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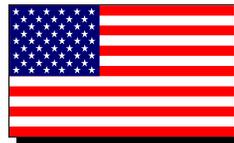
Every Wednesday night in December, except the 24th & 31st, is Indoor .22 Pistol - 7:00 - 10:00p.

December 31st - Your 2025 membership expires. Send in your 2026 completed renewal early. Do it now. You know what happens if it arrives after December 31st? It's not good.

Addition to the 2026 Membership Renewal Application

Same as last year, on the reverse side of your 2026 membership renewal application is an updated **Waiver and Release of Liability form that must be completed and signed by all members over the age of 18. Failure to complete and sign the mandatory Waiver and Release of Liability form will result in the termination of your membership.**

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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.

Director's meeting Tuesday, December 16th, 7:00pm in the Fisherman's Cabin

FYI -

Your 2026 membership renewal application is included as an insert in this newsletter. You must complete and sign the Waiver and Release of Liability on the reverse side.

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, 2025.** Send in your completed membership renewal form, along with your check or money order in the amount of **\$150.00**, plus any donation you wish to make to the fish fund or land fund.
- ◆ **ALL DUES MUST BE PAID or POST-MARKED by DECEMBER 31, 2025. 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 on the back of your membership card.

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Fishing

Bryan Haywood

We'll stock 600 Rainbow trout (13"- 14") on December 26th. Fishing is closed on December 26th and will reopen on December 27th 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 PA fishing license and trout stamp for 2026.**

Game Committee

Kevin O'Driscoll

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 PA State game regulations or Club hunting rules will result in loss of their membership.**

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



Minimum Age for Unsupervised Shooters

As a reminder to all members, the minimum age for unsupervised shooters is 18 years of age. This applies to rifles, shotguns, handguns and archery. Anyone under the age of 18 participating in any of these actions must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. **No exceptions.**

All members must display their Club badges at all times while on Club property and have a valid picture ID available. Always obey Club rules. They're printed on the back of your membership card. Additional rules/regulations are posted on the various ranges.

Official 2026 Membership Renewal Form

Enclosed with this newsletter is your 2026 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, if you haven't already, and mail it in today!**

Venison Donation

Club members can help their neighbors in need by donating extra venison to Keystone Opportunity Center's Food Pantry in Souderton. Processed venison, especially ground meat, can be donated by calling **Clarice Foster**, the food pantry coordinator at (215) 723-5430, ext. 101. For additional information please contact **Randy Floyd** at (215) 416-1679.

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 20th, 2026 at 7:30p.

The dependent must be accompanied by a parent, bring a completed Dependent Membership Application, along with a signed SHGFFA liability release form, 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 (SHGFFA Inc.).

All forms and dependent criteria can be found on the Club's website (www.shgffa.com).

A dependent son or daughter is defined as someone who is under the age of 19, or, if a full-time student, under the age of 24, or serving full-time in the active U.S. Military.

FYI -The Club's video cameras are all operational

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Trap

Henry Kuestner

The hunter nights are over and the turnout was a little low this year. The winter series is going with the turnout about the same as last year. Below are the results of the summer series class shoot off. Thanks to all that participated this year, **Henry**



<u>High Gun for the year</u>	
1st - J Hannahoe	48x50
2nd - R. Pennington	47x50



Class shoot-off results:

A Class- 1st **Al Santopietro** 46x50, 2nd **P. Farrand** 46x50, B Class- 1st **D. Kuestner** 46x50, 2nd **B. Cressman** 45x50, C Class- 1st **B.Malcolm** 45x50, 2nd **H. Kuestner** 43x50, D Class- 1st **L.Varichione** 41x50, 2nd **C. Dprimeo** 37x50

Pistol

Bob Dell

Our outdoor shooting league on Wednesday nights was successfully completed for 2025. We will be shooting indoor bullseye starting the first Wednesday night in November. The start time will be at 7:00pm. Only .22 handguns and standard velocity ammunition is permitted. If you are unsure about indoor bullseye, come out and see what it's about. On the outdoor ranges please remember to pick up your brass and pull the staples from the uprights that hold the paper targets. Please always shoot from behind the benches on the ranges. Never handle a gun when anyone is down range. Eye and ear protection is mandatory on all ranges. If you see someone breaking the rules, please report them to myself or any other Director. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at shpistol@gmail.com. Thank you and enjoy the fall season. .



Rifle

Jake Ochnich

Indoor 4 position small-bore will begin on Tuesday nights in January. Check the Club's website for more information. 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 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
- 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! Please remember all Club video cameras are operational.

Archery

Jerry Hawkins

Hope everyone is having a good hunting season so far, I have some bad news for you. Going forward there will be no more 3-D Archery shoots due to the lack of participation, It's been going downhill for the past few years and we are now running in the red. That's unacceptable to me. I do plan on putting out 12 to 15 targets in the woods sometime next summer that will remain out 24/7 for practice with field points only. I would like to thank everyone who helped me with archery since I've been running it for the past nine years. I'll still be taking care of the course. Any questions call me or text me., Thanks, **Jerry Hawkins**.



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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.

Please remember all Club video cameras are operational at all times

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.

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.

Trapping Notice

All members who walk their dogs in the woods on Club property should be aware there may be trapping occurring during the respective trapping seasons. Please use caution.



January 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>A fluorescent orange hat or vest must be worn on the rifle range at all times.</u>	The Club needs volunteers to help with Committees and Club projects. See the Club's website for details	Don't forget to purchase your 2026 PA fishing license and trout stamp.	All members must display their badges and have a valid picture ID while on Club property. No exceptions	1  New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6 Indoor Rifle Small Bore 4 Position 6:15pm	7 Indoor .22 Pistol 7:00 - 10:00pm	8	9	10 
11	12	13 Indoor Rifle Small Bore 4 Position 6:15pm	14 Indoor .22 Pistol 7:00 - 10:00pm	15	16	17
18 Indoor Rifle Small Bore 4 Position 6:15pm on the 20th	19 Martin Luther King Jr Day	20 General Membership Meeting 7:30	21 Indoor .22 Pistol 7:00 - 10:00pm	22	23 	24
25 	26 Indoor Rifle Small Bore 4 Position 6:15pm on the 27th	27 Director's Meeting 7:00	28 Indoor .22 Pistol 7:00 - 10:00pm	29	30	31
<u>Please note:</u> Scheduled events are subject to change or cancellation. →	Check the Club's website for the latest info.	All cameras are operational on Club property at all times	Please observe the trap shooting / fishing bell policy when shooting	Attend the general membership meetings on the third Tuesday in January, March and October at 7:30pm		3rd - Full Moon 10th - Last Quarter 18th - New Moon 26th - 1st Quarter