



Fulton County Sportsmen's League
2011 Spring Newsletter

It is time to start preparing for the opening of trout season on April 2nd for Franklin County and April 16th for Fulton County. Make sure you check your Pa. Fishing Summary for the opening date of your favorite trout stream. The state trout to be stocked this year are going to be the same as the past year, average 11 inches in length. There have been many changes to regulations this year so read the summary carefully. The point of sales process for purchasing your fishing license is now in operation. You can purchase your fishing license online now.

Good water flow and quality at the trout nursery, except for the summer, has produced outstanding quality trout. This year we should have some very nice one-year-old trout to stock that average around 12 inches. Approximately 14000 one-year-old trout will be stocked in Fulton County streams by the Sportsmen's League. There are also approximately 500 two and three year old trout to be stocked this year. Harold Lynch is our nursery manager.

An increased number of club members have made use of the farm during the hunting seasons this year also. Please be careful while hunting at the farm. Increased hunting pressure is putting more people at the farm during the various seasons. Make sure you have your membership card with you when you hunt at the farm. Please show the farm manager, Bill Peck, your card if you are asked for proof of current membership.

Members are reminded that they are to observe a 150-yard safety zone from any dwelling bordering the farm. Remember that you must obtain a permit to hunt on the club farm. Return your permit with a completed survey at the end of the year. Your hunting permit must be displayed.

Pennsylvania Fish for free days are May 30th Memorial Day and September 5th Labor Day 2011

**NOTES FROM THE NURSERY MANAGER:
HAROLD LYNCH**

Fishing rodeo and open house Concerns.

During the past few rodeos we have observed some adults fishing in the special area designated for children age 12 and younger. Please obey all club and Pennsylvania Fish Commission regulations for the special area designated for children age 12 and younger only. Fishing regulations are posted when you register your children. Club members will be monitoring this special regulation area along with Fish Commission officers. Persons violating the rules will be subject to receiving fishing violation fines from the Fish Commission. This section of stream is for children only, not adults. As an adult you are permitted to cast the line for a young child, but the child must be holding the fishing pole, in possession of the fishing pole, set the hook themselves, and land the fish themselves. You may assist taking the fish off of the hook. Please be careful to observe these rules or you could be subjected to a fine.

We had a very dry summer last year that resulted in the lowest water flow ever at the nursery. We lost approximately 4 to 6 hundred trout over the summer. Some loss is normal but this year the loss was higher. We would have lost many more trout if we did not have help keeping the screens clean, checking water flow, checking circulating pumps, and air pumps. I want to thank everyone who helped keep the nursery functioning properly. We can always use help at the nursery. If you can help call Harold.

When we have clean up day for the rodeo please bring your weed eaters to trim grass.

The fish are averaging 10 to 12 inches and we have some really nice hold over trout to stock again this year. All evening stockings start at 5:30pm and all Saturday stockings start at 7:30am.

Help Needed

Help is needed for all club events, please volunteer. We also need help at the nursery during the summertime. When the water level gets low we need volunteers to clean the screens on the fish bins daily. Screens must be cleaned daily in order for water to properly flow through the raceways. Anyone who wants to help clean the screens and work on trout nursery projects please call Harold Lynch so he can get your name and phone number. Harold will compile a list of volunteers. If we get enough people to sign up to assist in the cleaning each person will be assigned to clean on a certain day of the week. It takes a lot of help, more than most people realize. Harold cannot do all the nursery work by himself. In order to insure that we have trout for the following year your help and support is needed.

Projects

Repair work on the water inlets to the raceways needs to be completed. Harold is arranging for the necessary repairs. If you have experience with concrete work and are interested in assisting with this project contact Harold Lynch.

Money generated from the 2011 Hunting permits will be used to benefit hunters that use the farm. Money generated will be used to purchase corn to feed the game, purchase spray to control invasive plants, and seed for cover crops. Bill Peck was approved to purchase 6 tons of corn for the 2011-2012 feeding program. The board members are considering the possibility of stocking game birds and rabbits at the farm next fall. Anyone that wants to help at the farm is to contact Bill Peck.

Spring Run has undergone an outstanding restoration project the year. This project should return Spring Run to a natural high quality trout stream.

Volunteers are needed to assist in various club activities and projects. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Projects include assistance with the children's rodeo, fund raising projects, spring and fall raffle committees, trout production presentations to school groups, assisting veterans group to experience fishing opportunities, and clean up days at the farm and nursery. If you can help with any of the projects please contact any club officer.

Club members are to be commended for their promotion and support of all club projects and activities over the past year. Your continued support is appreciated and needed in order for us to continue providing quality hunting and fishing experiences for the community. Again thank you for all of your support.

The annual open house and Children's Fishing Rodeo will be held at the nursery on May 15th. **The Children's Fishing Rodeo will start at 12:00 pm and the raffle prizes will be drawn at 3:00 pm.** A variety of foods will be available during the open house. Anyone that can help with this important community event please attend the April and May meetings.

Our membership secretary reminds members that renewals or new memberships must *sign the liability waiver on the back of the membership renewal application 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. If you received an application with this mailing your dues have not been paid for 2010.

Please return sold tickets, unsold tickets, and dues to:

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

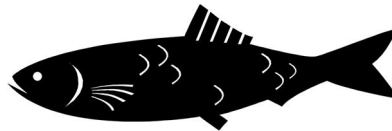
If you have questions regarding your membership you should contact Danny Eichelberger.

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. Your attendance and assistance in club activities is needed and greatly appreciated.

President -----Dave Lippert
Vice-President -----Allen Cover
Treasurer-----Mike Feagley
Secretary-----Charlie Carbaugh
Membership Secretary ----Danny Eichelberger
Nursery Committee-----Harold Lynch
Farm Committee-----Bill Peck
Board members elected for 2011----- Fred Peck and Bill Peck
Board members elected for 2011 and 2012----- Glenn Bishop, Ed Henson, and Charlie Carbaugh

Come to the nursery and share a day with family and friends on May 15th for the annual Open House and Children's Fishing Rodeo. Food stands will be open.

Thank you,
Charlie Carbaugh, Jr.
Secretary Fulton County Sportsmen's League



The Fulton County Sportsmen's League would like to thank the sponsors, club members, and the community for their support during the fall fund raiser.

2010 WINNERS FOR THE FALL RAFFLE WERE:

**1st Place – \$500 Cash
Matt Snyder**

**2nd Place – Mossberg Mod 500, 12 Gauge Trophy Slugster Combo
Eric Knepper**

**3rd Place – \$250
Jim Gracey**

**4th Place - Remington 770 Bolt Action Cal. 270 w/3x8x40 Scope
Allen Landers**

**5th Place - \$200
Tom Lynch**

**6th Place – Traditions Pursuit LT 50 cal. Muzzleloader
Rachael Shaeffer**

7th Place – Pheasant Hunt at Creek Side Farm or \$200
Marie Stevens

8th Place – Charles Daly 22LR Field Grade
Diane Kerlin

9th Place - \$150
Levan Smythe

10th Place - \$100 Gift Certificate at Buchanan Trail Sporters
John Gray

Membership Appreciation Picnic

The Fulton County Sportsmenø League will be holding a membership appreciation picnic on August 19, 2011 at the VFW Picnic grounds from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. The club will be providing grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, soda, and bottled water. A door prize will be awarded. Members attending are asked to bring a covered dish to the picnic. If you are interested in donating or assisting with this activity please contact committee chair Olive Bishop.

Directions to the picnic grounds: From McConnellsburg travel 7.4 miles south on Route 522. Make a left onto Mountain Ridge Road. Travel 1.4 miles on Mountain Ridge Road. The VFW grounds are on the left.

If you are planning on attending return the following registration form by May 15, 2011. Registration form can also be turned in at the children's rodeo.

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
Number attending _____

List of Prizes for the 2011 FCSL Spring Raffle Ticket

1. Ruger Model 77 øHawkeyeø Cal. 25.06
2. \$400
3. Remington Model 870 RAG Camo 12 gauge
4. \$300
5. Traditions Pursuit 50 Cal. Muzzleloader
6. Savage HMR .17 Cal.
7. \$100
8. Redington Flyrod, Reel, Line Combo
9. \$100
10. \$50 Gift Certificate Buchanan Trail Sporters

Guns Can Be Picked Up At:
Buchanan Trail Sporters LLC,

Prizes must be claimed within 30 days from date of drawing

Tickets courtesy of Peckies Auto Body

Donation: \$5.00 each (Help support the trout nursery!)

Date of drawing will be Sunday May 15 at 3:00 pm at the open house Childrens rodeo area

Entries may be sent in by mail to: **Fulton County Sportsmen's League**
Box 467
McConnellsburg, Pa. 17233