



— UPCOMING EVENTS —

MARCH

Sun. 4 Ham Shoot, 1 pm
Sun. 11 Ham Shoot, 1 pm
Sat. 17 "Fly Pool", 9 am
Sun. 18 Ham Shoot, 1 pm
Sun. 25 Ham Shoot, 1 pm
Sat. 31 Easter Egg Hunt, 2 pm

APRIL

Sun. 1 Easter Dinner
Fri. 13 Fisherman's Ball
Sat. 28 Rabies Clinic (9 to 11 am)

MAY

Sat. 5 Coon Dog Trials
Sun. 6 Coon Dog Trials
Sun. 13 Mother's Day Dinner
Sat. 19 Fishing Derby, 9 am
Sat. 19 Bicycle Rodeo, 11 am

JUNE

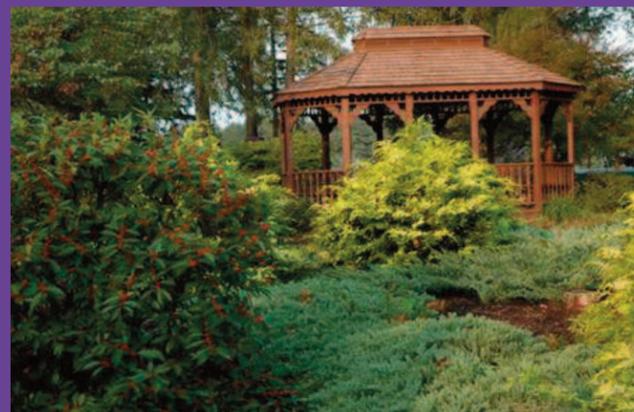
Sat. 16 Gun Raffle
Sun. 17 Father's Day Dinner

JULY

Sat. 14 Stockholder's Meeting
Sat. 28 Clambake, 12 noon

AUGUST

Sat. 11 Bob Reigle Open, 8 pm
Mon. 13-Sat. 18 National Shoot



REMINDER

Don't forget the MINI-GOLF RANGE to improve your putting, as well as having fun for young and old alike. It is open at 11 AM. Cost is \$3 for adult and children under six are free with a paid adult. Also remember that the CLUB DRIVING RANGE located in the rear of the Club has a 100 yd., 200 yd., and a 300 yd. Range. See the barmaid for club and balls.

RIFLE RANGE HOURS

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Sat. and Sun.:
9 AM to 6 PM
Wed. and Fri.: 9 AM until dusk

Please continue to take your debris with you or place it in the provided disposal cans. Please check the Calendar of Events to make sure the Range is open.

IMPORTANT

If your address has changed, please notify the Club by calling 570-922-1128 or writing.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to All of Our Members:

Our Club continues to do very well thanks to our members, customers, employees and volunteers. We routinely add new members each month and they come from many states. Some will be regulars while others will attend the Club only once a year and others just want to support and be part of our organization. It is a good feeling when we review the new members each month.

As in recent years, many camps that were overflowing in the past, sat empty this year during buck season. The feeling around here during this fall's hunting season was that there was not much to hunt for. This has become a continuing problem. We did our usual stocking of 450 Ring Neck Pheasants this fall.

We will again enjoy the company of our Wounded Warrior friends visiting us here in April. All attendees will have a good time and enjoy sharing the day fishing and meals. Some fishing stories seemed to be floating around as well.

The crew of devoted volunteers who feed, medicate and take care of our trout daily, really need to get a BIG THANK YOU from all of us. We did not stock Penns Creek this past fall because of the low water followed by severe weather we had and still are experiencing (remember the New Year's FREEZE!!). We plan to stock this spring when we hopefully will have sufficient water. Please say "Thank You" to these volunteers.

Shawn Madden has again stepped up to take over the "Fly Pool" and this year's event will be held March 17, 2018. If you like or would like to try to tie fly's, then stop in at the Club and swap stories and tails with other artists and exag-gerators. It is a lot of fun.

Ham Shoots start February 25th, continue thru March 25th. We have a total of five Sundays to shot, so come out and support the Club and maybe take a ham home with you.

Our apartment has become very popular with members wanting to stay for a night or a week. Bookings go out for up to year in some cases. You should call the Club at 570-922-1128 to check on availability and make your reservations. 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.

A word about our Rifle Range. Please respect your range and targets and clean up after you are done shooting. No metal targets allowed and no automatic weapons. It may be hard to understand but some people think it is "funny" to shoot holes in the roof, shoot off posts and leave all kinds of trash for our volunteers to take care of to keep the range

up to par.

The Pavilion is a great place to have your own private party and can be catered either by the Club or your own caterer. It can seat 250 people and a full kitchen is on site.

I know I mention this in every Newsletter, but I want to thank ALL our VOLUNTEERS who help in too many ways to mention here. Without you

folks we could not have the facility that we do and take so much pride in. The first thing that visitors see is the beauty of the Club and that is directly a result of our volunteers. From Clam Bakes to landscaping, THANK YOU!

The gun raffle, the Eighth Annual UCSC and A.B.A.T.E. gun raffle, will be held June 16th, 2018. Last year's event was well attended and another great success thanks to our participants and our friends at the local A.B.A.T.E. Chapter. At least 3,000 attendees had a great time and again the weather worked with us. Thank you to all who attend and support the event. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Please thank our wait staff, kitchen staff and cleaning staff for the job they do. It is not easy, and they deserve a hearty thank you. You as members and customers deserve the best possible service and you should make our Board Members aware of any areas that could be improved.

It may be cold and dreary now, but spring and summer are just around the corner. Come out and feed the fish, enjoy the menagerie and get into some miniature golf.

Our Annual Fishing Derby will be held Saturday, May 19th so bring out the kids and watch them catch some really nice trout. Our Bicycle Rodeo is held on the same day so take advantage of both events. Everyone will have a good time.

The Annual Shareholders meeting will be Saturday, July 14th. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors, you need to be a shareholder of at least one share and have your dues current. Let our Secretary, Brenda Zerbe, know of your interest and she can see that your name gets on the ballot.

All in all, everything looks great so come out this spring and summer and throughout the year to support and enjoy your Club.



"Bear" Spangler, President

TROUT NURSERY NEWS

C.W. Klauger, Temporary Nursery Manager



It is with a sad note that I must report that Mark Gresavage has resigned from the Nursery Manager position. This leaves the volunteer position open. I sent out an email on Thursday, February 1st to all feeders and stockers to see if there is any interest in being a new nursery leader.

Mark has done a great job with the fish over a trying year where multiple bacteria caused nursery problems. He will be missed but will have more time to take care of personal problems. When you see Mark, thank him for his service. He is continuing to feed fish so the schedule will remain the same.

The Co-op nursery technician had to visit us four times this year to medicate sick fish. Several times it was due to ICK. We lost 95 fish this past month. With our losses our normal supply of 3,600 fish will be substantially reduced.

We had a nursery inspection on February 1st by Co-Op nursery unit and found the site in good condition. The average size of the brown trout was 8.46 and the goldens were 9.5 inches. With the water being so cold and the fish so lethargic we are going to feed every other day until we have warmer water.

I will cover another touchy problem under my Fish Manager Newsletter article. Thanks to Bill Gamber for supplying new fish buttons for the next six years.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLUB MANAGER

Ron Wert

Beginning on March 2 our dining room will be back to our regular hours. Friday and Saturday the dining room and buffet will be open from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. and on Sunday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Starting in April and lasting thru June, kitchen hours will be extended an extra hour on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday by staying open until 10 p.m. In January the sandwich menu was expanded with very good success. The top sellers have been Prime Rib sandwich, Reubens, Rachels, and the Stromboli Melt. Please stop in and try one.

GAME COMMISSION REPORT

*Dirk B. Remensnyder, WCO
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The hunting season has pretty much come to a close. Hopefully everyone has enjoyed their days afield this past year and have plenty of stories and 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 Sportsman's Club: March 10, May 12, August 11 and September 22

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.

Two different Bowhunter Education classes will be offered at Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club from 0800-1600 hours on March 17 and August 18. Individuals wishing to take the B.H.E. classes must sign up via the PGC website or call Allan Zimmerman at 966-0173 or BVSA at 966-0270. For walk-in's on the day of the course there is a \$20 fee.

For the 2017 bear season a total of 3,403 bears were harvested statewide with 38 harvested in Union Co. The 38 harvested in Union County is way below the average. There are plenty of bears and opportunities in the county and I am not sure why there were not more taken especially with the archery season and the extended season. The rifle season's weather was a limiting factor for a good harvest. Commissioners are still discussing different ways to provide more opportunities to increase the bear harvest since the population continues to grow. It is possible that hunters may see extensions to the bear archery seasons in the future.

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 and rifle harvests were excellent with most hunters pleased with what they had seen and or harvested during the season. While visiting butcher shops every butcher said that they had more deer brought in and they were the busiest they have been in years. 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. The turkey population remains high with opportunities almost anywhere in the county.

On a negative note there were more investigations of baiting using food, minerals and artificial attractants than there has been in many years. Hunting over these types of bait is illegal and depending on the circumstance surrounding the violation a hunter can lose his license for one to three years. Please put in the time to scout your hunting area and hunt on the principles of fair chase.

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 conversationalists. Don't be afraid to step up to the plate and make it happen.

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ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY

Tina Nash

The annual children's fishing derby will be held Saturday, May 19. Registration at 8 am with fishing beginning at 9 am for all children 10 years and younger. Children to use only barbless hooks and bait of your choice. No corn as in previous years.

The grounds will be in ready condition thanks to our members and volunteers. Door prizes will be supplied by members of Jack's Mountain Riders A.B.A.T.E. Refreshments will be served to all in attendance. 2018 Fish Buttons will be on sale. Help keep the program going, buy a button! Hope to see everyone May 19th!

COOPERATIVE NURSERY REPORT

Brian McHail, Unit Leader

I hope this Cooperative Nursery (CNU) update finds everyone healthy and happy as we make our way toward the spring months. Selfishly, those of us in the CNU hope the spring is cool and wet so the table is set for a successful start to the growing season for our cooperative foot and can be a harbinger of things to come for the rest of the growing season. Mild, dry winter months along with warm, dry spring months tend to result in lower water tables that quickly heat up during the summer months. This can cause unneeded stress on the fish, which results in fish health issues, a reduction in growth, and in some cases high mortality rates. Unfortunately, these issues tend to linger throughout the fall and into the winter months. So, if we do have a cool, wet spring, you can at least know it's good for our cooperative nurseries.

In the fall 2017 newsletter I outlined the impending \$2 million cut to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) budget beginning in the 2018-2019 fiscal year and how it will impact the CNU, the cooperative nurseries we service, and how those impacted can make their voices heard. Senate Bill 30 (SB30), which will give the PFBC the ability to raise license fees and therefore increase revenue, is still in the House Game and Fisheries Committee. As of the writing of this update, SB30 is yet to be voted on by the House Game and Fisheries Committee. If SB30 is not passed out of committee and passed by the House of Representatives, the \$2 million cut will be enacted, and as part of that plan, services provided by the CNU will be severely reduced. I urge you to contact your local Representative and voice your support for SB30 and ask for a House Game and Fisheries Committee vote so this vital piece of legislation can be voted on and hopefully passed by the House of Representatives.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Union County Sportsmen's Club cooperative nursery. The dedication and passion exhibited by the volunteers at your nursery as well as the other cooperative nurseries, totaling 165 statewide, is

truly remarkable and does not go unnoticed. Thank you again and I hope everyone has a wonderful spring and summer.

FISHERMAN'S CASH

Proceeds from the Fisherman's Cash tickets will go towards the maintenance of the club and grounds, plus the upstairs to the tanks that house the fish. We hope you will support this program.

A.B.A.T.E. JACK'S MOUNTAIN RIDERS CHAPTER 35

When you receive this newsletter, winter will soon be behind us and spring is just ahead. It will be nice to see you and your children at the Fishing Derby and Bike Rodeo in May. We also work the annual U.C.S.C. Gun Raffle. Hope to see you there. Thank you for your past support.

Our Chapter would like to thank the U.C.S.C. for letting us participate in these events.

FISH MANAGER'S REPORT

Charles W. Klauger

There have been some changes with the fish program since last year. The major change comes from the state. They want to stop stocking Section 5 of the trout water that many of us have fished for years. In my case since I was 10 years old. They are not satisfied to not stock, but also want artificial flies or lures only with no kill. I am sure this means that children and some seniors will not be able to fish. I know children need to start with worms or bait to catch a fish and continue with the sport. I also know that some people would like to eat their catch and should be able to. The main thing to remember is if we lose this water to other regulations we will never get it back. This change falls right into the Trout Unlimited purview which already has 8.5 miles of stream for their happiness. Our program has been well received for the past twenty years and produced thousands of fish for Section 5 & 6. Fall stocking was done by your Club without any state supply. Weikert Run is the last cooling water into Penn's Creek and dissipates quickly downstream and this means stocking any fish below Section 6 makes no sense.

The state has suggested in the past stocking Section 5 and no stocking of Section 6 because of gold being found in the creek and years later or the fact there is no parking available for the fishing public. Both of these failed and now it is to, save resources. The only resources they wish to save is stocking so they can cut cost. In Section 5 we added signage requesting catch and release at your convenience. If this section falls to the Trout Unlimited people remember most of them do not live here and your property will see much more traffic than it does now. There is 8.5 miles now for their fishing pleasure and they want to take 4.0 more miles, down to Weikert Bridge (sounds like greed to me). Why should all of us local people be denied to fish in Penn's last portion of cold water and keep a couple of fish?

The representatives from Trout Unlimited attended a board meeting at the UCSC in December to request the Club not to take a position on what the State wants to do with Section 5 of Penn's Creek. This in spite of the fact that we had our own trout program for 20 years. Don't forget they can fish Section 5 whatever way they want to, but we can only fish it their way in the section they control. Their position is to control all the cold water streams in Pennsylvania for their benefit.

I checked with the internet and they have 12,000 members in the entire State of PA. Their members in our club must be very

BENCHREST CLUB

Mark Trutt

The 2018 shooting season is a big one once again. June 9th & 10th we will be holding our annual Boop/Altimus Memorial Match.

August 13th to 18th we will be hosting the International Benchrest Shooters 100/200 yard group nationals. The best shooters in the world will be here. If you have a chance, come and check it out.

small. Why do they not require pinched or barbless hooks since they don't kill trout catching or handling them? It's good to remember most of them do not live here. Below me on Buick Blvd., there are four Trout Unlimited members that do not want the loss of Section 5. How many more do not want to lose our resources and have signed another petition to the contrary? The North East section, of which we are a part of, has five State offices. The other four sections have 41 State offices, which indicate how small our section is.

Our fish program started in 1998 until the present, which is 20 years, and since that time we have raised and stocked 72,000 trout in Section 5 & 6. These were raised from 1½ inches to 12 or 13 inches and were broad healthy fish. Your club then purchased trout to stock every fall from a hatchery at considerable cost to us while the State cut back on their stocking of these two sections.

We have received seven grants from the CO-OP Nursery Unit and averaging \$2500.00 each equaling \$17,500 to improve out rout rearing facilities. Our feeders, stockers, and others who work on the program are approximately 55 people who save the State resources of labor, by raising, and delivering the fish to the water. Our grants are a pittance of our total cost of feeding, salting, cleaning raceways, and stocking the club fish.

Any conversations with Jason Detar were unproductive as supplying a copy of the trout survey done on Section 4 & 5 as promised. One note of interest he said any regulation change would not occur until 2019. No meeting will take place at the club do to an Eric Hussar decision. He indicated that it is not big enough. It will be held at the Mifflinburg High School, Mifflinburg.

The State said that they want to classify Section 5 as a Class A stream meaning the fish will reproduce and take care of themselves. Jason Detar, (Northeast Chapter fish leader) said, they will offset the fish that was to be stocked in Section 5 to the area south of Glen Iron in spite of the fact that Weikert Run is the last cool water into Penn's Creek. It dissipates very quickly due to low volume of input. It is strange that the same water in Section 5 & 6 then flows below the Glen Iron Bridge but it warms as it travels to the Susquehanna River and will not support trout. I asked what the land owners input was and it has not yet been determined. The State wants to make changes to the existing regulations without any input what we have done to improve our fishing in Section 5 & 6.

I have just found out that a meeting will take place on February 26th at 6-8 pm in the cafeteria of the Mifflinburg High School. Be there to support the continuation of Statewide regulations being part of Section 5. Section 6 is next that the State will not want to stock. There are multiple petitions in circulations so please sign up if you see one. The State has not yet informed the public of their intentions for Section 5. They will be putting something in the

paper soon, I have been told. [Maybe] Hope to see you all at the meeting February 26th.

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 the Club by calling 570-922-1128.

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!

RIFLE RANGE SHOOTERS

The property committee asks members to please respect the targets. If you pull the pins out to move a target, please put them in the target and in the ground to secure the target. Pistol shooters please respect the post at the pistol range. There are too many being shot off.

Please help us on this issue and also please respect the sign when the range is closed— Also no metal targets please. Additionally, an issue with an insurance carrier came to our attention — there will be signs posted at the range — Not responsible for shooters. So please be extra careful! Thank you, Board of Directors

PAVILION

Don't forget the pavilion for your summer or fall 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 the roof plus we have a kitchen available. If you are interested, please call the Club for more details. We installed a metal ceiling in each pavilion and changed the lighting system and receptacles. It looks and feels like a whole new building!

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PHEASANT STOCKING

Our pheasant stocking went great again this year. We stock a total of 450 cockbirds on Gameland #317. It went better than ever. It seems all the hunters gave the birds sometime to settle down, before they did the usual chase. I hope all you hunters are happy with the stocking. Hope your continuance to support the Club to make it possible for another year.

HAM SHOOTS

Hopefully winter will soon be over. It is getting close to the big event of Spring, the annual Ham Shoots. A lot of you know how tasty they are. The Shoots started Sunday, February 25th. They start at 1 p.m. and will run until about 4 p.m. Additional dates are Sunday, March 4th, Sunday, March 18th and Sunday, March 25th. Come out and take part. We supply the shells for you. Bring your shotgun 12 ga., 16 ga., 20 ga., or 410 ga. Hope you enjoy each shoot and win a ham.

RABIES CLINIC

A Rabies Clinic will be held on on Sat., April 28th, from 9 to 11 a.m. It will take place at the pavilion. Bring your pets and get them their shots to keep them healthy.

BOB REIGLE OPEN

The annual Bob Reigle Open is Sat., Aug. 11th at 8 p.m. Everyone knows this is a very special night. Come out and join in the fun – have a few drinks and a couple of the good hot dogs The event costs \$10 a person.

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 \$20 per year. Additionally, you may not hold office without owning one or more shares of stock. Regular member dues are \$25 per year.

UNION COUNTY MUZZLELOADER CLUB

Mark Wehr

Greetings from the Union County Muzzleloaders Club. If you have an interest in muzzleloading or early American colonial life we welcome you to come to our monthly shoots or our Labor Day rendezvous. The officers are: Mark Wehr – President (570-966-2304 or cell 570-217-6531); Cliff Bowersox – Vice President (570-713-5431); Steve Pletcher – Secretary/Treasurer (570-966-0649.) We welcome any questions or comments you might have about our club or our activities.

This year marks our 35th year. We are planning to celebrate at the Labor Day rifle frolic Saturday September 1st. And the members of the Union County Sportsman's Club are invited. We will be having a Bar-B-Que chicken dinner with corn on the cob, rolls and watermelon at 5:30pm. The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 and advanced tickets will be available until August 10th. Please contact any club officer for tickets so you won't miss out. Before dinner spend some time visiting our encampment or come for the day. Day shooters are always welcome and 18th century attire is not required.

There are many muzzleloader shoots, rendezvous and related events throughout Pennsylvania. In last spring's newsletter I mentioned the first weekend in February is the 18th Century Artisan's Faire at the Country Cupboard and Best Western in Lewisburg. It is a great place to get a taste of everything muzzleloading and this year's event was another good one. Please contact us if you are interested in learning more about the sport of muzzleloading.

Our shoots are usually the first Sunday of the month except April, July and no shoot in May. Registration is from 9 am. - 2 pm. except woodswalks; last registration is 1pm. We shoot only patched round ball from pre-1840 style muzzleloaders; flint or percussion. Iron sights only; we do not use optics for shooting or spotting. No pets.

March 3-4th	Frozen Toe Weekend; woodwalk, paper, silhouettes, novelty targets and camping
April 8th	Novelty Shoot
June 3rd	Smoothbore only (we have loaners if you don't have one)
July 8th	Silhouettes
August 5th	Paper Shoot
Sept. 1-3rd	Rifle Frolic; all muzzleloading shooting events, camping, tomahawk and primitive archery
October 7th	Novelty
November 4th	Woodswalk
December 2nd	Silhouettes