.

Editor's Note:

Be sure to always check the Club's website for updated information and dates. The newsletter is on the Club's website a few weeks before the printed version is mailed out.

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 16, 2018 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 2017, 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 27th and 28th.

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 - Tom Weiss	293x300
2nd - John Hannahoe	289x300



Class shoot-off results:

At our class shoot off high gun was **Mario Cesarone** 49x50, 2nd high gun was **Tom Weiss** 48x50, Class A 1st **Dave McCauley** 48x50 reverse run 23, 2nd **John Hannahoe** 48x50 reverse run 17, Class B 1st **Bud Bearde** 47x50 reverse run 39, 2nd **Henry Kuestner** 47x50 reverse run 15, Class C 1st **Diana Kuestner** 45x50, 2nd **Calvin Collins** 41x50, Class D **Tom Fewer** 36x50

Our hunter nights were a good time, 3 out of the 5 nights were very busy with over 20 squads each night.

Our winter series has started. You can come and shoot practice if you want. It is not just for shooters that want to shoot the series.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way this year at whatever shoot it may have been. Without the extra help I would not be able to run the shoots and might have stopped having them. 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 waver. Only standard velocity .22 ammo is allowed. Only pistols are used. Eye and ear protection required. All shooting is done one handed. NRA awards are given as your skill level advances. Please if you use the outdoor ranges be courteous. Pull your staples from the uprights. Clean up after you are done...pick up your brass, put it in the hanging buckets. Pick up your trash. Put stands and up-rights back where they belong. Put misfires in the proper bucket. Stay safe and have fun. See the **U.S. Law Shield Class Notice** information on page 2. Questions or concerns, contact Neil E. Johnson at a2quest4@msn.com.



Rifle

Jake Ochnich

There seems to be some confusion over the pit on the 200 yard range. The PIT is for authorized members only. The 200 yard RANGE is opened to all members. Also two members lost their memberships recently. One for handling a firearm while members were down range and the other one for bringing a non-member to the range and allowing him to shoot. Indoor 4 position small-bore will start in January. Please remember to follow all rules and SAFETY FIRST. It's that that time of year again when the range gets busy. Please observe all range rules. Please keep range times to 30 minutes the two weekends before deer season and sighting in of deer rifles only.

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 and 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 2018



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