

Fish & Game Newsletter

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Attention Military Personal

And Friends & Family of Military Personal

To show our support for those on active military duty, MHFG is extending membership to the Club dues free. If you are currently on active duty or know someone on active duty please notify MHFG President Don Beinhaur to establish or renew a membership or drop an email to mail@mhfg.org. Many of us have friends and family stationed abroad. MHFG is making the Club facilities available to these military men and women to utilize when they get the opportunity.



MHFG would also like to compile a list of members currently serving in our Armed Forces. Please send an email with a name and mailing address or contact Don Beinhaur.

Summer Block Shoot - July 30 Open & Stock

A special Open & Stock Summer Block Shoot will be held Saturday July 30th. Registration starts at 7pm. Both classes will compete for their own set of prizes. They will not compete against each other. Cost will be the same for both classes, 5 shots for \$20 or \$5 to shoot one time in each of the 4 rounds. All rounds are cash prizes, no meat. Come out and enjoy a summer night with your winter block shooting buddies.

Monthly Mt. Holly Fish & Game Association Meeting Third Monday Of Each Month @ 8:00pm

Non-Smoking Room

Effective immediately, the indoor Archery Room is a non-smoking room. No smoking will be allowed in this section of the Club at any time including Block Shoots and Running Deer Shoots. Smoking will continue to be allowed in the main hall. Please use the ash trays provided and dispose of your ashes and butts appropriately. THIS DOES NOT MEAN DUMPING THEM ON THE FLOOR.

Hunter/Trapper Ed. & Bowhunter Ed. Classes

The Club will be conducting a Hunter/Trapper Education Class on August 25 (Evening 6-10pm) and August 27 (Saturday 8-5) for those that need a Hunter Education Certificate to obtain a hunting license. The course has changed over the years so it is well worth the time if you have not been to a class recently. The Hunter/Trapper Ed. Class is free and lunch is provided. Registration is required, Contact Don Russell, **starting August 1**, to register.

The Club will be conducting a Bowhunter Education Class on August 13 (8am - 5pm). You must register ahead of time to receive Home Study material to be completed for the class. Registration cost is \$18. Contact Don Russell. This is an excellent class no matter what skill level bowhunter you are. It comes highly recommended from students who have taken the course. Contact the Don Russell with any questions.

Newsletter Sponsor - Keck's Store & Archery

Mt. Holly Fish & Game Assoc. would like to thank Keck's Store & Archery for sponsoring this issue of the newsletter for the second year in a row. Keck's has been very generous in supporting the Club. Please thank Keck's the next time you are there. It is greatly appreciated.

Located just west of the Huntsdale Fish Hatchery, at the intersection of Pine Road and Route 233, Keck's is "Right On Target For All Your Archery Needs."

*If your business would like to sponsor future newsletters please contact Mt. Holly Fish & Game Assoc.



July

30 - Summer Block Shoot (Open & Stock) 7pm

August

1 - Anterless Applications Accepted

13 - Bowhunter Education Class

15 - Monthly Club Meeting 8pm

15 - NR Anterless Applications Accepted

21 - 3D Shoot 7am - 12noon

22 - Bonus Anterless Applications (1st Round)

25 & 27 - Hunter/Trapper Ed. Class

29 - Elk Applications Due (via mail)

September

10 - Block Shoot 7pm

19 - Elk Applications Due (via Internet)

12 - Bonus Anterless Applications (2nd Round)

17 - Block Shoot 7pm

18 - 3D Shoot 7am - 12noon

18 - 23 Elk Season

19 - Monthly Club Meeting 8pm

24 - Block Shoot 7pm

October

1 - Block Shoot 7pm

1 - Archery Season Opens

8 - Block Shoot 7pm

8-14 - Jr Squirrel & Pheasant Hunt

15 - Block Shoot 7pm

15 - Squirrels & Grouse Open

15-22 Muzzleloader/ Jr & Sr Season

17 - Monthly Club Meeting 8pm

22 - Rabbits & Pheasants Open

29 - Wild Turkey Opens

November

7-12 Elk Season

21- Monthly Club Meeting 8pm

21-23 Bear Season (Statewide)

28 - Deer Season Opens

December

10 - Deer Season Closes

12 - Squirrels, Rabbits & Grouse Open

19 - Monthly Club Meeting 8pm

26 - Flintlock/ Archery Opens

26 - Squirrels, Rabbits & Grouse Open

January

7 - Block Shoot 7pm

14 - Running Deer Shoot 11am

14 - Block Shoot 7pm

14 - Flintlock/Archery Closes

16 - Monthly Club Meeting 8pm

28 - Running Deer Shoot 11am

February

11 - Running Deer Shoot 11am

20 - Monthly Club Meeting 8pm

25 - Running Deer Shoot 11am

March

11 - Running Deer Shoot 11am

20 - Monthly Club Meeting 8pm

25 - Running Deer Shoot 11am

News & Alerts

PENNSYLVANIA HUNTERS SET NEW SAFETY RECORD IN 2004

The Pennsylvania Game Commission announced that 2004 was the safest hunting year in the more than 90 years that records have been kept. Last year, there were 56 hunting-related shooting incidents (HRSIs), including four fatalities. In addition, the incident rate of 5.56 per 100,000 participants was the lowest on record.

Of the 56 incidents, there were 42 incidents inflicted by another hunter, including three fatalities. The remaining 14 incidents were self-inflicted, including one fatal self-inflicted injury.

PGC Executive Director Vern Ross noted that there has been a marked decline in these incidents that can be attributed to the success of hunter education training, which began as voluntary course in 1959, and mandatory use of fluorescent orange clothing, which began in 1987.

A hunting-related shooting incident is defined as any occurrence in which a person is injured by a firearm or bow and arrow discharged by an individual hunting or trapping. These incidents often result from failure to follow basic safety rules.

In 2004, the incident statistics by species hunted were: deer, 23 (including four fatalities); wild turkey, 14; small game, 13; waterfowl, 4; and other, 2.

People shot in the line-of-fire comprised 18 of the hunting-related shooting incidents, including one fatality. The second most common cause for shooting incidents was in-mistake-for-game, which accounted for 16 incidents, including one fatality. Unintentional discharge accounted for 8 incidents, including one fatality, followed by: sporting arm in a dangerous position, 6, including one fatality; slipped and/or fell, 4; ricochet, 3; and a defective sporting arm, 1.

MISCELLANEOUS PGC NEWS

- ? The Board of Game Commissioners approved a regulatory change that moves the agency one step closer to being able to accept deer and turkey harvest report card information online or through a toll-free telephone system.
- ? The Board of Game Commissioners directed staff to develop a report on the feasibility of holding an archery bear season for the October meeting.
- ? With the recent approval of the November 2005 and September 2006 elk hunts, the Pennsylvania Game Commission has started accepting applications from those interested in entering the public drawing for one of 40 elk hunting licenses (10 antlered and 30 antlerless) to be made available for this fall's season and 10 elk licenses (two either-sex and eight antlerless) for the September 2006 hunt. The public drawing is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24. The exact time and location will be announced later this year. The elk seasons are set for Nov. 7-12, 2005, and Sept. 18-23, 2006.
- ? According to figures released by the Pennsylvania Game Commission, hunters and trappers harvested 196 bobcats (124 females, 70 males and two unidentified in report) during the 2004-05 bobcat seasons. During the 2003-04 seasons, 140 bobcats were taken; 135 in 2002-03; 146 in 2001-02; and 58 in 2000-01.
- ? Pennsylvania Game Commission Executive Director Vernon R. Ross today announced he will retire effective Dec. 31, to spend more time with his wife and family, and in the Great Outdoors with his grandchildren.

"As much as I care about serving the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the Commonwealth's wildlife and Pennsylvania's hunters and trappers, it's time for me to find more time for the people who matter most to me, my family," Ross said. "They have supported me every step of the way in my professional career, and it's time for me to spend as much time as I can with them."

"When I became Executive Director in May of 1999, I said that I had intended to serve only four years. More than six years later, I believe that this agency has accomplished much to be proud of for the benefit of our wildlife resources, for hunters and trappers and for all people who enjoy the state's wildlife."

"Now that the Board of Game Commissioners has a full complement of eight members, I want to give this Board time to conduct an appropriate search, interview and selection process so that the agency can begin a new year with a new executive director."

Fishing Derby A Success Again!

MHFG held a Fishing Derby May 21 for a number of kids who turned out in some very pleasant weather. Close to 500 trout were stocked in the Club pond for the kids to catch with many of them being successful. Prizes were awarded for different categories as well as door prizes at the end of the derby. The Annual Fishing Derby would not be successful without the supporters who donate their time and door prizes. MHFG and Chairman PeeWee Lybrand would like to thank all of sponsors and all the wonderful people who sacrificed their time to help MHFG ensure a successful derby. Without the volunteers and supporters the derby would never happened.

Archery Tip: Practice your entire shot sequence - getting into position, nocking your arrow, clipping your release, drawing, setting your feet and executing. When the opportunity presents itself you won't find yourself fumbling and rushing to launch an ill-prepared shot.

Did you know?

- ? Members, in 2 years good standing, can rent the Club facilities for \$50. Requests must be made before the Board of Directors 60 days in advance. All money shall be paid 30 days prior to rental and a letter of agreement shall be signed. Rifle and archery ranges will be closed during the rental period. Non-member rental is \$500 with Board of Directors approval. See MHFG by-laws or any Director for further information and rules.
- ? Two Hunter/Trapper Education and two Bowhunter Education classes are taught each year at MHFG for approximately 150+ students. These classes require a lot of personal time from our all volunteer instructors. Those instructors are Don Russell, Terry Starner, Bob Redmond, Roger 'Catfish' Miller, Todd Plank, Rodney Painter, Don Beinhaur and Owen Kennedy. Take a second and thank these Instructors the next time you see them.
- ? One of the best ways to get information about MHFG, club happenings and have questions answered is through the MHFG webpage, www.mhfg.org Questions can be emailed to 'mail@mhfg.org'
- ? Building keys are available, to members in good standing, for \$5. This enables members to use the indoor archery range 24 hours a day 365 days a year. * Ranges are closed during Club activities.

Following is a listing of the antlerless deer license allocation by Wildlife Management Unit, with last year's allocation in parenthesis:

WMU 1A, 40,000 (48,000); **WMU 1B**, 27,000 (33,000); **WMU 2A**, 55,000 (55,000);
WMU 2B, 68,000 (68,000); **WMU 2C**, 53,000 (75,000); **WMU 2D**, 56,000 (58,000);
WMU 2E, 21,000 (23,000); **WMU 2F**, 30,000 (44,000); **WMU 2G**, 29,000 (52,000);
WMU 3A, 27,000 (32,000); **WMU 3B**, 41,000 (48,000); **WMU 3C**, 32,000 (37,000);
WMU 3D, 38,000 (50,000); **WMU 4A**, 35,000 (43,000); **WMU 4B**, 35,000 (49,000);
WMU 4C, 39,000 (44,000); **WMU 4D**, 40,000 (55,000); **WMU 4E**, 38,000 (38,000);
WMU 5A, 28,000 (32,000); **WMU 5B**, 56,000 (64,000); **WMU 5C**, 71,000 (71,000);
and **WMU 5D**, 20,000 (20,000).

Membership Application - Share it with a friend!

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

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

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