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Spring 2024

Dates To Remember

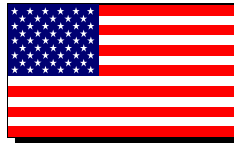
Every Wednesday night in March - **Indoor .22**
 7:00 to 10:00pm

April 6th— **Opening day of trout @ 8:00am**

Be sure to purchase your 2024 PA fishing license, along with a trout stamp, before opening day on April 6th..

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 house. It is your responsibility to exercise caution if you walk your dog in these areas.

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General membership meeting on March 19th - 7:30pm in the Fisherman's Cabin

Director's meeting on Tuesday March 26th -7:30pm in the Fisherman's Cabin

THE TROUT BREAK-FAST WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.
 See page 3 for details

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 after February 18th until opening day on April 6th at 8:00am.

- FYI**
- ◆ All fishing at the Club will be closed after February 18th and will resume on opening day April 6th at 8:00am.
 - ◆ **ALL GUN RANGES and the ARCHERY RANGE WILL BE CLOSED THE FIRST TWO WEEKENDS OF TROUT SEASON (April 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th AND KID'S DAY (April 20th).**
 - ◆ 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 on the Club's website under Committees/Fishing.
 - ◆ **ALWAYS OBEY CLUB RULES**

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*** 2024 Opening Day of Trout Season Information ***

2024 Opening Day of Trout - April 6th at 8:00am

Bryan Haywood

February 18th - Fishing at the Club will be closed after this date and will resume on opening day of trout beginning on April 6th at 8:00am. Purchase your 2024 PA fishing license with a trout stamp prior to opening day

April 4th - We will stock 2,300 ~ 13- 14 inch rainbow trout.

April 5th - We will stock 2,300 ~ 13- 14 inch & 25 ~ 20- 26 inch rainbow trout.

April 6th - **OPENING DAY OF TROUT SEASON** ~ 8:00am.

April 12th - We will stock 4,000 ~ 13 - 14 inch & 25 ~ 20- 26 inch rainbow trout. (No fishing until 6:00am on April 13th).

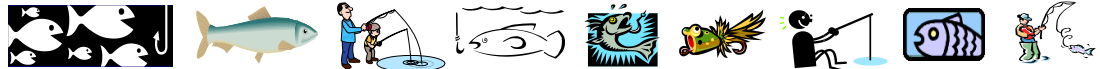
April 19th - for Kid's Day - we will stock 600 ~13- 14 & 12 ~ 15- 17 inch rainbow trout in the kid's pond, pickerel pond, and catch and release pond. These ponds will be off- limits to all members until April 20th at 8:00am.

April 20th - **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 21st - Members can fish in the kid's, pickerel, and catch and release ponds after 6:00am.



ALL GUN RANGES and the ARCHERY RANGE WILL BE CLOSED FIRST TWO WEEKENDS OF TROUT SEASON - April 6th, April 7th, April 13th, April 14th & Kid's Day on April 20th



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). **2024 Club membership badge**
- 2). **2024 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. The Club is also now selling bundles of firewood for \$5.00 per bundle. The bundles are available at the building next to the Fisherman's cabin and you can deposit the money in the slot at the Fisherman's Cabin door. Call **Butch** at (215) 723-8530.

A Special Thank You

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

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The Club will no longer pay for the USPS change of address service. It is the responsibility of each member to notify the Club of any address change or correction. Send address changes/corrections to: shgffa@gmail.com or P O Box 308, Tylersport PA 18971- 0308



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Trout Breakfast — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Trout Breakfast will be held this year on April 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th from 6:00AM until noon. Since we haven't held the breakfast in quite a few years **we need volunteers for all four days to make it a success and an annual event.**

The volunteer positions needed include greeters, cooks, food prep (toast, plates, cutlery, etc.), waiter/waitresses, clean-up and cashiers. We appreciate all your help, support, and patience to make this great event. We will meet with all of our volunteers sometime in March to review the roles and schedules/shifts. To volunteer, please send an email to SHGFFAdigital@gmail.com or send a Facebook message, and let us know the following: your name(s), phone number, date(s) available and the top three roles you're interested in: See the Club's website for more details. Any questions, please contact us at SHGFFAdigital@gmail.com or send a Facebook message.



Pistol

Neil Johnson

All ranges will be closed the first two weeks of trout season (April 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th and for Kid's Day (April 20th)).

We are currently shooting indoor bulls-eye and will start shooting outdoors on Wednesday nights beginning in April. Wednesday night outdoor pistol is open to all, but you must take a safety check (new shooters) and non-members must sign a release, along with paying a fee. Please clean up after yourself, pick up empty shell cases, place them in buckets. Pick up mis-fires and put them in the orange bucket. Pull staples and put target stands back. Do not shoot in front of benches. Be courteous to others and report safety violations to any Director. Thanks, **Neil**



Rifle

Jake Ochnich

All ranges will be closed the first two weeks of trout season (April 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th and Kid's Day (April 20th)).



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

All ranges will be closed the first two weeks of trout season (April 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th and Kid's Day (April 20th)).

The winter series will be winding down about now and I'll have the results in the next newsletter. The schedule for the summer series is included in this newsletter. **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 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th and Kid's Day (April 20th)).



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. The 2024 archery shoot schedule is included as an insert. 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.

WELCOME ALL NEW 2024 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.**

***** ALL RANGES ARE CLOSED ON April 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th and 20th *****


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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.**

***** REMINDER *****
Kid's Day is April 20th
 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 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NO FISHING AT THE CLUB UNTIL OPENING DAY ON APRIL 6th 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>	During trout season you must ring the bell and wait 10 minutes before using the Trap Range!	Always check the Club's website for the latest news and information regarding cancelled events	1	2
3	4 	5	6 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00pm	7 	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins	11	12	13 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00pm	14	15 	16
17 Saint Patrick's Day 	18 Vernal Equinox on the 19th	19 General Membership Meeting 7:30pm	20 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00pm	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday	25	26 Director's Meeting 7:30pm	27 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00pm	28	29 Good Friday	30
31 Easter Sunday	It is your responsibility to pick up after your dog while on Club grounds	Membership badges must be displayed at all times on Club property. You must also have a valid picture ID		Make sure you have your 2024 PA fishing license and a trout stamp for opening day on April 6th.	Opening Day of Trout on April 6th. at 8:00AM 	<u>Moon Phases</u> 3rd- Last Quarter 10th - New Moon 17th - 1st Quarter 25th - Full Moon