

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



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Hello to all our Members:

I am very honored to be the new President. I have always been proud to be a part of the Club.

A great BIG THANK YOU from the Board to Orville (Bear) Spangler for all the years he spent as President and all the work he has done and is continuing to do. Thank You! Thank You!

Our Club is doing okay in this time of the pandemic. As you know we had to close in March and we reopened at 50% capacity and then had to go to 25% capacity; now hopefully September 21, we can go back to 50%.

Unfortunately we were unable to have the yearly stockholders meeting. Our voting that night was done with COVID restrictions outside on the patio. Thank you to everyone who came out to vote.

We also had to cancel most of our spring and summer events. Due to the restrictions our Easter Egg Hunt became a drive-thru. The gun raffle event was cancelled but we had the drawing live on Facebook. We also had two chicken bar-b-ques while we were closed. Thank you to everyone who supported these events.

The playground has been very busy lately, we added two new swings for everyone's enjoyment.

I would like to address the permanent campsites; thank you for helping with the grounds and supporting the Club.

Hunting season is soon upon us, we will be stocking pheasants in November. We look forward to working with Dirk Remensnyder and his deputies to make sure things go smoothly as they have in the past.

About our 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 empting barrels an putting new target ups.

Don't forget about the pavilion, a great place to rent for your private parties which can be catered by the Club or your own caterer. It will seat 250 people and has a kitchen on site.

A BIG Thank You to Ralph Moyer for the work he has done with the Wounded Warriors. He has a group of volunteers to help with the fish, maintain the equipment and organize activities. Also we want to thank Tammy for the great job she does with the animals.

We have two new Managers, Anthony is our Kitchen Manager and Diane is our Bar Manager. A big thank you to our past managers for the great job they have done.

Be sure to Thank our staff for all they do – kitchen, servers, cleaning, lawn mowing and all the volunteers. Everything looks great, so come out and enjoy your club.

Any new ideas, there is a suggestion box in the lobby.

TROUT NURSERY NEWS

Ralph E. Moyer

Hello from western Union County. Hope your summer went well, and you are enjoying a beautiful fall season. For the second year in a row, the summer was tough on the Penns Creek watershed. We



went from an average rain filled spring to water levels below last years. Penns is flowing at 106 cfs as I write.

On April 8th the Club stocked twenty 20" browns and rainbows in Penns Creek and Laurel Run. We've gotten good feedback on this and will do it again next year. It's always nice to know you have a chance at a trophy trout when you head out.

In late April the Club stocked Penns Creek from the top of Jolly's Grove to the Glen Iron Bridge with about 2,400 brown, rainbow, and palomino trout. We also stocked 300 trout in Laurel Run from the Route 235 bridge to Creek Road. We had to limit the number of helpers with stocking that day due to PFBC recommendations. Thank you to those who helped, and hopefully we can get the whole crew together for our future stockings.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel two of our favorite events this year. The Healing Waters fly fishing excursion at the end of April and the trout derby in May both fell victim to the Covid regulations. We are looking forward to holding both of these wonderful outings next year.

On June 18th we received the trout for next spring's stocking. They are doing well in spite of the lack of rainfall we've had. Several years ago, the club installed a new well at the pavilion that was partially funded by a grant from the PFBC. Without this sup-

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plemental waterflow, we probably would have lost most our fish this summer. We will be stocking these trout next April.

There are about 15 volunteers who help with the feeding and cleaning of the raceways. Each person takes a week long shift about three times a year. Thank you to these folks who make our trout raising program a success.

The Club will once again purchase some trout to stock in October or November. The date for this stocking will be determined by water temperature and level. Check with the Club for updates.

The Club still has trout buttons or sale. They're only \$5 and that money goes directly into stocking fish for you.

We're all hoping Penns Creek can get back to its regular flows soon. If you're planning a fall or winter fishing trip, check the USGS Penns Creek water level online. Hope to see you on the water in the coming months.



FROM THE KITCHEN...

Anthony & Diane Hello everyone! We hope all is well and everybody is staying healthy. This was not a year we all could have forseen. First we would like to thank you for your continued patronage. Without you all we may not have weathered this storm. These strict guidelines have proven to be a real challenge. Along the way our Kitchen Manager and Bar Manager decided it was time to move on in their careers. We look forward to the new and exciting changes we will be bringing to the Club. New menu items and specials are already working their way into the restaurant with more to come. Once guidelines start to loosen we will be trying some new activities as well. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates. Thank you all very much.

> Anthony Marra, Kitchen Manager Diane Watson, Bar Manager



FLY POOL Sean P. Madden FFI Certified Casting Instructor

Well Folks, it is that time of year again to start dreaming about big trout on our beloved Penns Creek. I could certainly use a distraction after a long and trying year. The club will be hosting the Fly Pool again March 13, 2021. We will start at 9 a.m. and wrap up around noon. Once again the club will provide coffee and lunch. Please join our fly tiers for discussions on our favorite patterns and tactics. All are welcome and I hope to see you there.



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.

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!

CHRISTMAS CASH TICKETS

In your newsletter you will find four tickets. We hope that you support the club and buy all four, however - no purchase is necessary. The proceeds from the tickets will go towards maintaining our Club and grounds. Thank you.



A.B.A.T.E. JACK'S MOUNTAIN RIDERS AND UNION COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB 10TH ANNUAL GUN & CASH RAFFLE WINNERS

1:00 – Jeremy Nace, Middleburg (17899) 1:10 – Andy Hayes, Dornsife (17857) 1:20 - Lyle & Colleen Gillespie, Parksburg (16014) 1:30 - Gerald Starks, Millmont (13082) 1:40 – Jay Wolfe (17833) 1:50 – Robert Zimmerman, Sunbury (09031) 2:00 – John Yeager, Shamokin Dam (11429) 2:10 – Amanda Murphy, McClure (08578) 2:20 – Jeffery Schmitz, Middleburg (09315) 2:30 - Donn Lorenz, Shamokin (10877) 2:40 – Patty Moyle, Beavertown (08082) 2:50 - Zachary Rogers, Milroy (00081) 3:00 – Tony Stern, Harrisburg (08683) 3:10 – Jessica Silvers, Lewisburg (08199) 3:20 - Gary Buss, Harrisburg (17789) 3:30 - Ruth Rothermel, Milton (12764) 3:40 - Kathy Coffman, Dushore (14040) 3:50 - Bruce Hassinger, Beaver Springs (00380) 4:00 – Jason Walter, McClure (10681) 4:10 - Bob Koslap, Muncy (08293) 4:20 - Barry Swank, Sunbury (08168) 4:30 - Todd Hudson, Harrisburg (09209)

> Grand Prize Winner – Rod Harris, Potts Grove (15997)

> Gun Safe Ticket 1st Prize – Lane Bailey, Tower City (00544)

2nd Prize – Jeff Harrold, Port Trevorton (09568)

3rd Prize – Scott Desort, Hollsopple (06787)

4th Prize – Richard Erdley, Beaver Springs (05380)

5th Prize – Brian Witkop, Selinsgrove (00895)

BENCHREST CLUB Mark Trutt

Fall is coming fast, before we know it we will be trading air conditioning for heat and sunscreen for snow shovels.

Our range was a bit quieter this season with the Covid scare causing us to cancel our annual memorial match. We hope that things will be better come spring and we can again hold our annual Boop/Altemus Memorial Match.

Good luck to all in the coming hunting seasons.



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. We have just concluded our Labor Day weekend Rifle Frolic or "18th century rendezvous" as some like to call it. We have a great bunch of committed club members who pitch in to prepare and put on an enjoyable and memorable event.

The Rifle Frolic was a good one! We had excellent weather and the grounds were well populated with traditional white canvas campsites and some modern set-ups as well. We had 44 camps, 35 traditional and 9 modern camps. There were 69 people camping and total number of shoot-



ers was 51, of those 36 were campers and 15 were day shooters. We had a camper from New York State and our most distant participant travelled all the way from Indiana.

We welcome visitors to our event and there were several on both Saturday and Sunday. Visitors get to see what the event is all about ad a slice of history as well. We encourage fellow UCSC members to come see what takes place on this part of the club grounds.

We utilized all of our shooting facilities for the event. We had multiple paper targets that were shot by 25 participants. 32 shooters shot the silhouette range, which is one of the best in Pennsylvania. We also had 19 shooters go on our woodswalk course, shooting stationary metal and a few moving targets. In addition, a 3-D archery course was offered using traditional wooden bows and wooden arrows. A favorite of many is our Tomahawk range. Again, tomahawk target blocks are both stationary and moving. Before and after hours the shooting range was used as a (just for fun) archery golf course.

There are many aspects of a rendezvous that add to the enjoyment of the event. Several campers use Dutch ovens to bake bread, pies and biscuits. Colonial foods are made and shared by campers. Fellow campers share ideas and techniques they use in setting up and maintaining their camps. Just like the fur trade era, there are some people you only see once a year. So there us much socializing and catching up to do. Evenings are probably the best times in camp. Campers gather to visit and there are always a couple of musicians in camp so after dark, singing can be heard throughout the camp.

Another integral part of rendezvous is the blanket traders. Most campers have unused goods or items they make on display for sale or barter. Everyone looks forward to perusing the grounds looking for things on interest available for

sale. I found a knife I quickly realized I couldn't live without this past weekend.

And finally the most important part of rendezvous is the kids. We need more of them but the ones that were there really livened up the camp. Deb and I had two grandchildren with us and they made some new friends with the other young people in camp. They even met some 3rd cousins they didn't know they had. Children love the freedom they are given to roam throughout the camp, the other-century look of the grounds, the rustic games and being able to see the stars at night!

Our next camping event is the first weekend in March (for the hardier souls among us) but we have monthly shoots the first Sunday of every month throughout the year. October is a novelty shoot, November is a woodswalk and December is a silhouette match. Shoots start at 9:00am. We shoot patched round ball utilizing open iron sights on traditional style muzzleloaders, flintlock or percussion. Leave your in-lines and pets at home.

We'd love to have you come to shoot or just visit.

Union County Muzzleloaders – see us on Facebook (lots more pictures) Contact me with any questions: 570-966-2304 (home) or 570-217-6531 (mobile)

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OCTOBER

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Sun 18	Turkey Shoot	1 pm
Sun 25	Turkey Shoot	1 pm
NOVEMBER		
Sun 1	Turkey Shoot	1 pm
Sun 8	Turkey Shoot	1 pm
Sun 15	Turkey Shoot	1 pm
Thurs 26	Happy Thanksgiving	CLOSED
Sat 28th	Hunter's Ball	
DECEMBER		
Sun 13	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Sun 19	Santa's Party	2 pm
Sat 20	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Fri 25	Merry Christmas	CLOSED
Thur 31	New Years Eve	OPEN
JANUARY		
Fri 1	New Year's Day	OPEN
FEBRUARY		
Sun 7	Super Bowl Party	
Sun 21	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Sun 28	Ham Shoot	1 pm
MARCH		
Sun 7	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Sun 14	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Sun 21	Ham Shoot	1 pm
Sun 28	Ham Shoot	1 pm
APRIL		
Sat 3	Easter Egg Hunt	
Sun 4	Easter	OPEN
Fri 16	Fisherman's Ball	
Sat 24	Rabies Clinic	
STREET BARE		

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.

REGULAR DINING HOURS:

Fri. & Sat.: 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Sun.: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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REGULAR CLUB HOURS:

Wed. thru Sun.: Open 11 a.m. Closed Mon. & Tues.

CLUB AFFILIATES:

Union County Bench Rest Mark Trutt, President

Union County Muzzleloaders Mark Wehr, President

