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Annual Newsletter

FISH & GAME NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President

Well 2022 is just about in the books. Overall, the year was better (more normal) even though COVID is still a so-called thing to worry about. In my opinion, we shouldn't live our lives in fear. We need to enjoy the things that we like to do and see people we like to see. Yes, I saw firsthand that COVID was real in the beginning since I work in a nursing home, but what I see now isn't much to worry about. Hopefully everyone tries to live their lives like they did pre-COVID including attending our events at the club.

We got back to starting our shoots in the beginning of the year. The Block Shoot attendance was pretty much back to normal this year. We saw new faces due to other clubs canceling their Block Shoots. Terry Starner was key to looking for every opportunity to purchase shot gun shells, which is why some clubs canceled or reduced their number of events due to the shell shortages. Terry Starner has decided to take a step back with Block Shoots after helping run it for 42 years; he deserves a much-needed rest. But it doesn't mean he still won't be around and helping with it. Cliff Faircloth Jr. has stepped up to help me run these shoots. Hopefully we can carry on the legacy that Terry and others have created to make our Block Shoots successful. This is the biggest money maker that we have for our club and the club would not survive without them without a considerable increase in membership dues.

The Running Deer and Varmint Shoot attendance was down again considerably most likely due to ammo shortages and high prices for ammo. I hate to say it, but I'm not seeing an end of shortages or high prices of ammo. We do allow the use of rimfire ammunition for the Running Deer matches to help those that are having trouble getting or affording ammo.

Financially we have done well this year meeting our expenses and having a healthy year-end balance in our checking account. First of the year, after the shooting events start, we will be looking into setting money aside in a separate account for big ticket emergencies and for situations like COVID where shooting events are shut down. We don't want to have to worry and make hard decisions like we did when COVID hit.

I want to Thank the Board of Directors, Officers, and Committee Chairmen for their diligence in watching and controlling our clubs expenses. Especially Dave making financial projections for the Board to make the hard financial decisions. Good news for Dave is we had member Tim Wentz step up filling the vacant Financial Secretary position which Dave was also doing. We are grateful that Tim has taken on this position reducing the workload for Dave. Make note renewal applications can be sent directly to Tim. His address will be on the applications.

The new year will still have many of the same challenges as last year. I don't have to tell you about the high inflation of virtually everything that has had an impact on all of our lives. Higher Fuel oil for our heating needs will be one of the biggest for the club. We had insulation blown in our attic to cover spots where there wasn't much and additional blown over the entire ceiling to help keep our heating cost down. The cost of meat for prizes for our shoots continues to be another major challenge. We try to be fair with both the winners and the club in managing what we give out.

Once again, I want to thank everyone that helped with our shoots this past year. We can't run these shoots without you. It's funny how some have come out to help and not participate in shooting only to get hooked and become one of the shooters. That's what happened to me several years ago with the Block Shoots. I didn't think I would ever be interested in Block Shoot shoots but helping has a way of changing things. It's a great way to meet new people and get plugged into the club. We again are anticipating that we will 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.

Thanks again to our Building and Grounds team. The look of our Club House and Grounds continues to improve with all their hard work that they do weekly on Wednesday mornings. Marlin Ditmer has done an excellent job leading the team since he took over several years ago. But once again it's time for a change and someone to step up and take over. Marlin has decided it is time for someone else to take the reins. A big THANK YOU MARLIN for all that you have done. I am hopeful that someone will take on this role.

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I want to thank 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 willing to fill these positions. Nominations for new officers will be taken at our December and January meetings with a vote at the January meeting. If interested let us know.

Throughout the year we have members that have passed on. Just this past week I received a call that Mikey Bishop passed away. Mikey helped several years ago with the Running Deer matches and has been attending our Block Shoots. I'm sure there are more but unless someone lets us know we don't know about it. Please let us know in the future so we can mention them and keep our records up to date.

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 2023.

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

Financial Secretary

Tim Wentz has stepped up filling the vacant Financial Secretary position that Dave Meloy had been doing in addition to his role as Treasurer. If using an old application please send it to Tim instead of Dave. As a reminder, renewal 2023 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. Missing a year as a member will have an effect when calculating Golden Age eligibility, so make sure you don't let it lapse.

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.

The new application form has applications for 3 people with 2 of them on the back. This will help with paper and postage costs. In an effort 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 Tim Wentz, 91 Spur Road, Carlisle PA. 17013.

Tim Wentz, *Financial Secretary*

Block Shoots

Block shoots are planned to start Saturday night, January 7th running every Saturday through March 25th. 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. Not hard. We will teach you. If interested in helping call either Brad King at 717-645-7842 or Cliff Faircloth Jr. at 717-414-6981.

Running Deer Shoots

Running Deer shoots are scheduled to be held Saturdays January 14th, 28th, February 11th, 25th, March 11th, 25th. 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 help - if interested in helping or if you have any questions please contact Bob Redmond at 717-486-4619 or Brad King at 717-645-7842

Varmint Shoots

Varmint Shoots are scheduled to be held Friday nights January 20th, February 3rd, 17th, and March 3rd. 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 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 through October on Wednesdays 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 Garys, Eric, and Karl 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 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. Also looking for someone to take over the Chairman of Building & Grounds.

Marlin Ditmer, *Chairman of Building & Grounds*

Children Fishing Derby

The annual Childrens' Fishing Derby is scheduled for April 2023

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Financial Information

Expenses

Block Shoot	44.10 %
Utilities	10.06%
Insurance	9.80%
Kitchen	8.65%
Building & Grounds	8.12%
Running Deer & Varmint	6.21%
Taxes	6.11%
Donations	2.13%
Miscellaneous	1.58%
Printing Expenses	1.29%
Postage/Office Supplies	0.84%
Accounting	0.72%
Security	0.48%

Income

Block Shoots	69.03%
Membership	16.16%
Kitchen	8.92%
Running Deer & Varmint Shoots	4.99%
Contributions	0.77%
Miscellaneous	0.13%

