FALL/WINTER EDITION



UNION COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, INC. & WILDLIFE MENAGERIE



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Hello to All Our Members:

Fall is now upon us and hunting season is fast approaching.

Your club is doing well due to our members, customers, employees and volunteers.

The spring newsletter mailout was in February. There were 43 volunteers that came out to help. Thank you to everyone that came that day.

Wednesday, February 14 was a Valentine's Day dinner. It went well and there was a full house. Another Valentine's dinner was held on February 17, followed by Bluegrass music.

On Super Bowl Sunday, free pizza was offered to those who were at the club during halftime.

February 18 was the first ham shoot. We had fifty plus shooters that day.

The Easter egg hunt was held on March 30 at 2 pm. There were around 140 children that came out to enjoy the afternoon.

April 5 was the Fisherman's Ball. Everyone enjoyed Allan Combs' Sole Medicine.

Ralph and his volunteers stocked trout on April 24. There were around 20 tagged trout stocked earlier in the month. Thanks to everyone who helped.

The rabies clinic was held from 9 to 11 am on Saturday, April 27. Thank you to Bonnie for your help over the years.

The kid's fishing derby on May 11 was a beautiful day. Over 100 children and parents came to enjoy the day, and they enjoyed refreshments and prizes. Following the fishing derby, the bike rodeo took place. All enjoyed the bike course that the Sheriff's Department laid out. The children got to sign up for a chance to win a bike. The Union County Sportsman Club would like to thank our friends A.B.A.T.E. Jack's Mountain Riders and the Union County Sheriff's Department for their support for another successful year.

The following day was Mother's Day. A buffet

meal was enjoyed by all. Thank you to our staff for their help.

On May 13, a plane flew over the club property to spray for spongy moth. Also on that day, FFA students from Selinsgrove came out to hike the trails



and to enjoy the beautiful weather.

June 15 was the 14th annual gun raffle, and it was another a beautiful day. Hopefully you all had a great time. Maybe next year you can bring a friend to enjoy the day too. Thank you for your support.

The Stockholder's meeting was held in July. There was one change made to the board: Mark Bailey was voted in as a trustee.

The end of July was the clam bake. Rapid Run was the entertainment throughout the day. There were a lot of compliments on the clam chowder.

There was a reunion for the Veteran's that served in Afghanistan. This was their first reunion, which was supported by the Union County Sportsman Club, West End Social Club, Mifflinburg VFW Post 1964 and A.B.A.T.E., Jack's Mountain Riders.

The 15th annual gun raffle will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 11 am to 5 pm. Tickets are available at the club. Thanks to everyone that supports this event. This event is also supported by our friends from A.B.A.T.E. Jack's Mountain Riders.

Improvements to your club this year:

- Lobby was painted and the ceiling replaced.
- Outside of building was washed.
- Slate floor cleaned and sealed.

New this year:

- Three door cooler and a four-drawer refrigerator for the kitchen.
- Three bottle coolers underneath the bar have

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also been replaced.

A project we hope to start this fall is the campsites out back. We are going to stone some of the campsites to hopefully keep you out of the mud and make your stay more pleasurable.

Be sure to thank our staff for all they do: kitchen, cleaning, lawn mowing and all the volunteers. Everything is looking great. So come and enjoy your club!

Have any ideas? Drop them off in the suggestion box in the lobby.

Thank You, Ray Kline

NEW MEMBERS ONLY

Many have asked how or when to become a new club member. So, this is how it works. Our year runs from July 1 to June 30. However, if you pay before the board meeting in April, you will owe dues again in June for the following year. Hope this helps you out. Please call the club if you have any questions.

TROUT NURSERY NEWS

Ralph E. Moyer

Greetings from Weikert. Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful fall weather. The UCSC Co-op Nursery is doing well. The PFBC folks have recommended that we raise rainbow trout moving forward. 2,900 rainbow and 50 golden fingerlings arrived on July 2. These fish will be



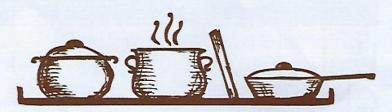
stocked in Penns Creek next spring. We've had a few run-ins with a parasite and a case of ick this summer. The high temperatures and several high-water events have contributed to a couple tricky issues. Luckily the PFBC has treated our problems, and the fish are looking good as of mid-September.

The club stocked 20 large, tagged trout at the beginning of April. Eight or ten of these tags were turned into the club. That means there's quite a few tagged trophies still in the creek. When you catch one of these beauties, bring the tag to the club and you'll receive a \$20 gift certificate. We put around 2,600 trout, that were raised in the nursery, in Penns Creek and Laurel Run on April 24. Many reports were received that the fishing was outstanding on both Penns and Laurel Run.

The club held its annual children's derby on May 11. Over 100 anglers had a great day of fishing, food and fun. A huge thank you to A.B.A.T.E. and the club for sponsoring this wonderful event. The Union County

Sheriff's Department, along with the club and A.B.A.T.E., held a bicycle rodeo that morning with many youths taking part. Many kids left that day with a couple trout, fishing door prizes, and new bicycles.

Make sure you stop in and enjoy a meal after a day on the creek. Trout Buttons for 2024 are still available and are a great way for you to support the club's stocking endeavors. See you on the creek.



FROM THE BAR & KITCHEN...

Ty & Dottie, Managers

Greetings from Ty & Dottie, the kitchen and bar managers. As the new managers at the club, we are doing our very best to provide the services you deserve. As you may have seen, there are many new faces in our wait and kitchen staff. We have some great things coming in the form of new foods and drinks, and no worries, we will still have your favorites, so stay tuned! We're confident that as the new year approaches, we will, with our many new ideas, bring smiles to all.

2024 FISHERMAN'S CASH WINNERS

1st - Rob Brennan6th - Lew Stouch2nd - Jon Bavsman7th - James Beck3rd - Warren Howe8th - Perry Grove4th - Gerald Criswell9th - Susan Woodland5th - Robert Bowersox10th - Mary Fox

CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY

Tina Nash

Saturday, May 11 was the annual children's fishing derby at the club. A line of kids formed before the 8 am registration time and we were still busy even after the 9 am start time. Final count after the last sign up was 120. That's a fine turnout.

The club supplied bags and ice to keep caught fish fresh to take home.

Jack's Mountain Riders, A.B.A.T.E., again had a wonderful supply of fishing rods and other prizes for those lucky ticket winners.

A big thank you also to the A.B.A.T.E. members who sold the yearly fish buttons and raffle tickets. The button sales help to keep the fish program and derby going. Thanks to all who made a purchase.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all in attendance. Thank you to our club workers and volunteers. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks were on the menu. A wonderful time was had by all. Hope to see you all next year!

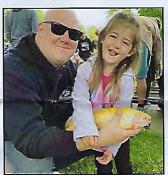


















FLY POOL

Sean P. Madden

FFI Certified Casting Instructor

Please mark your calendars for this year's fly-pool on March 15, 2025, starting at 9 am. In the spring, most fisherman are chomping at the bit for the season to start. The Fly Pool will help anglers prepare for the upcoming season. We will discuss the finer points of fly fishing, the various hatches and the timelines for them, tie flies specific to Penns Creek, and share stories.

This is a great opportunity to learn about fly fishing at our beloved Penns Creek. The club generously provides lunch and our morning coffee. All are welcome! I hope to see you there.

"Everyone should believe in something." – Henry David Thoreau

GUN RAFFLE 2025

Our 15th annual gun raffle with our A.B.A.T.E. friends will be held on June 21, 2025, at the pavilion. We are looking forward to another great year. You will find two (2) gun safe, and one (1) car ticket enclosed in your newsletter — no purchase necessary. Gun tickets will be available at the club. If you are interested in buying or selling tickets, please see the bartender.



Purchasing tickets early helps determine food and refreshments for the party. Thank you for your support! Also to let you know, the car this year is a 2014 Dodge Challenger. It had one owner and has 30k miles with a 5.7 Hemi V8.



UNION COUNTY MUZZLELOADER CLUB

Mark Wehr

Greetings from the Union County Muzzleloaders:
Labor Day weekend, August 31 through September 2, were the dates of our annual Rifle Frolic and encampment. Campers started setting up their canvas on Wednesday August 28, our official start date for this year's rendezvous. By Friday our primitive camping area was getting filled up. It was great to see the turn out. Again this year, we had over 40 camps, most being 18th century set-ups and a few modern camps in our modern area. The Adventurers Club provided breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday for campers and the many visitors who came to checkout our event.

The shooting part of our rendezvous started off Friday afternoon with 3-man teams competing in a "swinging-stake" shoot. Instead of shooting off a stake driven in the ground the stakes were suspended horizontally. Saturday and Sunday were filled with shooting events; paper targets, silhouettes, and woodswalks. We finished the weekend with 47 shooters. We had a good mix of camping shooters and day shooters.

Other events included traditional archery (long bow only) targets, tomahawk throwing and archery golf shoots before and after shooting range hours. We had several juniors participate in the archery and tomahawk events.

In addition to the many shooting events, we had a number of attendees just simply enjoying the camping and 18th century atmosphere of camp. An 18th century evening in camp involves; candle lanterns, campfire conversations and always some rousing musicians with group sing-a-longs. Also, it's surprising the number of culinary delights that are prepared over a campfire.

We welcome visitors to our weekend events as well as our monthly shoots. We shoot the first Sunday of every month beginning at 9 am. We shoot black powder, patched round ball with open iron sights. You do not have to be a member of our club to participate at our shoots. We have a full slate of shoots scheduled for next year and our schedule for the rest of this year is as follows:

October 6th – Novelty November 3rd – Woodswalk December 1st – Silhouettes

For more information or questions, please contact one of our officers:

President – Mark Wehr, 570-217-6531 Vice President – Cliff Bowersox, 570-713-5431



CLUBHOUSE APARTMENT

Our Clubhouse apartment is available to rent by any member of the Union County Sportsman's Club in good standing. It 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. It's a great place to spend a family vacation, football weekend, fishing, hunting or just to get away. Contact the Club by calling 570-922-1128. Also need to see bartender for new paperwork to be completed for the apartment required by the Board of Directors. Sorry, no pets allowed.

PAVILION

We also have a great pavilion for your Spring, Summer or Fall gatherings. There is a refrigerated building available to you. It has 12 taps available for your soda and alcohol. There is seating under the roof for approximately 300 people and there is a kitchen available as well. If you are interested, please contact the Club at 570-922-1128. There are changes with our insurance that requires paperwork to be completed when renting the pavilion.

TENT AREA AT PENNS CREEK

The tent area at Penn's Creek is a great area for Scout Troops and other organizations. We hope you take advantage of this area. Please stop in to see the bartenders before camping. Also, for hikers, the old railroad is open from one end of the Club property to the other end – approximately one mile of great scenery.

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Due to changes in our liability insurance, there are waivers to be signed when staying on Club grounds or using the shooting range and pavilion. This includes camping, tenting, apartment, pavilion and shooting range. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Also, to access our new Facebook page go to our website www.ucscpa.com and click on the Facebook link at the top of the page.

Thank you from the Board of Directors

BENCHREST CLUB

Mark Trutt

It won't be long till we will be wishing for the dog days of summer to come back. I know some love it, but winter is not on my top 100 list.

June 8 and 9 this year was the weekend we held the Boop/Altemus Memorial Match with the International Benchrest Shooters. We were pivileged to have 34 of the finest shooters in the game make the trip to our club.

Top honors went to Paul Mitchell with a pair of teen aggs. For the Two Gun win, Paul fired an impressive .1680" aggregate in LV 100yd, but believe it or not it wasn't enough for the win in that agg. That honor went to Dave Bruno with a .1426" aggregate for 5 5-shot groups. Dave even wasted a tiny .083" group in the warmup. But not even Dave gets the bragging rights for small group in that aggregate. Bob Hamister got the small group trophy with a .080" knothole. There were four zeros fired out of six matches in the LV 100yd agg.

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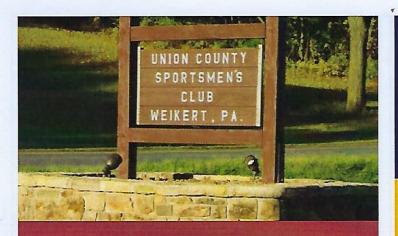
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- UPCOMING EVENTS -

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Sun 13	Turkey Shoot	1 pm
Sun 20	Turkey Shoot	1 pm
Sun 27	Turkey Shoot	1 pm

NOVEMBER

Sun 3	Turkey Snoot	1 pm
Sun 10	Turkey Shoot	1 pm
Thu 28	Thanksgiving	CLOSED
Sat 30	Hunter's Ball	8 pm

DECEMBER			
Sun 15	Ham Shoot	1 pm	
Sat 21	Santa's Christmas Party	2 pm	
Sun 22	Ham Shoot	1 pm	
Wed 25	Merry Christmas	CLOSED	
Tue 31	New Year's Eve	CLOSED	

JANUARY

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Wed 1	New Year's Day	OPEN
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Sun 2	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Sun 9	Ham Shoot	1 pm
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Sun 6	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Sat 19	Easter Egg Hunt	2 pm
Sun 20	Easter Sunday	OPEN

Sat 26 Spring Rabies Clinic 9-11 am (Range Closed)

REMINDER

Don't forget the MINI-GOLF COURSE 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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