



— UPCOMING EVENTS —

**MARCH**

Sat. 21 Fly Pool, 9 AM  
 Sun. 1 Ham Shoot, 1 PM  
 Sun. 8 Ham Shoot, 1 PM  
 Sun. 15 Ham Shoot, 1 PM  
 Sun. 22 Ham Shoot, 1 PM

**APRIL**

Sat. 4 Easter Egg Hunt  
 Sun. 5 Easter Dinner  
 Fri. 17 Fisherman's Ball  
 Sat. 25 Rabies Clinic, 9-11 AM

**MAY**

Sat. & Sun. 2-3 Coon Dog Trials  
 Sat. & Sun. 9-10 Altemus & Boop Memorial Shoot  
 Sun. 10 Mother's Day Dinner  
 Sat. 16 Fishing Derby, 9 AM  
 Sat. 16 Bicycle Rodeo, 11 AM

**JUNE**

Sat. 20 Gun Raffle  
 Sun. 21 Father's Day Dinner

**JULY**

Tues - Fri. 13-18 100-200 IBS National Shoots  
 Sat. 18 Stockholders Meeting  
 Sat. 25 Clambake, 12 Noon

**AUGUST**

Sat. 15 Bob Reigle Open - Rain date Sat. 22

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings to All of Our Members:

Our Club is doing very well thanks to our members, customers, employees and volunteers. We add new members each month.

At our Annual Stockholders meeting, held July 19th, we had but one suggestion under the New Business portion of the meeting and that was that we improve the shower floors. We have installed new non-slip floors with tile similar to what was installed in our kitchen. A new steel door and jam was also installed at the rear entrance of the Club-house.

You may have noticed that last Fall, we did some paving and roadwork. The parking lot was sealed and some new paved road surface was added in heavily used areas. Over by the pavilion we build a new 12' x 16' refrigerated building with 12 taps for beer or soda. As we see expansion in the use of the pavilion and the area around it for a multitude of events, it was very clear we needed to have this refrigerated building available in order to provide a quality event for our customers.

The Fourth Annual UCSC and A.B.A.T.E. gun raffle was held June 21st, 2014 was well attended and was another great success thanks to our participants and our friends at the local A.B.A.T.E. Chapter. Our fifth such event will be held this year on June 20th, with some changes in prizes (more) and raffle items. The signature prize to be raffled is a Side by Side 4x4 Utility Vehicle. We decided to try something different than the gun safe of past years just to keep things interesting. It will be a great prize to someone even if the winner decides to sell rather than keep it.

As I mentioned earlier, our membership continues to grow. We see it every month at our monthly Board of Directors meetings. Members seem to come from all directions. As membership grows and becomes more diverse, it becomes a challenge to deliver on expectations of our membership. It is a challenge we are happy to be faced with however. We still stay with our "roots" and work with what brought us here. Another reminder about why things work well here— we have the best and most loyal volunteers we could ever expect. Week after week they are here to give a hand and make the Club the beautiful place that it is.

We look forward to the Wounded Warriors visiting us here in the Spring months. All attendees seem to have a good time and we enjoy sharing a day of fishing and meals with this most deserving group of individuals.

Hunters! We stocked 450 pheasants in November, an increase from last year. Dirk Remensnyder, our District Wildlife Control Officer, surprised the Board at our December 2014 meeting by stopping in to present the Club with a really nice wildlife print in recognition of the Club's efforts in working with the agency. We were all very surprised and grateful by and for this recognition. Dirk does a great job in working with the community and working together to protect OUR wildlife.



Charlie Klauger and his crew of devoted folks who feed, medicate and take care of our trout on a daily basis really need to get a BIG THANK YOU from all of us. We will be stocking Penns Creek again this spring and the work that these folks do help keep our fishery populated with beautiful trout.

Jim Wagner will be heading up our annual "Fly Pool" on Saturday, March 21st. If you like or would like to try to tie fly's then stop in at the Club around 9 AM on Saturday, March 21st and swap stories and tales with other artists and exaggerators. It is a lot of fun.

May 16th will be the date for our Fishing Derby. It has become a rite of spring for many kids and adults alike. Everyone has a great time and only the looks on the kids' faces can describe how much this event is enjoyed.

It won't be long until our Ham and Turkey Shoots start March 1st and continue thru March 22nd. The first shoot will be on Sunday, March 1st at 1 PM. We have a total of four Sundays to shoot. Come out and support the Club and maybe take a ham or turkey home with you. This coming Fall we are looking at adding an additional shoot for our Fall Turkey Shoots. A good suggestion from the volunteers who run these shoots.

The barn across the road and its roof have been painted this fall. It is a fine example of the classic "bank barns" built in our area. It makes a fine storage facility for the Club.

Our apartment has become very popular with members wanting to stay for a night or a week. Bookings go out for up to a year in some cases. You should call the Club at



570-922-1128 to check on availability and make your reservation. Football weekends, hunting and fishing seasons are most popular. Remember, however, that PETS are not allowed. It is not that we don't like pets but it is what works best for all.

Please thank our manager, wait staff, kitchen staff and cleaning staff for the job they do. It is not easy and they deserve your thank you. You as members and customers deserve the best possible service and you should make our Manager Lori and/or Board members aware of any areas that could be improved. You need to speak up to be heard.

All in all everything looks great so come out this Spring and Summer to support and enjoy your club.

"Bear" Spanger, President

### TROUT NURSERY NEWS

Charlie Klauger, Nursery Manager



Ahh, the spring newsletter, how sweet it is. My grass is covered with snow and my heavy coat is ready in case I leave the warm house. Spring is just around the corner and that brings fish stocking and the season opener on April 18th.

Our annual supply of fingerlings arrived, which included 50 goldens, 50 rainbows and 3560 brownies. Prior to their arrival we did our annual cleaning of the raceways, which includes high pressure washing, removing all the tops so the sun will help kill some bacteria and sanitize the concrete. Our fish feeders always step up with the help needed to complete our annual cleaning. With our stocking schedule this year, we will have the raceways empty for a longer period of time, so we can cover the concrete with polymer paint. This will speed the cleaning process and protect the fish from scraping their flesh and opening sores. When they open their flesh, bacteria can enter and kill the fish.

On Saturday, January 31st, three members from the club, Mark Gersavage, Bob Manotti Jr., and I attended a seminar at State College for the Co-op Nursery that supplies our fish. We all learned more about the fish rearing process and polymer coating was one of them.

We took several items to share with the other nursery managers as door prizes, such as mugs and caps. A dinner was served at 5 PM for 80 attendees. We received our 10 year certificate for raising fish from the Co-op nurseries.

Big thanks to all the volunteers involved in the fish program we well as the Club. We received another grant this year from the

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Co-op which will allow us to get a new air blower, water pump and some miscellaneous equipment. This spring we will be extending the pipe above the road another 20 feet with a new water jack dam and filter area. This will raise the water head to the raceway.

The Wounded Warriors will be here again this year on April 25 and 26 for a weekend of fishing on Penns Creek. They will have fishing guides and have lunch at the club. They will be staying at Woodward camp overnight.

Our fall stocking took place in November this year since the creek water held up better than last year. We had to wait until January last year due to low water. After the November stocking this year the winter fishing seemed to slow down.

Don't forget to pick up your 2015 trout button at the club as well as a display plaque for the cabin or home. The pins help to support the fishing program and the Club deserves big thanks for their continued support of all our requirements.

### A MESSAGE FROM LORI...

Hello Everyone!

I hope you all are keeping warm as spring is finally near! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. As I said, Spring is around corner and our ham shoots are Sun. March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 1 PM. I'm sure everyone has cabin fever at this point so bring the kids out for a shoot, sandwich or just to visit! Our Easter Egg Hunt is Sat., April 4th, at 2 PM! Spring also brings us to fishing season and the Fisherman's Ball is Friday, April 17th, with entertainment by "After Math" from 10 PM - 1 AM. The dining room will be closing early that evening, so check back with us for a time as it gets closer. The Club has so many great events for everyone so please come and participate! Thank you to all the employees and volunteers who make this such a great and unique Club! Hope to see you soon!

### GAME COMMISSION REPORT

Dirk B. Remensnyder, WCO  
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The hunting season has pretty much come to a close. Hopefully every one has enjoyed their days afield this past year and have plenty of stories land memories that can be passed down to future generations of hunters and be told over and over again at camp.

Planning has now started for gearing up for next year and that starts with the Hunter Education classes. This year we will be offering these different course dates at the Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club — March 14, May 16, August 15 and September 26. What you may have noticed looking at the dates is that the H.T.E. courses are one day courses. The Hunter Education Division has changed the course to a six hour format and along with the final test the course can be done in eight hours. Prior to taking the course a student must go to the PGC website under Hunter Education and study three chapters on their own prior to the day of the course. If anyone does not have computer access they can call the following numbers and get a book for the pre-study requirements. Parents who bring their kids to the H.T.E. course should consider taking the course also. If you ever had thoughts of going out west on a hunt you need to show your H.T.E. card to acquire a license since showing your PA license will not meet the requirements. For pre-registration call either Allan Zimmerman at 966-0173 or 966-0270.

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Two different Bowhunter Education classes will be offered at Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's club from 0800-1600 hrs on March 21 and August 22. Individuals wishing to take the B.H.E. classes must sign up via the PGC website or call BVSA at 966-0270.

For the 2014 bear season a total of 3,366 bears were harvested statewide with 42 harvested in Union Co. The highlight in Union County was a 639 lb. bear taken in West Buffalo Twp.. There are quite a few bear in the county over 500 lbs. and this harvest proves how large they can get.

Deer season was highlighted this year by a majority of hunters saying about seeing more deer prior to the season than in past years. The archery kill was slightly up this year and there were expectations for a good rifle kill which didn't materialize. Bad weather during the two week rifle season seemed to be the downfall with only the last Saturday of the season bringing decent weather and a fair harvest. There were some very large racked buck taken throughout the season and after the standard drying period should place in the record books after scoring.

Hunters can start looking forward to the Spring Gobbler season and should have no trouble at that time locating birds. Reports have been steadily coming in all over the county about very large flocks of turkeys with some numbering up to 120 birds in a flock.

Remember that as we come to a close on one hunting season and get ready to begin another is that you the hunter can help make a difference in conservation. Planting food plots for wildlife, putting up bird boxes, getting involved in teaching hunter education, or having the intestinal fortitude to step forward and turn in a poacher are all things that enhance our image as conservationists. Don't be afraid to step up to the plate and make it happen.

## FISH & BOAT COMMISSION REPORT

Steven Boughter, Waterways Conservation Officer  
District 5054



As most know, fishing license sales are the main source of income for the fish fund for the PFBC (boating funds by law must be kept separate and may not be used for the fish fund), and every six years or so, the cost of a fishing license is raised to compensate for rising costs (most significantly the trout rearing program). The current license fee has not been raised since 2005. This may sound like a lead-up to a license increase, but for the first time in the history of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission the cost of a license has been reduced! It actually has been reduced 1% - which amounts to a dollar. Past increases, while resulting in the expected revenue increase, also resulted in the reduction of license sales. The hope is that the decrease will lure anglers back who have stopped purchasing as well as those who have chosen not to purchase a license. The new price went into effect December 1, 2014. Other license related fees are not affected (trout stamp, button, etc.).

In other news, the invasive rusty crayfish has up to now been regulated since 2005 through a no possession/sale/transportation/culture ban. It is now known that there are five other invasive crayfishes here that are unregulated. Crayfish are an important part of the food chain and native crayfish are being replaced by the invasive crayfishes, which can cause a disruption to the natural aquatic environment. Stopping these invasive crayfish of course

becomes unmanageable once they become widespread. I have had reports of huge numbers of rusty crayfish congregating in the Susquehanna River. Since most people have trouble identifying the various types of crayfish, new rules have been proposed. Licensed anglers would be permitted to harvest a maximum of 50 crayfish (the current regulation), but if transporting the crayfish, must remove the head from behind the eyes. If using the crayfish as bait in the water from which it was taken, this is not required. Other rules are proposed regarding the sale and importation of crayfish. The replacement of native crayfish is occurring across the country, with half of the native populations imperiled and these rules have been passed in other states with broad public support.

Finally, beginning January 1, 2015, senior resident lifetime license holders will be required to purchase a trout stamp annually. Holders prior to this date will not be required to purchase a trout stamp. Lake Erie permits will be exempt from annual purchase, but for a combination permit, the trout stamp will need to be purchased yearly. Without raising additional money for the stocked trout program, which accounts for about a third of the fish fund expenses, the PFBC would no longer be able to afford to produce the same number of trout each year.

See you along the stream.

## COOPERATIVE NURSERY REPORT

Brian McHail, Unit Leader

The winds of change swept through the Cooperative Nursery Unit (CNU) in 2014. On May 23, 2014, Earl Myers retired as the Unit Leader of the CNU. He was employed with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) for over 30 years. On August 16, I officially took over as the Unit Leader of the CNU. With my promotion, this left a vacant Fisheries Technician position within the Unit. Although the process was long and tedious, Josh Keslar started with the CNU as a Fisheries Technician on January 5. He is very excited to be part of the CNU and is looking forward to meeting all of our nursery sponsors as he performs his routine and emergency inspections.

This past summer was unlike any other in terms of "sick fish." With the cold and snowy winter and cool and wet spring, we had very few calls for "sick fish" through the month of July. With the lack of rain and increased temperatures that the majority of the state experienced, Allen and I were inundated with "sick fish" calls starting in August, and all the way through November. This was difficult for the two of us to handle, along with conducting our routine fall inspections and performing our daily tasks in the office. We were able to get through it and are thankful for the understanding of our nursery sponsors as, at times, we had to prioritize the calls for "sick fish."

With my promotion to Unit Leader, I have goals and plans that I feel will improve the program. Some of them include updating the nursery manager manual, simplifying the grant program, ex-

## IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

If you would like to become a stockholder in our Club, it is not too late to purchase one or more shares before the next stockholder's meeting. You cannot vote at the meeting unless your stock purchase has been approved by the Board fifteen (15) days prior to the annual meeting. The price is still \$35 per share with a limit per person of four (4) shares. As a four-share stockholder, your annual dues will only be \$15 per year. Additionally, you may not hold office without owning one or more shares of stock. Regular member dues are \$20 per year.



### **BENCHREST CLUB**

*Mark Trutt*

The new shooting season will be here soon. All this "global warming" on the ground will eventually melt. I HOPE!

Our annual Boop/Altemus Memorial match will be May 9-10 this year. Also this season we will be holding the "big show!" Once again, we are hosting the International Benchrest Shooters 100/200 yd. Group Nationals July 13-18. Stop by and check out the most accurate rifles, loads and shooters in the world.

Many of the shooters sing the praises of our Club. They very much appreciate the great facilities the Club provides and are happy to trek from near and far to get here. Have a great summer!

pansion of the Cooperative Nursery Program, and implementation of the PFBC Strategic Plan. While these goals and plans will not be completed overnight, I hope that over time the CNU will be able to accomplish these goals and plans to improve this vital and successful program. Thank you for all that you do for the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and for the anglers of Pennsylvania.

### **CHILDREN'S BICYCLE RODEO**

*Deputy John Moyer*

The Union County Sheriff's office along with the Union County Sportsmen's Club will be hosting the 2nd Annual Bicycle Rodeo on May 16th. The rodeo will begin at approximately 11 AM in conjunction with the Fishing Derby. Last year's event was better than our expectations with 40 children participating. Drawings for six bicycles as well as many other prizes were given away which truly brought smiles to many small faces. Evangelical Hospital was on site to donate and fit bicycle helmets, expert bicycle specialists were on hand to inspect and adjust bicycles as needed. The sheriff's deputies were active to assist the little ones through the obstacle course. I wonder if they were enjoying this more than the kids? This is a great opportunity for the young ones to get to know and to feel more comfortable with the interaction with the sheriff's department as well as the other local law enforcement officers. This year we expect even a large participation. The rodeo is open to all children 11 years and under. Bring your bicycle. If you have none, not to worry, we'll have one available. We look forward to seeing you, your children and/or grandchildren.

### **FLY POOL – SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2015**

*Jim Wagner*

Welcome all fly tyers and interested fishermen and ladies to our annual "FLY POOL." What a better time than the first full day of spring to come to the Club and demonstrate your favorite Penns Creek fly patterns. Each year our attendance increases with more new faces. The doors open at 9 AM. We tie flies, share tying tips and fishing tactics and tell "true" fishing stories. This is a good time to meet some of the Penns Creek regulars who might be inclined to at least hint at a "secret spot and/or fly." A light lunch is provided by the Club and you the have the afternoon to try a new fly or technique on the "Catch and Release" section. Remember, all are welcome.

### **ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY**

*Tim Zimmerman*

Once again we have finally reached the late winter season and our thoughts naturally begin to think of Spring. Warmer weather,

longer days, active ball fields and yes, even the thought of cutting grass means that fishing can't be too far from our collective mind. With that said, your Club will be again sponsoring what has now become an annual tradition. The Children's Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday morning May 16.

Your Club is committed to encouraging our children to become active in outdoor sporting activities, and to promote responsible stewardship of our forest and streams at an early age. This is evident through the sponsorship of the Children's Fishing Derby. The Derby is an extension of the Club's Trout Program. Through the money raised by your purchase of the Club's Trout Buttons, this program stocks thousands of trout in Penns Creek annually. The program also seeks funds through grants and contributions to raise fingerling trout in our two raceways for future stocking. But perhaps one of the most endearing parts of this program is the continued support of the Annual Children's Fishing Derby.

The Derby will begin at 9 AM on May 16, with registration beginning at 8. Fishing will take place in the small creek that feeds our pond directly adjacent to the Club's parking lot. The Derby is open to all children 10 years of age and under, at no cost. As in years past,

### **UNION COUNTY MUZZLELOADER CLUB**

*Mark Wehr*

How is life like a roll of toilet paper? It goes faster towards the end. Here I am, up against another deadline to submit an article for the UCSC spring newsletter. It's been a whole year since I've last submitted an article as I was asleep at the switch and missed the fall newsletter.

The Union County Muzzleloader Club continues to be a growing and active group of black powder shooters, campers and re-enactors. We're over the 25 member mark and going strong. Current officers are: Mark Wehr – President 966-2304; Cliff Bowersox – Vice President 713-5431; Steve Pletcher – Secretary/Treasurer 966-0649. We would welcome any questions or comments about our club or our activities.

This being the middle of February our two-day winter camp and shoot "The Frozen Toe," February 28th and March 1st will probably be over when you receive this newsletter. A couple of recent new members and an old hand are teaming up to run this shoot. If the camp and shoot are half as good as the planning they are putting into it; it will be a good one. Fran Kovaleski, Diane Doebing and Duane Miller are running this shoot and I am looking forward to it.

Our monthly shoots are usually the 1st Sunday of the month. However, our April shoot will be the 2nd Saturday of April due to Easter Sunday being the 1st Sunday in April. If that Saturday is open for you, come on out to our April shoot. It will be a Novelty shoot so there will be a mix of targets for your shooting pleasure and frustration. After April there is no shoot in May as The Lancaster County Longrifles put on an excellent rendezvous that first week at Muddy Run. Several UCML members have made that rendezvous an annual event. June is an invitational shoot run by Dave Aucker 922-1090 and Steve Pletcher 966-0649. If you are interested in the June shoot contact Dave or Steve. July we resume our 1st Sunday schedule through the rest of the year.

Since I missed the fall newsletter I did not report on our three day event; the Labor Day Weekend Rifle Frolic and Rendezvous. The attendance numbers escape me at this point but 2014 was a good camp and shoot. We utilize all of our shooting facilities for this event; paper targets, silhouettes and woodswalks. We also shoot primitive archery and throw tomahawk. Our Booshways for 2015, Cliff and Janet Bowersox, are already deep into the planning of this year's event.

We are always looking for new people to share our sport of black powder shooting, our interest in history and our desire for a little bit of time travel. I've heard speculation concerning the cost of "getting into muzzleloading." I won't deny a pile of cash can be spent but it is not necessary. There are lots of club members willing to help a novice get started. Even if you don't have a muzzleloader, come on out to a shoot and we'll be glad to let you "touch off" a couple of rounds. Ah, the aroma of burnt powder.

only single barbless hooks will be allowed. Please don't forget to bring bait and maybe even share that with your neighbor. We just ask that you not use corn for bait.

This event has proven to be very successful in the past. Aside from the children having a wonderful experience, it is a great way to showcase your Club. As with all activities of the Club, they don't happen by themselves. Whether it's landscaping, cleaning the pond, mulching, working on improvement projects or running special events like this, it takes volunteers. On May 16, there will be many dedicated volunteers on hand to assist with the event and if you would like to volunteer for this event or anything that the Club does, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of the Trustees. They would be thrilled to have your help.

Last year's event was postponed due to flooding and was held at a later date. Even so, the Derby drew children from all over the area. A special shout out needs to go to Jack's Mountain Riders, A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania for their special help during this event. They committed their time, their talents and very generously donated door prizes for the children. Most, if not all children walked away from the event with a door prize thanks to this fine group of people. And of course, to everyone who helped behind the scenes, operating heavy machinery, building the dams, arranging for the trout stocking, cooking hot dogs, untangling lines and cleaning up the grounds, a big, big thank you!

We hope to see you on Saturday, May 16. Why would you even consider missing this event???

### **GUN RAFFLE 2015**

Our Fifth Annual Gun Raffle with the Club and our A.B.A.T.E. friends will be held on Sat. June 20th, at the pavilion. We are looking for the largest crowd this year. If you are interested in selling tickets for the event, talk to the barmaid. She will get you tickets. There will be two gun raffle tickets in the newsletter.

Also there will be tickets for a new 2013 600cc Rancher Side x Side Utility 4x4. You can see the beautiful machine in the lobby at the club. Tickets are \$1 a piece or six for \$5. Come out to the event and have a great time. Gun raffle tickets will still be available at the raffle as well as tickets for the Side x Slide. Take a good look at the above picture and come out and have a great day.

### **PAVILION**

Don't forget the pavilion for your summer outings. We now have a new refrigerated building available for your party and outing. We have a total of 12 taps available for your soda and alcohol. Don't forget we can seat approximately 300 people under roof plus we have a kitchen available. If you are interested, please call the club for more details.

### **FISHERMAN'S CASH**

Proceeds from the Fisherman's Cash tickets will go toward the

maintenance of the club and grounds. We hope you will support this program.

### **PHEASANT STOCKING**

Our pheasant stocking was bigger and better than ever. We have come a long way in our stocking program. A total of 450 cock birds were stocked—the biggest year ever from the Club. They were all stocked at the game land #317. I think we made a lot of happy hunters. I hope you all continue to support the Club so we can continue to keep our program going for pheasant stocking

### **HUNTER SAFETY COURSES**

Hunter Safety Course will be held regularly at the Buffalo Valley Sportsmen Club. For more information on the classes, dates and times, call Alan Zimmerman at 570-966-0173 or Ron Zimmerman at 570-524-9562. Good luck to all students.

### **CLUBHOUSE APARTMENT**

Our Clubhouse Apartment is available to rent by any member of the Union County Sportsman's Club in good standing. This is a nicely furnished two-bedroom apartment located above the lobby of the clubhouse. It can be rented by the day, weekend or weekly term. The apartment would make a great place to spend a family vacation, football weekend, fishing, hunting or just a weekend get-away. Contact Lori at the Club by calling 570-922-1128.

### **HAM SHOOT**

Hopefully winter will soon be over. It is getting close to the big event of spring, the annual Ham Shoots. Most of you know how tasty they are. The shoots start on Sun, March 1, at 1 PM and run until about 4 PM. Additional dates are Sun. March 8th, Sun. March 15th and Sun. March 22nd.

Come out and take part. We supply the shells for you. Bring your shotgun 12 ga., 16 ga., 20 ga. or 410 ga. And have a great afternoon at the Club and try and win a ham.

### **BOB REIGLE OPEN**

The annual Bob Reigle Open is August 15 at 8 PM. Raindate will be August 22. Everyone knows Bob Reigle. It is a very special night for all of us here at the Club. Play mini-golf and try to win a prize. Hot dogs, chips and refreshments are supplied plus you always get to see Bob at his best — he always entertains before the event, which costs \$10 a person.

### **RABIES CLINIC**

The Rabies Clinic will be held on Sat., April 25, from 9 to 11 AM. It will take place at the pavilion. Bring your pets and support the program.

### **TENT AREA AT PENNS CREEK**

The tent area at Penns Creek has been expanded and is now better than ever. Camping for Scout troops and other organizations should be very enjoyable, we hope you take advantage of this area. For the regular hikers, the old railroad is open from one end of the Club property to the other end — approximately one mile of great scenery!

