

October 2021  
Annual Newsletter

## FISH & GAME NEWSLETTER

### **Officers, Directors & Committee Chairs:**

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*Dave Meloy*

#### **Treasurer:**

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*Brian Starner*

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*Building & Grounds*

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*Rifle Range*

*Cliff Faircloth*

*Block Shoot*

*Terry Starner*

*Brad King*

*Running Deer*

*Buzz Frey*

*Bob Redmond*

*Terry Starner*

*Archery*

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*Rebekah DeMarcantonio*

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**\*\*Anyone interested in helping or serving on the committee, see any officer or committee head**

### **Message from the President**

As 2021 draws near to a close, we are all still dealing with this crazy thing called COVID. It certainly has impacted all of our lives including our club's events. On top of that, all of the supply shortages has compounded the problems - especially trying to find ammunition and reloading components. Prices have gone through the roof for things that you are lucky to find, but some items like primers for reloading are all but impossible to find. All of this has had an adverse effect with most of our shooting events which I have said time and time again keeps the club going.

We started our shoots later than normal in the beginning of the year due to COVID. The Block Shoot attendance was down a little bit, but overall we had a successful year. Now we are struggling to get shot gun shells for 2022 shoots, but it appears we will have enough (even though we had to pay a substantial increase to get them). The Running Deer and Varmint Shoot attendance was down considerably - most likely due to ammo shortages and high prices for ammo. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be an end in sight for this problem but hopefully we get more shooters in 2022.

Financially we have made it through the year meeting our expenses. We had a few members donate their Federal Stimulus money to the club. In addition, we have received donations from other members and also some Non-Members that attend our shooting events. I can't tell you how much our Board of Directors and myself appreciate these people that have done this. It shows how important they value our club and want it to continue. These donations were an important part of our financial success making it through the year.

I want to thank the Board of Directors and especially, Treasurer, Dave Meloy, for their diligence in watching/controlling our clubs expenses. Dave has done a tremendous job making financial projections in order for the Board to make the hard financial decisions. The upcoming year will still have many challenges. As you know everyone has been experiencing supply shortages and much higher prices than a year ago. Higher Fuel oil for our heating needs will be one of them. Cost of meat for prizes for our shoots has also had a negative impact. We had to look at our Block Shoot expenses due to the increase of shells and meat. The result was the majority of our Block Shoot attendees voted to raise the cost to shoot versus reducing the amount of prizes that we give out. We try to make our decisions based on the attendees of our shoots and appreciate those that participated in making this decision.

On a positive financial note, we paid off our land mortgage in August. This will be a big help reducing our expenses but there are other needs that need done that will take some of this expense's place.

I want to thank everyone that helped out with our shoots this past year. We had enough, but at times a few more people would have made things easier and smoother. Please consider helping out this coming year. It's a great way to meet new people and get plugged into the club. We will especially need help with our Running Deer and Varmint Shoots. Please let us know if you are interested in helping or if you have any questions.

Also a big thanks to our Building and Grounds team. The look of our Club House and Grounds continues to improve with all of their hard work that they do weekly on Wednesday mornings. I'm sure they also can use some additional help. If interested contact Marlin Ditmer.

I mentioned earlier thanking our Board of Directors and officers. I greatly appreciate their time and energy taking care of the club's business. Many of them have served multiple terms due to lack of people stepping up to fill these positions. Dave has been handling both Treasurer and Financial Secretary for over 2 years. It would be nice for someone to take on the Financial Secretary role so that he doesn't have to do both. Not hard to do just takes some time. It seems as the older members get older the younger generations do not want to take on these roles. My fear is if no one steps up taking on these roles the club will cease to exist. It takes people to keep things going. I realize most people that join our club do so only for a

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place to shoot. The problem will be when clubs die off the only place left to shoot will be on private land, which will have to be large enough to do so, or PA Game Commission ranges, which if you have been to any are extremely crowded at times. Please consider coming to the monthly meetings which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday for every month except for November at 7:00pm to see how things run.

As a reminder, please have your membership card with you while on club property. Only members are allowed to use the ranges and fishing pond. Ranges are closed Wednesday from 8am to noon spring to the fall so the Building and Grounds team can do their work.

In closing I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope to see you at the coming shoots in 2022.

**Brad King, *President of Mt. Holly Fish & Game***

## Financial Secretary

Just a reminder renewal 2022 annual dues must be paid by end of February. After that it is considered late and you will have to pay the new member's rate. Regarding existing Golden Age Life and Life Time members, we are asking those members submit the application enclosed with their newsletter with any revised information so we can update our files. Home addresses, phone numbers and email addresses change over time and we want to have the most current info possible. Also if you can volunteer your time for any club functions-shoots, work parties, the fishing derby, etc. Please mark the items you can help with and the best way to reach you. Golden Age and Life Time members do not need to submit a self-addressed stamped envelope when they return the form for this update. In order to keep costs down for the club and expedite processing of membership applications please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your membership renewal application. Mail applications to Dave Meloy, 35 Leah St. Dillsburg, PA. 17019. Thanks, Dave Meloy, *Financial Secretary*

## Block Shoots

Block shoots are planned to start Saturday night, January 8<sup>th</sup> running every Saturday through March 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 6:00pm and we start shooting at 6:30pm. Cost is \$8.00 per shot in each of the 4 rounds. Maximum barrel length is 36". Again, we are looking for help - particularly people to set blocks. It's not hard. We will teach you. If interested in helping call either Brad King at 717-645-7842 or Terry Starner at 717-226-6676.

## Running Deer Shoots

Running Deer shoots are scheduled to be held Saturdays January 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>. We will start shooting around 11am. Rules were updated in 2019. They are posted on the website and in the Club House. We can always use the additional help. If you're interested in helping or if you have any questions please contact Brad King at 717-645-7842

## Varmint Shoots

Varmint Shoots are scheduled to be held Friday nights January 21<sup>st</sup>, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>. We start shooting as soon as it gets dark which is typically around 7:00pm. There are restrictions on calibers that are allowed due to the noise. Rules were updated in 2019. They are posted on the website and in the Club House. We need help. If you're interested in helping or if you have any questions please call Bob Redmond at 717-486-4619 or Brad King at 717-645-7842.

## Building & Grounds Committee

Almost all Mowing and Maintenance is done April thru October on Wednesday's 8:00am to noon (weather permitting). NOTE! Most of the time ranges are closed during this time. A big THANKS to the "Wednesday Morning Crew" Bill, Bob, the 2 "Gary"s, and the 2 "Cliff"s for all your help. Also thanks to any others that have helped out from time to time and with special projects. Always looking for more help. Just show up on Wednesday mornings 8am to 11am April to October. If available for special projects please check "Work Party" box on your membership application and indicate AM or PM or NO Sundays. If you don't receive a call it means there are no special projects being done.

Marlin Ditmer, *Chairman of Building & Grounds*

## Children Fishing Derby

The annual Childrens' Fishing Derby is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. For more information contact Rachel Bear email at whimsicalpuppyl@yahoo.com

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## Financial Information

### Expenses

Block Shoot	29.66 %
Loan for Land	13.51%
Utilities	13.32%
Insurance	12.00%
Taxes	7.31%
Kitchen	6.57%
Running Deer & Varmint	6.49%
Building & Grounds	6.17%
Miscellaneous	1.97%
Accounting	0.92%
Printing Expenses	0.84%
Security & Alarm	0.63%
Postage/Office Supplies	0.61%

### Income

Block Shoots	57.00%
Membership	23.73%
Running Deer & Varmint Shoots	8.36%
Kitchen	7.36%
Contributions	3.30%
Miscellaneous	0.26%

**\*\*Loan Balance on Land - \$0.00**

