

Fulton County Sportsmen's League

2010 Fall Newsletter

Hunting on the Fulton County Sportsmenøs League farm ground is a privilege and not a right. In light of the recent activity on the farm grounds and increased hunting pressure, 2010 will require a permit issued by the FCSL to be plainly displayed in the windshield of their vehicle for all club members in the hunting party. The 2010 permit will expire on December 31, 2010. These permits will be available at the monthly meetings or by a written letter returned with your 2010 membership fee. Starting on January 1, 2011, a hunting permit will cost \$25.00. This new permit will be effective from January 1, 2011 until December 31, 2011. To obtain a 2011-hunting permit your 2011 dues must be paid along with the permit fee. The 2011 permit can be obtain by attending a meeting during October, November, or December, or by contacting the membership secretary Danny Eichelberger. If you request a hunting permit thorough the mail or by contacting Danny Eichelberger allow a least 10 days for your permit to arrive. You cannot call one day for a permit and expect it to be delivered the next day. You cannot hunt at the farm without a current permit. The permit must be properly displayed. Failure to abide by club regulations and game commission laws will result in you being dismissed as a club member. Changes in future hunting rights will be discussed at meetings. Failure to follow all game laws and season bag limits will automatically be cause for you to relinquish your hunting privileges. Unsportsman-like conduct, littering, destruction of property, hunters unaware of the surrounding residences and disregard of the Pennsylvania Game Laws are some of the unbelievable truths that require a closer look at who may or may not have the sportsmanøs qualities that we need to strive to protect for the future of hunting. The PA Game Commission wishes to remind members to review changes to hunting rules and regulations before their first outing. Visit the Game Commissionøs website for the latest hunting information.

Many club members reported good spring trout fishing as a result of the clubøs effort to raise and stock very nice one and two year old trout. Fingerlings arrived in June and are growing very well. Water flow at the nursery is at a historical low. Harold Lynch and volunteers are to be commended for their work and fund raising by promoting badge donations during the trout stocking. Repair work is still needed for the raceways. If you have experience with concrete work and are interested in assisting with this project contact Harold Lynch.

A pig roast and various foods were available during the rodeo. The spring open house and childrenøs rodeo was very well attended. We had over 155 children registered to fish this year. A cold rain and high water reduced the attendance. The high water created some tough fishing conditions this year resulting in a reduced catch of trout by the children. Thank you to club members and the community for making the spring raffle and childrenøs rodeo a success. Your continued interest and support is needed in order to sponsor these types of activities.

The sixth grade students from the Central Fulton School District attended a SMART ANGLER PROGRAM sponsored by the Fulton County Sportsmenøs League and the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. Students were taught fishing etiquette and casting. Club members shared how the fish are cared for and informed students about the history of our organization. They enjoyed an opportunity to fish in the special regulation area for children also. *The club hosted disabled veterans from Martinsburg. They were able to fish and had a picnic at the nursery grounds.*

WINNERS FOR THIS YEAR'S SPRING RAFFLE WERE:

- 1st Place \$500 Larry Stenger
- 2nd Place Remenington Model 770 Bolt Action gun Eugene Gardenhour
- 3rd Place Mossberg Model 500 12 gauge gun Fred Waite
- 4th Place \$250 Gary Keefer
- 5th Place Traditions Pursuit LT Muzzleloader Dawn Tritle
- 6th Place \$150 Robert Sleightur
- 7th Place Marlin Model 883 gun Dave Collins
- 8th Place St.Croix Triumph fly rod and reel Combo Dilbert Helfrick
- 9th Place \$100 Tim McMalon
- 10th Place \$100 Olive Bishop

11th Place Spinning Rod and reel Bill Dugan

Special Drawing for door prize at the open house. Dickey Peck Carved Morel Mushroom by Bruce Cunningham

<u>Please note that the fall raffle drawing will be held following the November 19th meeting at the trout</u> <u>nursery.</u>

This year in order to continue to offer a better selection of prizes for the fall raffle we are asking that each member try to sell as many tickets as you possibly can. The prize offerings have changed and are listed on the tickets.

Members are reminded that with this year renewals or new memberships the liability waiver on the *back of the membership renewal application must be signed* before your membership is renewed or application is accepted. *The liability waiver must be signed in order to hunt at the farm, use the nursery facility, or participate in any club-sponsored activity.*

Return tickets, dues, and membership applications to:

Fulton County Sportsmen's League P.O. Box 467 McConnellsburg, Pa. 17233.

Please return all tickets sold and unsold to the above address.

With a new year fast approaching it will soon be time for the election of new officers. Being an officer in the club requires time and dedication to the organization in order to effectively operate the club. If you are interested in being nominated for an office please plan on attending the upcoming meetings. If you have any questions related to the future officer positions contact Allen Cover or one of the board members.. Attendance at the meetings and assistance with various projects is an important part of being a club member. Thank you to those who share their valuable time, knowledge, and experience to make the club and its projects successful. Please try to attend the meetings held the *third Friday of each month starting at 7:30 pm*

in the stone house at the nursery. Frequently officials from the Fish and Game Commissions attend our meetings to share information and to gather your input on various changes to the fish and game laws. Your attendance at meetings and assistance in club activities is needed and greatly appreciated.

2010 Officers and Board Members

