

Souderton - Harleysville
Game, Fish & Forestry Association, Inc.
The Region's Premier Sportsman's Club

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Spring 2026


Dates To Remember

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


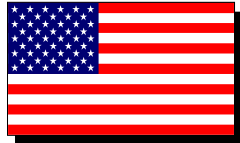
April 4th— **Opening day of trout @ 8:00am**

Be sure to purchase your 2026 PA fishing license, along with a trout stamp, before opening day on April 4th.

******* REMINDER *******
Kid's Day is April 18th
 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.



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General membership meeting on March 17th - 7:30pm in the Fisherman's Cabin

Director's meeting on Tuesday March 24th -7:00pm in the Fisherman's Cabin

THE TROUT BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.
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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 15th until opening day on April 4th at 8:00am.

FYI

- ◆ All fishing at the Club will be closed after February 15th and will resume on opening day April 4th at 8:00am.
- ◆ **ALL GUN RANGES and the ARCHERY RANGE WILL BE CLOSED THE FIRST TWO WEEKENDS OF TROUT SEASON (April 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th AND KID'S DAY (April 18th).**
- ◆ 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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*** 2026 Opening Day of Trout Season Information ***

2026 Opening Day of Trout - April 4th at 8:00am

Bryan Haywood

February 15th - Fishing at the Club will be closed after this date and will resume on opening day of trout beginning on April 4th at 8:00am. Purchase your 2026 PA fishing license with a trout stamp prior to opening day

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

April 3rd - We will stock 2,300 ~ 13- 14 inch & 25 ~ 20- 26 inch rainbow trout.

April 4th - **OPENING DAY OF TROUT SEASON** ~ 8:00am.

April 10th - We will stock 4,000 ~ 13 - 14 inch & 25 ~ 20- 26 inch rainbow trout. (No fishing until 6:00am on April 11th).

April 17th - 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 19th at 8:00am.

April 18th - **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 19th - 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 4th, April 5th, April 11th, April 12th & Kid's Day on April 18th



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). **2026 Club membership badge**
- 2). **2026 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



The Trout Breakfast will be held this year. The dates and times are: Saturday, April 4, 2026, from 6:00 to 11:00 AM, Sunday, April 5, 2026 – CLOSED for Easter, Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 6:00 to 11:00 AM, Sunday, April 12, 2026, from 6:00 to 11:00 AM. Seating will close at 10:45 AM. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** See the insert in this newsletter for more details and information.



Pistol

Bob Dell

All ranges will be closed the first two weekends of trout season (April 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th and for Kid's Day (April 18th))

Our indoor shooting league on Wednesday nights is wrapping up. We will be shooting our outdoor season starting Wednesday April 1st. The start time will be at 7:00pm. If you are interested in our Wednesday outdoor season and have not shot with us before, there is a one-time mandatory safety check required. Please see the information under the Pistol Committee's page of the website. 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. We will be hosting law enforcement qualifications throughout the season, they will be using the upper range only. The lower pistol range will always be open to Club members during law enforcement days. Thank you and enjoy the spring season.



Rifle

Jake Ochnich

All ranges will be closed the first two weekends of trout season (April 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th and Kid's Day (April 18th))



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 weekends of trout season (April 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th and Kid's Day (April 18th))

The winter series is winding down. The turnout has been pretty good for the winter. I will have the results in the next newsletter. The summer series schedule is included with 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 weekends of trout season (April 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th and Kid's Day (April 18th))



Not much going on right now, but as soon as the weather breaks we'll be putting out additional targets on the practice range. We plan to set up 3-D targets throughout the woods in the spring. Field points only. See you then.
Jerry Hawkins

WELCOME ALL NEW 2026 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 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th and 18th *****
ALL CAMERAS ARE FULLY OPERATIONAL 24/7 ON ALL RANGES AND STRATEGIC LOCATIONS

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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.**







Editor's Note:

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



March 2026



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| NO FISHING AT THE CLUB UNTIL OPENING DAY ON APRIL 4th 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 | It is your responsibility to pick up after your dog while on Club grounds |  |
| 1 | 2  | 3 | 4 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00pm | 5  | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins | 9 | 10 | 11 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00pm | 12 | 13  | 14 |
| 15 | 16 Saint Patrick's Day on the 17th | 17 General Membership Meeting 7:30pm | 18 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00pm | 19 | 20 Vernal Equinox | 21 |
| 22 | 23  | 24 Director's Meeting 7:00pm | 25 Indoor .22 7:00 — 10:00pm | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Palm Sunday | 30 | 31 | Membership badges must be displayed at all times on Club property. You must also have a valid picture ID | Make sure you have your 2026 PA fishing license and a trout stamp for opening day on April 4th. | Opening Day of Trout on April 4th at 8:00AM  | <u>Moon Phases</u> 3rd - Full Moon 11th - Last Quarter 19th - New Moon 25th - 1st Quarter |