

Fish & Game Newsletter

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*Anyone interested in helping or serving on a committee see any officer or committee head.

Membership Renewals Due

Membership renewals are due by February 15, 2005. An application is on the back of this newsletter. Please take a minute to provide the Directors with any suggestions, compliments, ideas or complaints in the space provided.. Your input is valuable! Membership pins are available at Club functions from any Board Member or Officer.

Gun Raffle Tickets On Sale Now!

Tickets are now on sale for a Gun Raffle starting in April. Tickets are \$20 each. Winners are based on the PA Evening Daily Number Lottery . A cash prize is available in place of the gun. See any Officer or Board Member for tickets to sell or call Bob Redmond (717) 486-4619. For every 20 tickets you sell one free ticket will be given. Please help the Club by selling some tickets. Thanks.

Block & Running Deer Shoots Starting

Block Shoots resume January 8 with registration beginning at 7 pm. We have "Money Shoots" and "Stock Gun" Block Shoots scheduled. Please let us know what you think about the "Money" and the "Stock Gun" Shoots. Your feedback is valuable to us.

Running Deer Shoots start Sunday January 15. Registration begins at 11 pm. Both events are a lot of fun. Bring the family and have a good time.



Measuring of Buck Antlers Jan. 17

At the January 17 Monthly Club Meeting, measuring of buck antlers from the 04/05 hunting season will take place. This is a member event and there is no charge. Top antlers for rifle, archery and flintlock will be recognized at the end of the meeting.

Antlers must have a PA tag. Please arrive at 7:00 pm to have your antlers scored.

Hunter - Trapper & Bowhunter Education Classes

Hunter -Trapper Education Classes will be held April 7 & 9, June 9 & 11 and August 25 & 27. HTE classes run Thursday evening and all day Saturday. First time hunters are required to pass the HTE class to obtain a PA hunting license. The course has change over the years and great for the experienced hunter as well. There is no charge for the HTE classes.

Bowhunter Educations classes will be held on June 25 and August 13. The class is a one day with required studying before the class. Cost is \$18.

Food Plot Seminar March 6, 1pm

Food plot expert Brad Gehman, will present a program entitled, " **Food Plots Made Easy**". The presentation will include equipment demos, a slide show showing how to create food plots with minimal equipment and effort, the use of herbicides to create and maintain plots and what types of plants to use for specific needs. Weather permitting, a walking tour of the Club grounds will occur with discussion of specific food plot and tree maintenance examples.

Brad has been making food plots for the last 10 years with great success in Potter and Tioga Counties and has shared his experience with many others who have gone on to successfully make their own plots. He is well known on the HuntingPA website for sharing his knowledge on food plots. He will help take the mystery out of making a plot for the first timer.

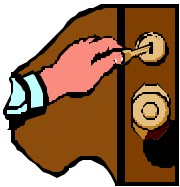
New President's Club

Let's Protect The Future Of MHFG!

Accompanying this issue of the newsletter is a brochure on the "President's Club" The President's Club is a donation program aimed to help Mt. Holly Fish & Game Assoc. protect the grounds and facilities from neighboring development and possible conflicts. MHFG is taking a proactive approach to provide a buffer, through land acquisition, when the opportunity presents itself. Please review the brochure and consider making a donation to this worthy cause. All donated monies through the President's Club go towards land acquisition to protect the club. All monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Isn't MHFG worth protecting, if not for your future but for our youth's future?



Credit Card donations are now accepted through our webpage. www.mhfg.org



Club Door Lock To Be Changed

The front door lock will be changed at the beginning of the year. This is an annual procedure. Members, in good standing, may purchase a key to access the club building for \$5. Keys are available during monthly club meetings or see an Officer or Director during Club events.

Club Collector Patches Still Available

Starting in 2000 Mt. Holly Fish & Game started a yearly patch for members and collectors. The first year is a Ruffed Grouse followed by the Bobcat in 2001, Black Bear in 2002, Cottontail Rabbit in 2003 and a Squirrel in 2004. Each patch comes with a numbered certificate. You can get the same number patch each year to maintain a "numbered series". The first year, 2000, there were 1000 patches made. In the following years only 300 patches were made.



Patches are \$10 each.

The patches are available at monthly club meetings and at club events when an Officer or Director is available to get the patches. Patches can also be mail ordered by sending \$10 for each patch ordered plus \$1 per patch shipping

Club Calendar

January

8 - Block Shoot 7pm
15 - Block Shoot 7pm
15 - Running Deer Shoot 11pm
17 - Monthly Club Meeting & Measuring of Buck Horns 8:00pm
22 - Block Shoot 7pm
29 - Running Deer Shoot 11pm
29 - Block Shoot 7pm

February

5 - Block Shoot 7pm
12 - Running Deer Shoot 11pm
12 - Block Shoot 7pm
19 - Block Shoot 7pm
21 - Monthly Club Meeting 8:00pm
26 - Running Deer Shoot 11pm
26 - Block Shoot 7pm

March

5 - Block Shoot 7pm
6 - Food Plot Seminar 1pm
12 - Running Deer Shoot 11pm
12 - Block Shoot 7pm
19 - Block Shoot 7pm
20* - 3D Archery Shoot 7am - noon
21 - Monthly Club Meeting 8:00pm
26 - Block Shoot 7pm

April

2 - "King of the Mountain" Block Shoot 7pm
7 & 9 - Hunter/Trapper Ed. Class
17* - 3D Archery Shoot 7am - noon
18 - Monthly Club Meeting 8:00pm

May

15* - 3D Archery Shoot 7am - noon
16 - Monthly Club Meeting 8:00pm
22 - Fishing Derby (Kids 12 and under)

June

9 & 11 - Hunter/Trapper Ed. Class
19* - 3D Archery Shoot 7am - noon
20 - Monthly Club Meeting 7:30pm
25 - Bowhunter Education Class

July

17* - 3D Archery Shoot 7am - noon
18 - Monthly Club Meeting 7:30pm

* Tentative Dates

News & Alerts

PGC Commissioner's Meeting Jan 23 - 25

The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners will hold its first meeting of 2005 on Jan. 23-25, in the auditorium of the agency's Harrisburg headquarters to collect recommendations on the 2005-2006 seasons and bag limits, and to conduct a workshop and formal meeting. The headquarters is at 2001 Elmerton Ave., just off the Progress Avenue exit of Interstate 81 in Harrisburg.

On Sunday, Jan. 23, beginning at 1 p.m., the Board will hear public recommendations for the upcoming hunting and furtaking seasons and bag limits.

On Monday, Jan. 24, the Board will hold a workshop meeting involving Game Commission staff reports beginning at 8:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, Jan. 25, beginning at 8:30 a.m., the Game Commission will, among other things, give preliminary approval to hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits for 2005-2006.

All seasons and bag limits given preliminary approval by the Board at the January meeting must be adopted at the April meeting before taking effect. The dates for the Board's meetings in 2005 will be set at the January meeting.

Newsletter Editor's Note: If you have never attended one of the PGC Commissioner's Meetings I recommend you do some time. They can be quite interesting to say the least.

Dr. Gary Alt Retires from PGC

Dr. Gary Alt, Pennsylvania Game Commission Deer Management Section Supervisor, submitted a letter announcing his retirement effective Dec. 31, 2004.

In acknowledging Dr. Alt's retirement, Game Commission Executive Director Vern Ross noted that the job of deer management section supervisor was not an easy task.

"Gary took on a difficult job trying to manage Pennsylvania's most controversial big game species," Ross said. "It was perhaps the most challenging job in the state, and there was no way anyone in his position could please everyone. Hunters see too few deer, while landowners, such as farmers and foresters, state there are too many deer.

"There are a lot of people out there who think that they could do this job. What they don't realize is that not many people could last more than a few months due to the competing viewpoints. Dr. Alt stood up to the challenge for more than five years."

In August 1999, Dr. Gary Alt accepted the appointment to head-up the Commission's new Deer Management Section in the Bureau of Wildlife Management. Besides being an avid deer hunter for 36 years, he worked at the Game Commission's deer check stations in the late 1970s and has annually collected deer data for the Game Commission's deer management program for the past 23 years. He also has filmed and photographed deer in the wild and in captivity for more than 10 years to organize a "Natural History of White-Tailed Deer" slide lecture, which he has presented at numerous sports shows and public events.

Dr. Alt joined the agency in June of 1977, and headed up the agency's bear management program. During that time period, Dr. Alt launched groundbreaking research into bear biology that help guide bear management to this day. He remained in this position until taking over the deer program in 1999.

Dr. Alt earned his doctorate in Forest Resources Science from West Virginia University. Additionally, he earned a Master of Science Degree in Wildlife Management from Penn State University, a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Science from Utah State University and an Associate's Degree in Wildlife Technology from Penn State University's DuBois Campus.

Dr. Alt is a freelance nature photographer and lecturer. During his free time, he leads natural history and photographic tours in Canada, Alaska, the western United States and Africa. He has narrated and hosted an award-winning video documentary, and presented more than 1,000 lectures on bear, deer and other wildlife management

2005 Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is again offering its award winning Rivers Conservation and fly Fishing Youth Camp in June 2005. The camp is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council and hosted by the Cumberland Valley Chapter.

The purpose of the camp is to educate students in the importance of coldwater conservation. The selection of the thirty-two students is a rigorous process. In addition to the application form, each candidate must submit a written essay on why they wish to attend and submit the name, address and phone number of a guidance counselor or science teacher as a reference. By selecting the leaders in high school today, it is felt that they will be the leaders of the communities in years to come. It is important for them to recognize the importance clean water and how it relates to everyday living. The curriculum has been structured to provide the necessary foundation for that education.

The classes are college level classes that have been distilled to provide the students with a background in fundamental science and how it will apply to daily life. Classes include Principles of Ecology, Hydrogeology, Aquatic Vertebrate and Invertebrate Sampling, Hydrology, Trout Behavior, Trout Stream Entomology, The Biology of Pollution, Acid Deposition and The Politics of Conservation and The Effects of Humans on the Chesapeake Bay.

While this is a learning experience of a lifetime, it is not all work. There are structured classes in fly tying, fly casting, streamside ethics, angling literature, the evolution of an angler wader safety and survival and streamside botany. These classes are designed to provide a balance to the textbook classes.

More information can be found at <http://www.riverscamp.com/>

Membership Application/Renewal Form (Renewals Due February 15)

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Circle One	New	Renewal	
Youth (under 12)	\$2.50	\$1.00	Date of Birth (youth) _____
Junior (12-17)	\$7.50	\$5.00	
Senior (18 & up)	\$30.00	\$20.00	
Lifetime Membership	\$250.00		Amount Paid \$ _____

I have had no Game or Fish Law Violations in the last 3 years.

Member Signature _____ Date _____

Suggestions/Complaints/Compliments/Ideas: