

was a great success and we can give thanks to each one that bought tickets. If you are interested in selling tickets for us, please talk to the barmaid. We hope this year will be even larger than last year. Thank you for your support.

NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

Fishermen's Cash Proceeds: Proceeds from the Fisherman's Cash Tickets will go towards the regular maintenance of the Club. We hope you can continue to support this program.

Pavilion: We put an addition on the pavilion and it now seats approximately 300 people. It is very nice, stop by and take a look at the facility. If you are a member in good standing, call the Club for information on availability and cost. There is a kitchen area with all facilities.

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 922-1128.

Tent Area at Penns Creek: The tent area at Penns Creek has been expanded and looks great. What an enjoyable area to have a great time. Scout troops are invited to come and enjoy as well! Take a hike on the old railroad bed from Cherry Run to the tunnel, what a great area to see. Come and enjoy.

Hunter's Safety Course: We will no longer host the Hunter's Safety Course due to lack of interest. If you are a new hunter and need the course, please contact the Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club for details on the time they have their courses.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

MARCH

- Sat., March 3: Ham Shoot, 1 p.m.
- Sat., March 10: Ham Shoot, 1 p.m.
- Sat., March 17: Ham Shoot, 1 p.m.
- Sat., March 23: Fly Pool, 9 a.m.
- Sat., March 24: Ham Shoot, 1 p.m.
- Sat., March 30: Easter Egg Hunt, 2 p.m.
- Sun., March 31: Easter Dinner

APRIL

- Fri., April 12: Hunter's Ball, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

MAY

- Sat. & Sun., May 4-5: Coon Dog Trials
- Sun., May 12: Mother's Day Dinner
- Sat. & Sun., May 11-12: Altimus & Boop Memorial Shoot
- Sat., May 18: Kid's Fishing Derby, 9 a.m.

JUNE

- Sat., June 16: Father's Day Dinner
- Sat., June 22: Gun Raffle, Noon to 5 p.m.

Ham Shoots: Believe it or not, but Easter will soon be upon us, so come out and participate in our Ham Shoots. What a way to spend a nice spring day at the Club. The Shoots will start March 3, at 1 p.m. and last approximately until 4. Dates are: March 3, 10, 17, and 24. Come out and have a great afternoon at the Club.

Fishermen: Just a reminder that the Club kitchen will be open until 10 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday night for your convenience, starting April 17 until the end of June. Here's hoping you will take advantage of these extra hours.

Rabies Clinic: Rabies Clinic will be held on Sat., April 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. It will be held at the pavilion. Hope to have a large turnout.

REMINDERS

Don't forget our **Mini-Golf Range** to improve your putting, as well as having fun for young and old alike. It is open at 11 a.m. Cost is \$3 for adult and children under age 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 300 yd. Range. See the barmaid for club and balls.

Rifle Range Users— 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. Put target in the middle, not on the post. Also please respect the sign when range is closed. NO metal targets please.

IMPORTANT

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

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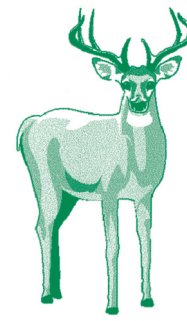
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Spring/Summer Edition

February 2013

Greetings to All of Our Members:

Another Spring Newsletter and I can tell you that your Club is in good shape and continues to move forward on all fronts. In these times we are indeed fortunate to have a membership that uses the Club like you do, a staff that operates the Club like ours does and a group of volunteers that support the Club like they do. You may have noticed that it costs more and more to run your household and it is no different for us here. Utilities, cost of goods and overhead challenge us to maintain quality, service and pricing but we try our best to continue to deliver the best experience we can.

Our decision to remodel the kitchen proved to be a good one. A new floor, new equipment and improved design have helped us to deliver a great product with great service at a fair price. Just being able to prepare and stage large orders may seem a small detail but when there is a table of 10 customers waiting for their order, it is a BIG deal. Thanks to the staff for helping to work out the issues of any new design and making it all come together.

Our membership seems to keep growing and growing. Each month the Board of Directors reviews for approval, a list of anywhere from 20-30 or more new members from local to several states away. They come here for many reasons and that is the strength of our Club. We have something for most everyone.

Our Fishing Derby is scheduled for May 18th, starting at 9 a.m. It is a great time to see kids catch what adults can only hope to catch. It is a wonderful day and we look forward to having a great turnout.

Sat., June 22nd is the date for our Third Annual UCSC and ABATE gun raffle and picnic. Last year the weather was perfect and we had a great party. We are hoping to have another great event this year. We hope you all take advantage of the tickets included this newsletter and support this event that is a source of pride and revenue for both organizations.

We stocked 400 ringneck pheasant cockbirds again this year on State Gamelands. Working together with the PA Game Commission insures that things are done right and it is good to see so many hunters enjoying the day.

I am going out on a limb here. Let's talk about the deer season we all experienced in 2012. I don't think it was very rewarding for most of us. I heard from some hunters who were hunting long range and were watching the entire mountain with long distance scopes. They saw NO deer for the entire day on the first Tuesday when there was fresh snow. Not just in one area but an entire wide range of mountain. I think the Game

Commission should take a look at what is happening. First, I think they should stop all the D-map tags. Second, I think they should put a bounty on the coyotes (you know—the ones that didn't exist several years ago) and cut the population down. The deer just are not here as they were only 10 years ago.

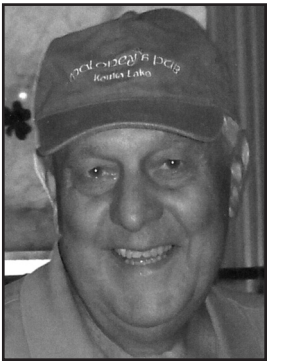
With this in mind, let me remind you that we had to cancel the Hunter Safety Course last year because of lack of participation.

Our Stockholders Meeting will be held on Sat., July 13th. This is your time to tell us what you as shareholders, expect us to do and what direction you want us to go. Don't forget, if you own one share of stock, you can run for office. Don't forget to visit the Union County Sportsmen's Club website at www.ucscpa.com. It is a good way to keep up to date on what is happening at the Club. You can find out what the weather is and will be and how Penns Creek is behaving. Current and soon to come events are listed as well.

Once again as I do at this point in each message is to thank all of our volunteers for each week of spring, summer and fall for coming out to help keep the Club looking great. They do everything from painting to pulling weeds. In January of each year we have a "house cleaning" day on the interior of the Club. Did you ever count the numbers of animal mounts and nooks and crannies there are in the Club? Thank you as well to all of our staff who always do so much to help deliver and good experience for all members.

Thank You All Very Much,

"Bear" Spangler, President



"Bear" Spangler

TROUT NURSERY NEWS Charlie Klauger, Nursery Manager

It is now January 28 with snow on the ground, ice forecasted for today and spring around the corner. It's time for our spring newsletter. So far our winter has been a good one with only a few really cold days. February could get ugly, but we can at least be thinking about



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

trout fishing in a couple of months. Hopefully you have all your flies and nymphs prepared during the winter months for the spring fling.

Our raceways are full of trout that are 9 to 9-1/2" to date and doing well. With the cooler weather they are eating less and will grow at a slower rate until early March. At that time we will again push feeding times so our fish will be 12" or better by stocking time in May. We have our full complement of fish at 3,500 thanks to the Co-op Nursery replacing our loss of 750 fish due to ICK this past summer. They responded immediately to our plight of sick fish and supplied medication that saved all the remaining fish.

We applied and received another grant from the Co-op Nursery for this year which will allow us to purchase another stocking tank. With this addition we will be able to stock with two trucks on the same day instead of several days with better distribution. Our grant from last year which was used to add the concrete walkways has proved to be a great help around the raceway with feeding, cleaning, snow removal and safer footing.

The children's Fishing Derby is scheduled for May 18 for this year. Tim Zimmerman will have further details in his article. After the spring stocking and Fishing Derby, we will be cleaning the raceways, repairing the screens, and jack dams, etc. Thanks again for our grant money, we will have a new 3,000 lb. pressure washer and muck scrubber to aid and speed up the cleaning.

The Co-op Nursery provided a seminar in State College on fish rearing. We had three men attend from our club. This was a four-hour session with a dinner following.

The Club, The purchase of fish buttons, Co-op nursery grants and volunteers help to make the fish program to be a huge success. The Club supplies the fish food, electric and other needs. Bill Gamber has supplied the fish buttons since the start of the existing program. The Co-op grants help to buy nets, oxygen analyzers, pumps, and provide the large ticket items. The Co-op also provides our fingerlings free.

Thanks to all our suppliers, volunteers who help feed, stock and clean the raceways to produce healthy fish.

A MESSAGE FROM LORI...

Hello club members and friends,

I hope every one enjoyed the holiday and are surviving the winter. Phil says an early spring and I'm still waiting, but one good thing we all know it is coming. Easter is early this year. Come to our Ham Shoots and win your ham for Easter. Dates for the Shoots are: March 3, 10, 17, 24, at 1 p.m. Fri., April 12

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is the Fisherman's Ball from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Don't forget about our kid's events! The Easter Egg Hunt is Sat., March 30, at 2 p.m. The Kid's Fishing Derby is Sat., May 10, at 9 a.m.

Tickets are on sale for our Gun Raffle held June 22. We hope to have as many if not more of you folks as we did last year. It was a great time.

We are looking forward to the warm weather, green grass, flowers and seeing all of you out and about at our playground and menagerie. Thanks to all my employees and volunteers for all your help and support. Think spring and we'll see you soon.

CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY

Tim Zimmerman

I don't know about you, but for me, February is the month where cabin fever really starts to set in. This is the time of the year when I think that winter is just way, way too long of a season. But of course, there are perceptible signs of spring around us: the light of day seems to get longer and the sun seems to shine a little higher in the sky. I guess then it is entirely possible that, ever so slowly, we may actually emerge from this long winter. The pitchers and catchers have reported to spring training and NASCAR fans will be converging on Daytona by the end of the month. Most importantly though, for you fishermen (and women), it's probably time to start thinking about purchasing your 2013 Fishing License (along with your 2013 Union County Sportsmen's Club Trout Pin). It won't be too long until we pull out the fishing rods, dust off the tackle box, put on those dancing shoes for the Fisherman's Ball and get ready for "opening day."

With trout season soon upon us, it's time to begin planning for the upcoming Children's Fishing Derby to be held on Saturday morning, May 18. This will be the eighth event of this kind, and we are pretty sure it will be the best one yet. Your Club has committed itself to encouraging our children to become active participants in outdoor sporting activities, and very importantly, to teach and promote responsible stewardship of our forests and streams. This is evidenced by the Board's continued support of the Children's Fishing Derby, and displayed by the parents and volunteers in attendance the day of the Derby. As in years past, the Derby will be held in the small creek that feeds our pond directly adjacent to the Club's parking lot.

The Fishing Derby will begin at 9 a.m., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. The Derby is open to all children 10 years of age and younger, at no cost. The Club's many dedicated volunteers will be on hand to assist with the event and will be serving hot dogs, chips and soft drinks throughout the morning, in addition to helping to untangle lines, bait hooks, and pass along a wealth of fishing wisdom; or should I say, fishing stories?? In the past, many of our most notable and prestigious local businesses and organizations, along with several committed Club members have generously donated items as door prizes. These folks have really stepped up to make a difference in children's lives and their generosity is truly heart-felt and again welcomed.

Last year's event was a successful one. Your Club played host to 71 children, all competing for an opportunity to "catch the big one." The weather was perfect, and the fishing was so much fun for the children that several of them continued fishing after the event was over. And, of course, there were a few children who opted to throw down their rods, and head to the playground or the miniature golf course. It all added up to a

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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 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.

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memorable, fun, family day at the Club. This year we again expect and can accommodate a sizeable crowd, and of course we want to keep the kids safe. Out of concern for everyone that day, we are going to again require that only single, barbless hooks be used during this event. And please, don't forget to bring along some bait, maybe even enough to share with your neighbor.

The Children's Fishing Derby is an extension of the Club's Trout Program. Through money raised by your purchase of the Club's Trout Buttons, this program stocks thousands of trout in Penn's Creek annually. The Program also seeks funds through grants and contributions to raise fingerling trout in our two raceways for future stocking. If you would like to volunteer, provide door prizes, contribute, or simply learn more about the Trout Program, please do not hesitate to contact any one of our Board or Trout Stocking Committee members. If you don't know who they are, don't be afraid to ask someone at the Club. We value your interest and could use your help! We will have trout pins available for purchase at this year's Derby.

If history is any guide, the children who have participated in the past clearly look forward to this event. And, I know for a fact, that the parents, the volunteers, and the adults have just as much fun watching the kids, as the kids have fishing. So, even if you don't have children participating, come on out, watch the fun, and support our youth and future members of your Club. Hope to see you on May 18!

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 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 Sportsmen's Club: March 16, May 4, Aug. 10 and Sept. 28.

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 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 0800-1600hrs on: May 18 and Sept. 21. Individuals wishing to take the B.H.E. classes must sign up via the PGC website or call BVSA at 966-0270 or Will Maxfield at 713-9833.

For the 2012 bear season a total of 3,632 bears were harvested statewide with 82 harvested in Union County. This number is most likely the all time record harvest for Union County. I have been saying for years that hunters in Union County have the potential every year to harvest in

the neighborhood of 70 bear per year and the population would most likely still increase. Great job to all bear hunters - go get them again next year.

Deer season was highlighted this year by a majority of hunters saying about seeing more deer than in past years. This should bode well for the future and especially next year since the excessive acorn mast crop will carry them through the winter in good shape. There were some very large racked buck taken throughout the season and alter 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.

NEWS FROM THE FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Steven G. Boughter, Waterways Conservation Officer

Several newsworthy items have come about since last year. First is the new cold water PFD regulation effective from November 1 until April 30. This requires that everyone wear a PFD on all canoes or kayaks, regardless of length and all other boats less than sixteen feet. Therefore if you have a seventeen-foot canoe, you must wear a PFD. If you have a fifteen-foot with or without a motor you must wear a PFD. This applies both while underway and at anchor. In addition, the PFD must be worn according to the manufacturer's instructions. Can you wear an inflatable PFD? Yes - if it is worn within the guidelines on the label. This label states that it must not be worn by anyone under the age of sixteen and not recommended for non-swimmers. The inflator mechanism must be armed and in good condition (as well as the rest of the PFD). Since they are inflated by CO2 gas, cold weather will reduce the volume of gas, so use is not permitted in freezing temperatures. Always check the label for details and be familiar with how to operate it.

On the fishing side, it has been announced that as part of a nine million dollar cost saving plan, two of the state hatcheries will close. Oswayo in Tioga County and Bellefonte in Center County will close, saving about two million dollars. The hatcheries will continue operation until the end of 2014, to allow for the continued raising of the current trout allocation.

In another cost saving move, it was decided not to hire a new class of Waterways Conservation Officers, which will save about another million dollars. This is all part of a major plan to reduce overall costs by nine million dollars by 2016.

In other news, the PFBC has announced pilot testing of a new mentored youth program. On select waters in southeastern counties, youth will be able to fish with a mentor March 23 from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Youth must be under 16 and register to participate. The creel limit for this day will be two trout. The mentor must have a fishing license and trout stamp. Youth will receive a complimentary subscription to P.L.A.Y. newsletter.

UNION COUNTY MUZZLELOADER CLUB Mark Wehr

Greetings from the Union County Muzzleloaders;

Winter is still with us but we are past Groundhog Day so spring will be coming soon. We continue with our monthly muzzleloader shoots. In January we shot a paper target match and February we banged away at the silhouettes. Our March shoot will be a two day event (2nd and 3rd) with a mixture of targets (the shoot will probably be past tense by the time you get this newsletter.) April 7th is a Novelty match (a real fun experience if you've never shot one) and May 11th (a Saturday shoot) will be a woods walk.

In this news letter I would like to focus the subject on shooting steel targets. For our club, shooting steel is in the form of silhouettes or woods walk targets. Our silhouette range is set up in banks of targets shot at from a fixed firing line with accompanying shooting benches for loading and cleaning rifles. As silhouette ranges go we have one of, if not the best, in Central Pennsylvania. The range has 7 stations of 4 targets each. The targets range from about 25 yards out to 100+ yards. We shoot only patched round ball so the soft lead balls splat out on impact; ricochet is not an issue. All shooting is done free standing and off hand, meaning there is not rest for the rifle. This challenging shooting position is a great equalizer of firearms. The most elaborate and accurate of rifles stand no better a chance than a common reproduction rifle in the hands of a good off hand shooter. Silhouette shooting has the added bonus of immediate gratification. Make a hit and through the smoke you can see your target bite the dirt! The legal muzzleloader caliber for deer hunting in Pennsylvania is .45 caliber or larger. These calibers are just fine for our silhouette targets. We will have (3) more silhouette shoots this year: July 7th, Aug. 31st and Sept. 1st at the Rifle Frolic and Dec. 1st.

Our other form of steel targets is on our woods walk. With a few exceptions, these targets are mounted on springs or cables so they move when hit but do not require being set back up after each shot. A woods walk shoot approximates more of a hunting scenario. A group of 5 or 6 shooters walk through a course of 10 to 12 stations, taking turns shooting at the targets from designated positions. We always manage to have a few special variations on some targets to keep the shooting a challenge. We will have a Saturday woods walk shoot on May 11th and woods walks during our Rifle Frolic August 31st and September 1st. Our last woods walk shoot of the year will be November 3rd.

All shoots begin at 9 a.m. You do not need to be a member of the muzzleloader club to shoot. Day shooters are welcome to shoot during our Labor Day weekend Rifle Frolic; camping is not a requirement. You're welcome to come out and burn some black powder with us.

One final note: 2013 is the bicentennial of Union County. There are bicentennial events scheduled through out the year in various parts of the county. Check <http://unioncounty200.com> for more information. Our muzzleloader shoots are a monthly reminder of 200+ years of history in Union County.

COOPERATIVE NURSERY UNIT

Brian McHail, Fisheries Technical

Once again the winds of change swept through the Cooperative Nursery Unit (CNU) this past year when one of our Fisheries Technicians, Pat Weiss, accepted a position as a Biologist with the Fish Health Unit. Pat enjoyed his short time with the CNU and we wish him well in his new position. On Sept. 17, 2012, Allen Keim took over the vacant Fisheries Technician position. Allen has a Bachelor's of Science in Fisheries Biology from Mansfield University as well as over two years of experience as a Fish Culturist at the Pleasant Gap State Fish Hatchery. His education and experience will make him a valuable asset to not only the CNU, but to all of our cooperative nurseries.

As a result of the mild, dry winter and the drought conditions experienced this past summer, the CNU was inundated with calls concerning sick fish. We responded to 73 calls, mostly during the summer and early fall months. The majority of these emergencies were the result of heavy external parasite loads, and/or bacterial infections, such as Columnaris. With Pat leaving the CNU, Earl and I were left to take care of these emergencies until Allen came aboard in September. While it was a challenging time for the CNU, we were able to work through it and maintain a high quality of care to our cooperative nurseries.

At the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's (PFBC) quarterly business meeting in Harrisburg this past January, the Board of Commissioners voted to close the Bellefonte State Fish Hatchery (Centre County) and the Oswayo State Fish Hatchery (Potter County). These closings, which will occur by the end of the 2014 calendar year, are the result of cost cutting measures designed to alleviate a \$9 million budget shortfall projected to occur by the 2016-2017 fiscal year. The PFBC will save \$2 million by closing both state fish hatcheries and another \$1 million by not enrolling a new class of waterways conservation officers. The total \$9 million budget deficit will be absorbed by all bureaus and divisions within the PFBC, by making some very difficult budget cuts.

What does this all mean for the Union County Sportsmen's Club's cooperative nursery, as well as the anglers and boaters of Pennsylvania? The nursery will continue to receive their requested amount of fish and the CNU will continue to service the nursery with the utmost care and efficiency. From a stocked trout perspective, the closing of the two state fish hatcheries will result in the loss of 800,000 stocked trout. This will reduce the number of trout stocked in the state from 3.2 million to 2.4 million starting in 2015. The reduction in fish production will leave some waterways with fewer allocated fish for stocking as well as result in the removal of some waterways from the stocking schedule all together. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the proposed state fish hatchery closings feel free to contact the CNU.

This year the CNU is conducted our biennial seminar series for our cooperative nurseries, The seminar topics included current issues pertaining to the CNU, biosecurity training, disease prevention measures with the use of salt, and how to grow better fish through the use of proper feeding techniques.

Earl, Allen, and I look forward to continuing our relationship with the Union County Sportsmen's Club in the upcoming production year. The nursery provides a quality product to the anglers of Union County. As the winter months come to an end and spring emerges, we at the CNU wish all of you the best and many successes in the woods and waters of Pennsylvania. Thanks again for all that you do.

FLY POOL 2013 • SAT., MARCH 23- 9 A.M. - LUNCH

Jim Wagner

For the past several years "Cabin Fever" has been broken in late March at the Club's annual "FLY POOL." Trout Fisherman and Fly Tyers get together to trade flies, fish stories, fishing tips and Fly Tying Techniques We have a core group of regulars who show up every year (hope to see the guys from Tamaqua) and we always anticipate the several new faces that make their first appearance and use this opportunity to share or gain new ideas, techniques, and patterns.

Penns Creek, considered one of the East's finest trout fisheries is in our Club's backyard and provides the proving ground to try those new flies and techniques you're sure to learn that day.

All are welcome - if you tie flies, please consider bringing your tools, fur and feathers to demonstrate your favorite patterns. Last year I did Smokey Stover's S.O.B. I'll review that and stay with the Grannom again this year - tying some of Davie McPhail's emerger patterns.

Again this year, I will have my slide show running: "PENNS CREEK - A Photo Journey from Weikert Bridge to Elk Creek confluence at Coburn." Lori and the Club will provide coffee and a light lunch. Looking forward to seeing both familiar and new faces on Sat., March 23.

LEGACY CABINET REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Club was in need of new cabinets behind the bar in our Bar Room. This is probably one of the hardest used areas of the Club. From peanuts to games to bottles and cash register; everything ends up in, on or going across this area. The old cabinets had served us well for many years but it was time for a change.

"Thank you!" to our friends at Legacy Crafted Cabinets located in Mifflinburg for stepping up to the plate and working with us to purchase and install our new cabinets. Club members and Legacy Crafted Cabinets executives Steve Forcheski, Eric John and Paul John volunteered to help us out and provide design and installation know how and a very cost effective donation of their product for the betterment of the Club. When you see these folks or anyone with Legacy Cabinets, say "Thank you."

One of the strengths of our Club is the willingness of our members to step up and volunteer what they can when they can. Be sure to take a look at the new cabinetry, crafted by our members, friends and neighbors, the next time you visit the Club.

LOOKING BACK

Tony L. Shively

The following article appeared in the July 4, 1940 issue of the Lewisburg Journal:

COUNTY SPORTSMEN WILL HOLD FIRST

FIELD DAY, PICNIC

Events For Families Included On Program To Be Held July 17 At Laurelton Park

County sportsmen and their families are looking forward to Wed., July 12, when the first annual field day and picnic will be sponsored by the Union County Sportsmen's Association at the West End Fair Grounds, Laurelton.

For the past several weeks committees have been planning the varied program, which will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning and conclude with motion pictures in the evening A basket picnic dinner will be served, family style, and Yoder-Zimmerman Post, V.F.W., Mifflinburg, has arranged to sell

lunches. There will be no charge for admission, and the event will be held rain or shine.

A glimpse at the schedule of events reveals, in addition to trap and target shooting, bait and fly casting, two ball games, cards for the women and exhibits of grafting, guns, dogs and their litters, feeders and flushing bars.

Races And Games For Children

Junior sportsmen are planning races and games for children. Music will be provided by the East Penn's Valley Junior Band, of Arronsburg-Millheim. Hairy Fritzen, chairman of the trap shooting events, has announced that there will be five traps for regulation blue rock. Shells will be on sale on the grounds. Bait and fly casting will be in charge of Weber L. Gearhart, Jr., and R. S. Diehl, Lewisburg. H. Michael Wolfe, Lewisburg, will direct target shooting for .22 caliber rifles. Prizes are offered in all events.

Fly Casting Demonstration

Other events scheduled are a fly-casting demonstration by Bill Cook, Weber's Fly Casting expert, and a gun demonstration and display by Paul Hoqman, expert of the Remington Arms Company. A. J. Herbster, Laurelton, is chairman of the gun exhibit, in which sportsmen have been invited to enter old and new guns.

Raymond B. Winter, district forester for the Bald Eagle Forestry District, and Wilson Sayers, forester at the Weikert CCC camp, are arranging a forestry and wildlife exhibit. Clarence Walker, Snyder County game protector, will demonstrate grafting. Boy Scouts of the county have been invited to assist on the grounds during the day, and will give demonstrations in scouting, camp erecting, cooking, knot tying, signaling, first aid and general activities.

GUN & SAFE RAFFLE 2013

Our third annual gun raffle will be held Sat., June 22, from noon to 5 p.m. with the big money drawing at 5 p.m. It will take place in the new and enlarged pavilion. This year we offer a holder for 48 guns and a variety of pistols. As you read your up to date newsletter, you will see two gun raffle tickets, \$10 each and one gun safe ticket for \$1 each or you can purchase safe tickets at the bar, six tickets for \$5. What a bargain for a chance to win this beautiful safe. We would like if you can support the raffle again this year. Last year's raffle

FROM THE BENCHREST CLUB THE SCORE SHOOTERS ARE COMING!

Mark Trutt

The 2013 season is coming fast. This year we will be hosting our annual Boop/Altemus Memorial Match on May 11 and 12. This match is an I.B.S. (International Benchrest Shooters) 100/200yd. group shooting match.

Our second match of the season will be the I.B.S. 100yd/200yd Score Nationals held on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. We haven't been able to hold this event in quite a few years and are very much looking forward to seeing a lot of old friends.

For those who don't know the difference between Group and Score Shooting. Group shooting is firing five shots at the same impact point in as small of a "group" as possible. Score shooting is firing a single shot at five individual bulls-eye targets and "scored" according to the position of each shot. Great fun either way you chose. Come check it out!