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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to All Our Members:

Soon the leaves will change and the air will be cooler — also time for hunting.

The Spring Newsletter was sent out February 20, 2026. There were fifty plus volunteers who helped stuff envelopes. Thank you to everyone who came out to help.

Our entertainment for January, February, and March was the West End Bluegrass. Everyone enjoyed the evenings of music.

The first ham shoot was held February 22. There was a great turn out for all of the shoots. Don't forget to check out the calendar of events for the next round of shoots.

On April 3, DJ Jake was the entertainment for the Fisherman's Ball. The Fisherman's Cash drawing was held at 9 p.m. that night. The next day was the first day of trout, and also the Easter Egg Hunt for the children. There were around 125 children. They picked up all the eggs in 40 seconds. There was entertainment that evening provided by Jaden Wagner.

There was a great turn out for the buffet on Easter Sunday.

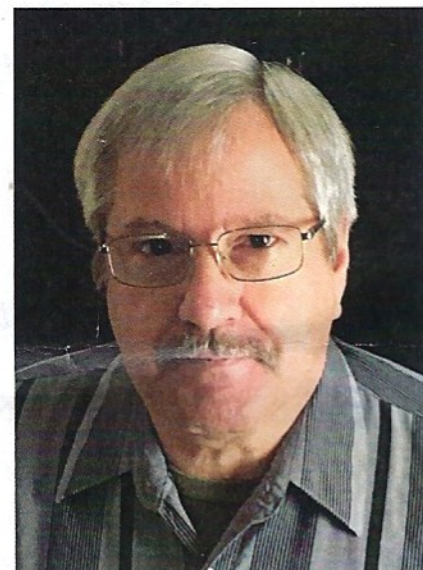
On April 30, Ralph and his volunteers got to stock fish for all you fishermen.

May was the Kids Fishing Derby and Bike Rodeo. The rain didn't keep the kids and parents from coming out to enjoy the day. Around 95 children turned out to fish. The Union County Sheriff's Department came out to give bikes and helmets away. They also made a riding course for the children to ride through.

We had a buffet for Mother's Day. Everyone enjoyed the food and there was a great turn out.

Fifty plus people came to the Stockholder's Meeting in July. It was a good night of fellowship. The Clambake was also held that month.

Improvements this year were: new dining room chairs, a new roof and ceiling in the bear pen, and a new poly picnic table by the pond to replace the old one. We also replaced the floor in the office. This was due to the heavy rain on August 3.



A few dates to remember for the upcoming events this fall: Turkey Shoots — Oct. 18, Nov. 1, 8, and 15. They are held on Sundays starting at 1 p.m. Pick a Calendar of Events booklet up at the Club to be sure you don't miss out on any events.

Would you like to get more involved? Think about running for a board position or come to a work party from 9 to 11 a.m. held every Friday.

About the range: please respect your range and targets, and clean up after yourself when you are done shooting. No metal targets are allowed, and no automatic weapons. Our volunteers try to take care of cleaning up the trash and emptying the barrels.

Don't forget about the pavillion, which has a kitchen on site and will seat approximately 300 people.

Thank you to our managers, our staff, and all our volunteers for the GREAT job you are all doing.

Come out, bring a friend, take a walk or come have a meal, and enjoy your Club!

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.

CO OP NURSERY NEWS

Ralph E. Moyer

Greetings from the UCSC Co Op Trout Nursery. Hoping the fall season is off to a good start for you. The nursery had a decent start with out new fish. We had an issue with the gyro parasite soon after their July 24 delivery.



After treatment, they are doing well. Also, we had a couple water snakes trying to help themselves to a rainbow buffet. They've been relocated. These fish will be stocked in Penns and Laurel Run in late April or early May.

Backtracking a bit to last spring, Mother Nature was not very kind to us on two occasions. In February, the raceway was heavily iced, and we lost a few hundred trout. To compound our problem, a mink showed up as we were the only mildly open water around. It killed quite a few fish in our lower raceway. Trapping efforts were fruitless. Then in April, when we had a 90 degree day followed by a hard freeze, and then up to 90 again, we lost more trout. Our raceway water temperature rose 11 degrees in one day. That was a little too much for rainbows to handle. They panicked and started looking for cooler water. This created stress and low oxygen levels. Hopefully we can avoid these conditions this year.

At the end of April, we stocked our trout in Laurel Run and Penns Creek. Reports were positive on the fishing in May. The Club also purchased some 20" trophy trout around the same time. These fish were tagged and a little over half the tags were turned in at the Club for a gift certificate. Some of those lunkers are still out there cruising Penns Creek.

On May 9, the Club hosted our annual fishing derby. Over 100 youngsters showed up in the rain for a fun day of fishing, door prizes, and free hot-dogs and pop. Many thanks to A.B.A.T.E. for co-sponsoring this yearly event.

We are planning to stock Penns Creek this fall. We will get these trout from Cedar Springs Trout Nursery. If the flows on Penns are good, it will happen in October. Might have to wait until November or December if need be.

On a side note, the PFBC has increased the size limit for trout from 7" to 9", effective January 1, 2027.

In closing, we'd like to thank all volunteers who contribute their time and effort to our program. Also, kudos to the Club board for their continued support. And finally, a huge thanks to everyone who backs our nursery through monetary donations and purchasing trout pins each year.

BENCHREST CLUB

Mark Trutt

Hot weather with humidity through the roof and monsoons seems to be the way we are ending this summer. My daughter and granddaughter say they "wish it was winter!"

"We shall see, we shall see!"

This year, for our annual Nate Boop & Rich Altemus Memorial, we were honored to host 24 shooters with 21 shooters who contested the entire weekend.

The "Big Man on Campus" this year was Tim Kopsky. Tim won the 2-Gun and both LV 100 YD and 200 YD aggs. and second in both HV aggs.

Jeff Peinhardt did some mighty fine shooting also. Jeff won both HV 100 YD and 200 YD aggs. and was second place to Tim in both LV aggs. to earn second place in the 2-Gun.

Craig Rowe, our winner from last year, also had a great weekend and come in third in the 2-Gun.

A great time was had by all!

How about we skip winter? Sorry Tia and Willow, ha-ha!



FROM THE BAR & KITCHEN...

Annette Zimmerman, Kitchen Manager

Dear Valued Patrons:

Thank you for supporting the Club. Our entire team is always working to make your time here enjoyable.

If you take a look at the menu, we brought back some of your old favorites. Hopefully when the weather gets colder, we can have a buffet from time to time.

Looking forward to seeing you and hearing your comments.

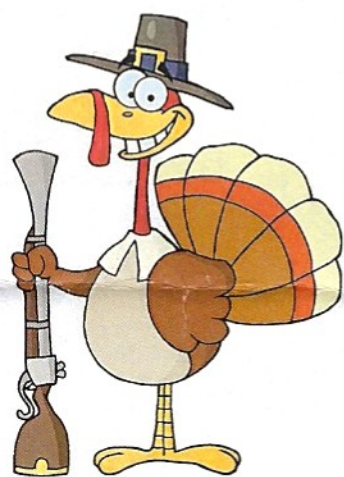
Dottie Foust, Bar Manager

Another year has flown by us and as always, my staff and I appreciate all of you. I am always open to suggestions to make your visit a pleasant one. I am working on bringing in outside entertainment for all of you to enjoy.

Again, thank you. I'm looking forward to another year with all of you.

TURKEY SHOOTS

We are all waiting for cooler weather. Our annual turkey shoots will soon start. The shoots will begin on Sunday, October 18, and they run from 1 until 4 p.m. Additional Dates: October 25, and November 1, 8, and 15 (All Sundays).



CHRISTMAS CASH

In your newsletter, you will find (4) tickets. We hope that you support the Club and buy all four; however, no purchase is necessary. Proceeds from the tickets go towards maintenance of the Club.

FLY POOL

Sean P. Madden

FFI Certified Casting Instructor

Hopefully this winter will fly by, and we will see you at next year's Fly Pool on March 13, 2027 at 9 a.m. We will tie flies, tell stories, and share some of our Penns Creek fly patterns. All are welcome to attend. The Club provides the morning coffee and snacks. Hope to see you there!

*"Everyone should believe in something.
I believe I'll go fishing." – Henry David Thoreau*

CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY

Tina Nash

Light rain and a breeze didn't seem to keep the kids from coming out to the Club's annual fishing derby on Saturday, May 9, 2026. Registration beginning at 8 a.m. gave us a total of 95 kids ready to catch some big fish. Bags and ice were supplied by the Club.

Jack's Mountain Riders, A.B.A.T.E. again had their wonderful gifts of rods, nets, and other prizes for the door prize winners. Members of the riders also sold the yearly fish buttons, which supports the Club program. Thank you to all who bought one or more.

Refreshments were provided to all in attendance by members of the Club. The weather couldn't keep everyone from having a wonderful time.

Hope to see everyone next year!

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

Cliff Bowersox

Another Labor Day Weekend Rifle Frolic and Encampment is in the books! This year started with lots of rain, but we couldn't have asked for better weather over the weekend. Visitors who stopped by were treated to a step back into the 18th century with period clothing, canvas lodges, open-fire cooking, flintlock muzzleloader shooting, and plenty of fellowship.

Camp began coming to life on Wednesday, August 26, as campers arrived and started raising their canvas. Our official rendezvous opened on Saturday, August 29, but by Friday morning the primitive camping area was already filling up. This year's gathering included primitive canvas lodges, modern tents, campers, and shooters. The Adventurers Club once again did a fantastic job serving breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday for campers and the many visitors who stopped by throughout the weekend.

One of the best parts of our rendezvous is seeing everyone get involved. Juniors, men, and women all joined in the fun. Friday afternoon kicked things off with the always-popular just for fun shooting competition, where friendly rivalry is on full display. Saturday and Sunday featured paper targets, silhouettes, and woodswalks, along with traditional longbow archery, tomahawk throwing, and the ever-popular early morning archery golf. In addition we had a beautiful "Scheutzen" target hand painted by Janet Bowersox commemorating the 250-year anniversary of our country.

Our raffle was another great success! Throughout the year members and friends purchased tickets for three outstanding handcrafted prizes. The Labor Day drawing featured a custom flintlock muzzleloader by Tony Grube of the Lancaster area, a powder horn crafted by Dave Aucker, and a leather shooter bag made by Steve Hammaker. Congratulations to our winners: Troy Latsha "Booger", Troy Zimmerman and Trevor Faust.

Of course, not everyone came just for the competitions. Many simply enjoyed spending time in camp and soaking in the sights and sounds of 18th-century living. As evening settles in, candle lanterns begin to glow, campfires crackle, stories are shared, musicians gather, and before long everyone is joining in a favorite tune or two. And if you've ever wandered through camp around suppertime, you know there's no shortage of delicious meals cooking over open fires — and generous folks happy to share a sample!

A special thank you goes to our Booshway, Dean Kreider, for the countless hours he devoted to planning this year's event. From organizing volunteers to developing new ideas and keeping everything running smoothly, Dean's efforts made for another memorable rendezvous. Thank you as well to all of our members and volunteers who helped make the weekend such a success.

If you've never joined us before, we'd love to have you! Visitors are always welcome at our monthly shoots. We meet on the first Sunday of each month, beginning at 9 a.m., shooting black powder, patched round ball, and open iron sights. Membership is not required to participate.

REMAINING 2026 SCHEDULE: October 4 – Novelty Shoot; November 1 – Woodswalk; and December 6 – Silhouettes.

We hope to see you on the range — and around the campfire! To see some great photos of the event, follow *Union County Muzzleloaders Club* on Facebook

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

President – Cliff Bowersox, 570-713-5431
Vice President – Steve Hammaker, 570-541-5647
Secretary / Treasurer – Karl Maul, 570-541-3111

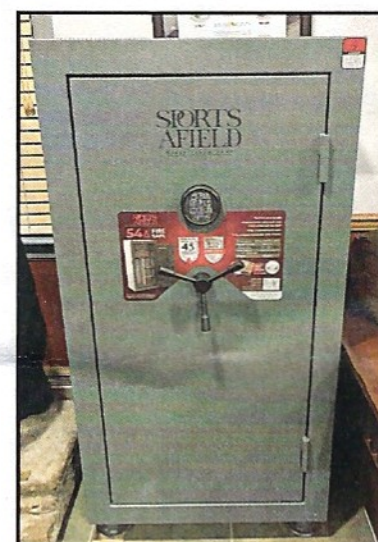
FISHERMAN'S CASH WINNERS

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| 1st - Butch Bleacher | 6th - Jesse King |
| 2nd - Richard Kashner | 7th - Harry Stephens |
| 3rd - Susan Zellers | 8th - James Stetler |
| 4th - Scott Desort | 9th - Rick Kerstetter |
| 5th - Bob Reigle Jr. | 10th - Barb Scheetz |

GUN RAFFLE 2027

Our 17th Annual Gun Raffle with our A.B.A.T.E. friends will be held on June 19, 2027 at the pavilion. We are looking forward to another year. You will find two (2) gun safe tickets 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 to determine food and refreshments for the party. Thank you for your support!



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

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— UPCOMING EVENTS —

OCTOBER

Sun 18	Turkey Shoot	1 pm
Sun 25	Turkey Shoot	1 pm

NOVEMBER

Sun 01	Turkey Shoot	1 pm
Sun 08	Turkey Shoot	1 pm
Sun 15	Turkey Shoot	1 pm
Thu 26	Thanksgiving Day	CLOSED
Sat 28	Hunter's Ball	
Sat 28	First Day of Deer Season (Range Closed)	

DECEMBER

Sun 13	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Sat 19	Santa's Christmas Party	2 pm
Sun 20	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Thu 24	Christmas Eve (Kitchen Closed, Light Snacks & Eggnog)	
Fri 25	Merry Christmas	CLOSED
Thu 31	New Year's Eve	OPEN

JANUARY

Fri 01	New Year's Day	OPEN
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FEBRUARY

Sun 14	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Fri 19	Spring Newsletter Mailout Stuffing	9 am
Sun 21	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Sun 28	Ham Shoot	1 pm

MARCH

Sun 07	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Sat 13	Fly Pool	9 am
Sun 14	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Sun 21	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Sat 27	Easter Egg Hunt	2 pm
Sun 28	Easter Sunday	OPEN

APRIL

Fri 02	Fisherman's Ball	8 pm
Sat 24	Spring Rabies Clinic (Range Closed)	9-11 am

MAY

Sat 08	Kid's Fishing Derby & Bicycle Rodeo	9 am 11 am
Sun 09	Mother's Day	OPEN

JUNE

12-13	Altemus & Boop Memorial Shoot (Range Closed)	
Sat 19	A.B.A.T.E. / UCSC Gun Raffle (Range Closed)	
Sun 20	Father's Day	OPEN

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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