



— UPCOMING EVENTS —

MARCH

Sun. 5 Ham Shoot, 1 pm
 Sun. 12 Ham Shoot, 1 pm
 Sat. 18 "Fly Pool", 9 am
 Sun. 19 Ham Shoot, 1 pm
 Sun. 26 Ham Shoot, 1 pm

APRIL

Fri. 14 Fisherman's Ball
 Sat. 15 Easter Egg Hunt, 2 pm
 Sun. 16 Easter Dinner
 Sat. 22 Rabies Clinic

MAY

Sat. 6 Coon Dog Trials
 Sun. 7 Coon Dog Trials
 Sat. 13 Altimus & Boop
 Sat. 13 Fishing Derby 9 am
 Sat. 13 Bicycle Rodeo, 11 am
 Sun. 14 Mother's Day Dinner

JUNE

Sat. 17 Gun Raffle
 Sun. 18 Father's Day Dinner

JULY

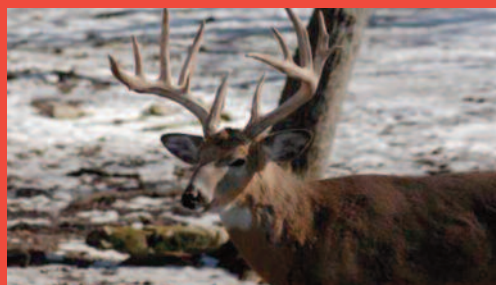
DUES ARE DUE
 Sat. 15 Stockholders Meeting
 Sat. 29 Clambake, 12 noon

AUGUST

Sat. 12 Bob Reigle Open
 Sat. 19 Rain date - Bob Reigle Open

SEPTEMBER

Sat. 2 IBS Score Nationals
 Sun. 3 IBS Score Nationals
 Fri. 8-Sun. 10 Range will be closed PATRA Organization has the pavilion Area rented for the weekend.



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 is doing 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.

Bad weather and when it occurred really diminished the attendance at the Club this December. Many camps that were overflowing in the past, sat empty this year. 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.

A 12' x 26' addition was put on the garage down by the menagerie. The new lawn mower we purchased just would not fit comfortably into our existing garage and we did need the storage space. We also tore the old bird pen apart and completely did it over with new screen, flooring and roof. Stop down and take a look!

The gun raffle, the Seventh Annual UCSC and A.B.A.T.E. gun raffle, will be held June 17th, 2017. 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.

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 a day of fishing and meals. Some fishing stories seemed to be floating around as well. We have Bob Manotti to thank for all he has done in putting this day together.

Charlie Klauger and his crew of devoted folks, 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 severe drought we had and still are experiencing. We plan to stock this spring when we hopefully will have sufficient water. Please say "Thank You" to Charlie and all his volunteers.



Shawn Madden has stepped up to take over the "Fly Pool" and this year's event will be held March 18th, 2017. 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 exaggerators. It is a lot of fun.

Ham Shoots start March 5th and continue thru March 26th. We have a total of four Sundays to shoot 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 a year in some cases. You should call the Club at 570-922-1128 to check on availability and make your reservation. 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. 250 people can be seated and a

full kitchen is on site.

I know I mention this in every Newsletter but I want to thank ALL of 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.

Our Club Manager, Ronda Balonis is getting acclimated to our needs and expectations and has hit the ground running. Let her know what you like and don't like about the food and beverage service. Be polite, and suggestions are always welcomed.

Please thank our manager, 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 Manager Ronda and/or Board members aware of any areas that could improve.

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.

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

As a final note. Our Club lost a valued member and volunteer with the passing of Robert (Bob) Manotti on January 17, 2017. Bob spearheaded the Wounded Warrior event and supported the Trout rearing and stocking program for many years. He sold more Trout Buttons than anyone can count. When the Club needed help in any way, Bob was there. We are deeply saddened and he is deeply missed.

"Bear" Spanger, President

TROUT NURSERY NEWS

Charlie Klauger, Nursery Manager



This year Penn's Creek has been as low as I can remember for the last twenty year's. Coupled with a fairly dry spring this year our water supply off the mountain was extremely small. It also warmed up on its travel to our fish raceways causing havoc with the fish. This water problem was reported in the fall newsletter but was so bad I felt it should be reiterated. This caused the Co-op to make five house calls to chemical treat our fish. The fish had Ick as well as several other warm, and then cold water bacteria diseases. After all of the treatments we stopped losing fish. This was not before the loss Six hundred and fifty brown trout.

Now to the fall stocking that occurred on January 26th. We had thirty-one volunteers to help distribute buckets of

fish to the stream. We had two trucks from Cedar Springs Hatchery and stocked three thousand fish. One thousand fish were from four to five inches to try to replace all fish that fell prey to their predators. All other fish were twelve to fifteen inches with 10 being twenty to twenty four inches and tagged. If you catch one with a tag bring the tag into the club and get a twenty five dollar gift certificate. The fish can be returned to the water after removing the tag if you choose, but handle it carefully so it is a great story for another fisherman or woman. The combination of upper and lower creek stocking had 186 buckets of fish distributed from Soper's Cottage to the bridge at Laurelton. You'll have to guess where the tagged fish were stocked, but go get them.

After stocking the fish, Ronda had soup, sandwiches and drinks for all involved. Since it turned windy and cold before we got back to eat the food it was well received. Thanks to Ronda and the crew. As always a special thanks to Bill Gamber for supplying the fish buttons. Buy a button and help the club support the fish program.

Good luck to the winter fisherman who brave the cold temperatures for their sport. The season closes at the end of February and reopens in April and hello spring.

This year the Co-Op Nursery's teaching seminar was attended by Mark Gersavage, Greg and Zack Dorman. This seminar covered many of the diseases that killed our fish. The guys had a dinner proved by the Co -Op after the meeting. It was great to have two of our newer volunteers, Greg and Zach attend the seminar.

In Memorandum

My very close friend, Bob Manotti Sr. was involved in an auto accident, on January 14, when he lost control of his vehicle due to a patch of black ice. He passed away January 17, in the hospital. Bob had a multitude of friends and knew almost everyone and probably helped them all at one time or another. He helped me and the fish program every, and anytime it was needed. Bob sold fish buttons on every occasion at the Club and along the stream, because he loved the program. He will be sorely missed by all at the Sportsmen's Club and those who knew him. I personally will miss Bob every day for the rest of my life.

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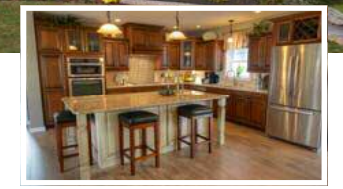
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IN THE KITCHEN

Ronda Balonis

As the new season is approaching so are some new menu ideas. The dining room continues to offer a home-style buffet on the weekends, and there are bar specials, which change monthly. We are gearing up for fishing season so that we are ready for Our Members, Family and friends, when you come to the club!

Come round out the end of your week by visiting us at the Sportsman's Club for steak night in March. Pick your cut, your temperature and your sides.

Also, next three months specials include unique dishes with a Fisherman's vibe. From a variety of fish to specialty burgers, with plenty of spring-themed beverages to wash it down.

Plus don't forget we have a full outdoor facility for your spring and summer events, no party is too small or too big . . . we will gladly work with you to make it a memorable day!

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: **Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club:** March 11, May 13, August 12, and September 23.

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 570-966-0173 or 570-966-0270.

Two different Bowhunter Education classes will be offered at Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's club from 0800-1600hrs on: March 18 and August 19. Individuals wishing to take the B.H.E. classes must sign up via the PGC web-

site or call BVSA at 966-0270.

For the 2016 bear season a total of 3,742 bears were harvested statewide with 33 harvested in Union Co. The 33 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 a good mast crop and favorable weather. There were a few of these bear taken during the extended season but not enough to offset the problems some cause throughout the spring and summer. Commissioners are now 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 longer 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.

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.

COOPERATIVE NURSERY REPORT

Brian McHail, Unit Leader

I hope this update finds everyone well as we enjoy the end of winter and look forward to the upcoming spring and all the opportunities it provides in the woods and on the water. Once again, our cooperative nurseries stocked over 1 million trout for the anglers of Pennsylvania in 2016. As our cooperative nurseries enjoyed a successful 2016 stocking season, they quickly faced the challenges of the summer and fall months. The drought that affected the Commonwealth was especially hard on the cooperative nurseries. Many nurseries got by with decreased water flows and increased water temperatures, some even lost the majority of their fish due to these conditions. As a result, the Cooperative Nursery Unit (CNU) responded to 129 emergency nursery inspections for fish health re-

BENCHREST CLUB

Mark Trutt

As I write this, the “prognosting subterranean porker” seems to be correct. The ground is covered in white and there are snow drifts everywhere. It’s still early in the “six weeks,” so one can only hope he can still be proven WRONG.

The coming shooting season will bring our first match a little later. We will be holding the Boop/Altimus Memorial on June 10th and 11th this year. We will also be hosting the International Benchrest Shooters 100/200 yd. Score Nationals September 2nd and 3rd. Hope to see you there!

lated issues and travelled over 24,000 miles. The Union County Sportsmen was visited by the CNU four times in 2016 for fish health issues. The nursery volunteers did a great job taking care of the fish, despite very challenging conditions.

Aside from the 129 emergency nursery inspections, the CNU stayed very busy conducting biannual routine nursery inspections, attending meetings, and presenting at Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) Quarterly Commission Meetings. The presentations at the PFBC Quarterly Commission Meetings are a great way to promote the Cooperative Nursery Program (CNP) to our Commissioners, staff, and the public in attendance. The CNU also took on the challenge of revising the CNP Policy. This was a tough task to accomplish, however, it will make the CNP stronger and will act as a guide for the program for years to come. Finally, members of the Union County Sportsmen’s Club cooperative nursery attended our 2017 Cooperative Nursery Program Sponsor Organization Seminar, held in January at the Moshannon Community Center. We thank all those who attended and hope we were able to provide a lot of valuable information to them.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of the Union County Sportsmen’s Club cooperative nursery. We at the CNU are very grateful for the hard work the volunteers put in to raising quality trout for the anglers of Pennsylvania.

ANNUAL CHILDREN’S FISHING DERBY

Tina Nash

Mark Your Calendar. This year’s derby will be held Saturday, May 13 at 9 am. Registration will begin at 8 am. As in past years the derby is open to all age 10 and under. Single barbless hooks are allowed and bait of your choice, NO CORN.

Members of the Jack’s Mountain Riders, A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania will be on hand to assist in the awarding of door prizes supplied by their organization.

Club members will be selling the 2017 fish button. The

money raised from the sale of the buttons support the club’s trout raising and creek stocking program along with the children’s derby.

Refreshments will be available to all in attendance. Hope to see everyone from last year and bring a friend.

GUN RAFFLE 2017

We all had a great time at last summers gun raffle. We had record attendance, many thanks to our friends at ABATE, these guys and gals are great to work with. It takes a lot of hard work before the event and the day of the event. We had a great year and look forward to another good year. We are very lucky the weather has been good with us each year. We hope it happens again. Come out and have a good time, See you at the raffle!

FISHERMAN’S CASH

We need your support on the Fishermen Cash Tickets. We hope you will help us by buying all four (4) tickets. We had a lot of extra cost to raise these trout with the low water coming down the stream. We ran our pump a lot all summer with a lot of extra expense.

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!

PHEASANT STOCKING

All went well at this years stocking, we released 450 birds in the three weeks of stocking. The hunters respected us when we released the birds. I hope you all had a good season. Thank You!

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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

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 muzzleloaders. We have added our shoot schedule to the upcoming events column in this newsletter. Please check out our various shoots and plan to attend. If you have any questions, give me a call at 570-966-2304 or cell 570-217-6531.

The community in general and the sportsmen’s club in particular lost a very special person in Bob Manotti Sr. Bob spent his career working with youth in the school district. He wrote about attracting youth to the sportsmen’s club and its activities in his fall newsletter article.

We always maintain a focus on youth participation in our muzzleloading club. Besides youth categories for shooting events we encourage youth to participate in our weekend camping events. I have yet to see a kid who doesn’t like to throw tomahawk. After they make that “first stick” in the hawk block you can hardly drag them away. All kids (young and old) love campfires but help a kid get one going with a flint and steel; I love to see the delight in their eyes. They might even help carry some of the firewood to keep it going. While in camp it is a special treat to get a bunch of kids involved in a game of Kubb after supper.

My wife and I have been muzzleloader camping or attending rendezvous with some of our grandchildren for the past several years. They understand the cell phones and Gameboys stay in the truck and out of camp. They get so involved in camp activities they never miss them.

Shooting and marksmanship is a big part of muzzleloading but perhaps it’s the kids that make it special. They like to dress in 18th century clothes just like the adults and they marvel at how some simple tasks were done 200 years ago, if you take the time to explain to them.

You won’t get this newsletter in time for this year but mark your 2018 calendar for the first Friday and Saturday in February for the Artisan’s Faire at the Best Western in Lewisburg. Vendors have all sorts of items pertaining to muzzleloading, rendezvous and colonial life. It’s a great venue to get some of the essence of muzzleloading. Oh, and be sure to take your kids or grandkids. You may be a muzzleloader before you know it.

2017 SHOOT SCHEDULE UNION COUNTY MUZZLELOADERS

March 4th & 5th	Frozen Toe; woodswalk, paper, silhouettes, novelty targets and camping
April 2nd	Novelty Shoot
June 4th	Smoothbore only
July 2nd	Silhouettes
August 6th	Paper
Sept. 2nd-4th	Rifle Frolic; all muzzleloader shooting events, camping, tomahawk and archery
October 1st	Novelty
November 5th	Woodswalk
December 3rd	Silhouettes

Registration is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. except woodswalks; last registration is 1 pm. 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.