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Game, Fish & Forestry Association, Inc.

The Region's Premier Sportsman's Club



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Dates to Remember

Every Wednesday in May (7th, 14th, 21st and 28th) is Outdoor Pistol 7:00 - 10:00p

- May 2nd and 23rd - Trap 6:00 - 10:00p
- May 11th - Mother's Day
- May 13th - 200 Yard Small Bore Rifle Match
- May 18th - 3D Archery Shoot 7:00 - 11:00a
- May 26th - Memorial Day
- May 28th - PA Fish for Free Day

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Remember Mother's Day



The next general membership meeting will be October 21st. Plan to attend.

Director's meeting Tuesday, May 27th @ 7:30p in the Fisherman's Cabin.

FYI

- ◆ General membership meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday in the months of January, March and October at 7:30pm in the Fisherman's cabin. Plan to attend.
- ◆ The Club newsletter will not be published again until September. Be sure to check the Club's website for the latest news & events.
- ◆ The summer calendars (June, July, August & September) are included in this newsletter.
- ◆ On behalf of the Club's Directors, have a safe and relaxing summer.
- ◆ Always obey Club rules. Always.
- ◆ Always check the Club's website for the latest news and updates. The newsletter is on the Club's website a few weeks before the printed version is mailed out.

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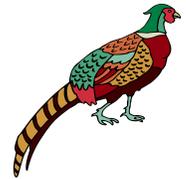
Game Committee

Kevin O'Driscoll

Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on Club grounds. The Club property lines have been posted to reflect any recent land acquisitions, in addition there are two large up to date maps in the Fisherman's cabin which show our property boundaries. Please respect neighboring land owners property lines and safety zones.

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.
- ◆ Baiting is not allowed on Club property



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. A Florescent orange hat or vest is mandatory while hunting.

******* Notice To All Club Members *******

Membership cards must be displayed in full view at all times while on Club grounds. Dependents using a copy must display it at all times. It is not to be hidden behind your fishing license, inside your tackle box, at home, in your car or in your wallet. You must also have a valid picture ID with you at all times. Members are responsible for the conduct of their dependents while on Club grounds. Always obey Club rules.

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Fish For Free Days

The PA Fish & Boat Commission has set aside May 28th and July 4th as fish for free days. No PA fishing license is required on those days, however, you **must be a Club member.**



OBSERVE THE REAL MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY ON MAY 26th



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Fishing

Bryan Haywood

Bass season opens on June 14th and runs through September 30th. Bass must be at least 12 inches to keep them with a limit of six combined species per day. Additional information can be found on the PA State website www.fishandboat.com. The Club follows all the PA Fish and Boat seasons, sizes and creel limits.



There are two Fish-for-Free days this year, May 28th and July 4th. You do not need a license to fish on those two days, however, **you must be a Club member**.

Rifle

Jake Ochnich

The .22 rimfire 200 yard league has begun. It's on the second Tuesdays of the month through October. Sign in is at 6:00pm and shooting begins at 6:30pm. Just a reminder that shotguns must be patterned on the patterning range by trap number 3 and not on the rifle range. Also fisherman please do not park in front of the rifle range. Park over by the wood piles. Remember to check out the rules on the website. It is your responsibility to know the rules. They are listed below. **All shooters must sign in prior to shooting and sign out when done shooting**. All members who are buying surplus ammo need to know what type it is. ARMOR PIERCING is prohibited. Please remember that all cameras are operational at all times. Thanks, **Jake**

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 absolutely 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 you're 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. Use the patterning range by trap number 3.
- 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!

Pistol

Neil Johnson

We will be shooting outdoors beginning in May every Wednesday evening starting at about 7:00 pm. Every Wednesday shoot will be a different event. The first Wednesday of the month will be center fire pistol and pcc's. The second Wednesday of the month will be .22 pistol and rifle. The third Wednesday will be center fire pistol and pcc's. The fourth Wednesday will be tactical shotgun. If there is a 5th Wednesday, it may be any combination of the previous Wednesdays. All shooters are required to have taken a safety check prior to participating. Please remember to pick up your brass after you shoot. Keep updated by checking the website. If you see something dangerous, please report it. The range cameras are operational and if you are caught doing something against the Club rules it may result in the loss of your membership. Be safe and enjoy the summer!.



Firewood

Butch King

The Club has firewood for sale at \$175 per cord / \$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 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 on the door at the Fisherman's Cabin door. Call **Butch** at (215) 723-8530.



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2025 Summer Trapshooting Series

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58 White's Mill Road, Tylersport, PA 18971
Phone (215) 313- 7265

25 – Practice Targets ... \$6.00

CASH PRIZE SHOOT

50 - 16 YD. Targets\$17.00

April 4th	June 27
April 18th	July 11th
May 2nd	July 25th
May 23rd	August 8th
June 20th	August 22nd

Class Shoot-off ...September 12th

CLASS SHOOT-OFF OPEN TO EVERYONE

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Missed Shoots can be made up.

NO SHOOTING AHEAD

RAIN DATES

May 3rd, August 1st & August 29th.

Cash donated by the Club to:

1st High Gun & 2nd High Gun

PRIZE FUND

\$3.00 of each entry to form prize fund divided as follows: 6 prizes for the class shoot off; 1st High Overall, 2nd High Overall, and 1st High and 2nd High for each of 4 classes for each Class is paid out in cash. Remainder divided Lewis Class; 1 class for each 3 shooters. Best 6 of 10 scores to count for all prizes. **ALL SHOOTERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CLASS SHOOT OFF.** All prizes will be paid out in cash. \$5.00 cash will be awarded to High Gun in each of four Lewis classes, divided equally depending on total number of shooters. \$1.00 of each entry will go into a number jackpot for each shoot, to be determined by the last number of the next evening's daily number.\$1.00 will go toward white bird pay-off, for which a white bird will be thrown for each full squad.

EVENT #2

25 – pair doubles\$12.00

Doubles are practice only. There is still a free round white bird for each full squad

EVENT #3

LONG BIRD SHOOT \$1.00

Buy a ticket for \$1.00, if your ticket is drawn you get one shot at a bird thrown from trap #2, while standing on trapline #1. If you hit the bird you win the jackpot if you miss the bird the jackpot rolls over until somebody hits. If the jackpot reaches \$100.00 we will draw one ticket to shoot the first bird and a second ticket for the remaining pot. The club will provide the shell. Ticket to be drawn at 8:00 P.M.

HUNTERS SHOOT WITH SPECIAL BIRD EVENT – October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

All non-members participating in shooting events at our Club will be required to sign an accident liability release form before entering these events: By order of the Board of Directors.

EYE AND EAR PROTECTION IS REQUIRED



Trap

Henry Kuestner

The summer series has started, but there is still time to come out and have some fun. The date for the class shoot-off on the schedule is incorrect. Sorry, the correct date is September 12th, not the 13th. The website and this newsletter have been updated. The results for the winter series are high gun **John Hannahoe** - 281x300, second high gun **Pete Farrand** - 277x300. IF YOU USE THE MANUAL TRAPS AFTER TROUT OPENS MAKE SURE YOU RING THE BELL TEN (10) MINUTES BEFORE YOU BEGIN SHOOTING TO ALLOW FISHERMAN AT THE STREAM TO CLEAR OUT. Thanks, **Henry**

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Archery

Jerry Hawkins

The archery shoot dates are May 18th, June 22nd, July 27th, August 24th and September 28th. Shoot registration from 7:00am until 11:00am. The kitchen will be open till 11:30am. Good breakfast sandwiches, hotdogs and hamburgers will be available.



Attention Dog Owners:

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



Please note that the Club has all ranges and strategic locations under 24/7-camera surveillance.



June 2025

**SCHOOL'S OUT...
PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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8 	9	10 200 Yard Small Bore Rifle - 6:30p	11 22 Pistol & Rifle 7:00p	12	13	14 Flag Day <u>Bass Season Opens</u> (more info on page 3)
15 Father's Day	16	17	18 Action Pistol, PCC (center - fire Only) 7:00p	19 Juneteenth	20 Summer Trap Shoot 6:00 - 10:00 Summer Solstice	21
22 3D Archery Shoot 7:00 - 11:00a	23	24 Director's Meeting 7:30p	25 Tactical Shotgun 7:00p	26	27 Summer Trap Shoot 6:00 - 10:00 	28
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July 2025



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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 PGC rules/laws apply.

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LAND FUND

The Board of Directors would like to thank our members for their past generous contributions that have been made to the Land Fund.

Please mail in any contribution that you have already pledged. If you would like to make a contribution to the Land Fund, either original or additional, please send your check payable to:

Souderton - Harleysville G, F & F Association Land Fund, P.O. Box 308, Tylersport, PA 18971

Please mark your envelope and check "Land Fund".

Thanks again, **Board of Directors**



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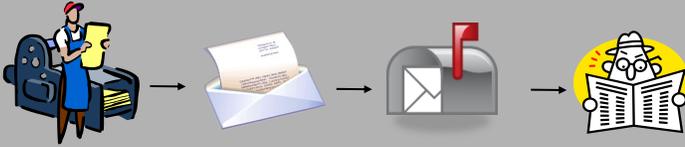


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Editor's Note:

I want to take this opportunity to thank our friends at **Telford Press**. **Scott** and **Debbie** do a fantastic job throughout the year publishing the Club's newsletter. Their eye on quality and quick turnaround time is very much appreciated.



A bell has been installed between trap #2 and #3. 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.



LOST AND FOUND

If you have lost or misplaced any personal belongings while on Club property be sure to check the lost and found inside the Fisherman's cabin.

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