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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 (6th, 13th, 20th and 27th) is Outdoor Pistol 7:00 - 10:00p

- May 8th & 22nd - Trap 6:00 - 10:00p
- May 10th - Mother's Day
- May 12th - 200 Yard Small Bore Rifle Match
- May 24th - PA Fish for Free Day
- May 25th - Memorial Day

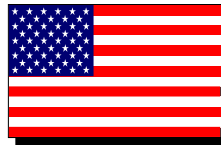
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**Remember
Mother's Day**

May 10th



The next general membership meeting will be October 20th. Plan to attend.

Director's meeting Tuesday, May 26th @ 7:00p 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- ◆ The Club newsletter will not be published again until September.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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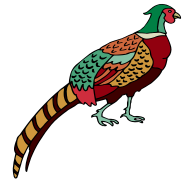
Game Committee

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 Fluorescent 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.

******* Larry D. Detweiler *******

On behalf of the Club's Directors, we sincerely thank Larry for his many years of service and wish him the very best as he retires from the position of President of the Souderton- Harleysville Game, Fish and Forestry Association, in which he served with dedication and distinction. Larry is a 68 year member of the Club having joined in May of 1958 and has served as a Director for 65 years with 43 of those years as Club President. The Club has experienced tremendous growth, land acquisition, and overall general improvement under Larry's tenure. The Fisherman's Cabin has been dedicated in Larry's honor and he'll continue on as a Director. Nelson Newton has taken on the role of President.

Fish For Free Days

The PA Fish & Boat Commission has set aside May 24th 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 25th



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Fishing

Bryan Haywood

Bass season opens on June 13th 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 24th 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!

***** Rifle Range Rules *****

Recently three members, unfortunately, forever lost their Club memberships due to serious violations of rifle range rules. The range rules listed under Rifle above are specific and must be adhered to at all times. No exceptions. As stated, any violation of gun range rules, including rifle, pistol and shotgun, could result in the permanent loss of your membership. **All ranges are under 24/7 camera surveillance and film is reviewed daily.**

Pistol

Bob Dell

Our indoor shooting league on Wednesday nights has finished. We are shooting our outdoor season on Wednesday evenings April through September. The start time is 7:00pm. 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 summer season.



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2026 Summer Trapshooting Series

Souderton - Harleysville Game, Fish & Forestry Assn.
58 White's Mill Road, Tylersport, PA 18971
Phone (215) 313-7265

25 - Practice Targets ... \$7.00

CASH PRIZE SHOOT

50 - 16 YD. Targets\$19.00

April 3rd	June 26th
April 17th	July 10th
May 8th	July 24th
May 22nd	August 7th
June 5th	August 21st

Class Shoot-off ...September 11th

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 29th, July 17th & August 28th.

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\$14.00

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 - September 30th,
October 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

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 begun but there is still time to come out and have some fun. The winter series finished up with co-champions, **Pete Farrand** and **Larry Schlippert** with a score of 272x300. 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

As the weather continues to get warmer, 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**




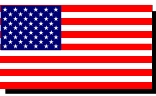


New Quarterly e - Newsletter

Staying informed just got easier. Our new quarterly e-newsletter delivers event updates, announcements, and Club news straight to your inbox, right alongside our direct-mail newsletter. Join our email list and stay connected with everything happening at the Club at <https://shgffa.com/e-newsletter/>



June 2026

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

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>		<u>Please note:</u> Scheduled events are subject to change or cancellation. Check the Club's website for the latest information		Every member is required to have their membership badge displayed and a valid picture ID in their procession at all times while on Club property	
	1	2 	3 Action Pistol, PCC (center - fire Only) 7:00p	4	5 Summer Trap Shoot 6:00 - 10:00	6 D- Day, 1944
7	8	9 200 Yard Small Bore Rifle - 6:30p	10 22 Pistol & Rifle 7:00p	11	12	13 <u>Bass Season Opens</u> (more info on page 3)
14 Flag Day 	15	16	17 Action Pistol, PCC (center - fire Only) 7:00p	18	19 Juneteenth	20
21 Father's Day Summer Solstice	22	23 Director's Meeting 7:00p	24 Tactical Shotgun 7:00p	25	26 Summer Trap Shoot 6:00 - 10:00 	27
28 	29	30	It is your responsibility to pick up after your dog while on Club grounds	All ranges and strategic locations are under 24/7 camera surveillance		<u>Moon Phases</u> 8th- Last Quarter 14th- New Moon 21st - 1st Quarter 29th - Full Moon

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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.**






All ranges and strategic locations under 24/7 camera surveillance.

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.



July 2026



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5	6	7 200 Yard Small Bore Rifle - 6:30p	8 .22 Pistol & Rifle 7:00p	9	10 Summer Trap Shoot 6:00 - 10:00	11 
12	13 	14	15 Action Pistol, PCC (center - fire Only) 7:00p	16	17	18
19	20	21 Director's Meeting 7:00p	22 Tactical Shotgun 7:00p	23 	24 Summer Trap Shoot 6:00 - 10:00	25
26	27	28	29 Pistol—Any combo (.22 Pistol & Rifle, Center Fire and Tactical Shotgun)	30	31	<u>Moon Phases</u> 7th- Last Quarter 14th - New Moon 21st - 1st Quarter 29th - Full Moon

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Orange Hat / Vest Policy

A Fluorescent 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.

Editor's Note:

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LAND FUND

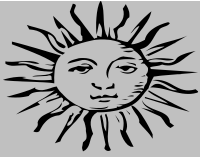
The Board of Directors would like to thank our members for their past generous contributions that have been made to the Land Fund.

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- 0308

Please mark your envelope and check "Land Fund".

Thanks again, **Board of Directors**



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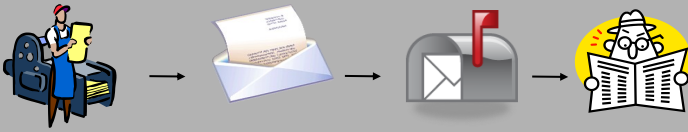


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Editor's Note:

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.



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. Call **Butch** at (215) 723-8530.



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



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September 2026

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6	7 Labor Day	8 200 Yard Small Bore Rifle - 6:30p	9 .22 Pistol & Rifle 7:00p	10 Patriots' Day	11 Patriots' Day Trap Shoot - Class Shoot-off 6:00 - 10:00	12 Rosh Hashanah
13 Grandparent's Day	14 	15	16 Action Pistol, PCC (center - fire Only) 7:00 p	17	18	19
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