



Fulton County Sportsmen's League
2012 Spring Newsletter

It is time to start preparing for the opening of trout season on **March 31st for Franklin County and April 14th 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 a few 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 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.

Many club members continue to use the farm during the hunting seasons. Please be careful while hunting at the farm. Make sure you are aware of the surrounding dwellings and roads. Increased hunting pressure is putting more people at the farm during the various seasons. **A survey at the farm showed that some members are letting their tree stands set up after the hunting seasons. All tree stands must be removed by May 1, 2012. We are conducting a wood lot survey to develop a forest management plan and we cannot guarantee the safety of tree stands left on the club farm.** 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. Starting on January 1, 2012 no hunting permit will be required.** Hunting at the farm for 2012 is restricted to members only. Your annual dues must be paid for 2012 in order to hunt on the farm.

Pennsylvania Fish for free days are May 28th (Memorial Day) and September 3rd (Labor Day) 2012

**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 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. We have increased the feed to the trout this year, so the trout to be stocked will be nicer than last year's trout. 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. In order to insure that we have trout for the following year your help and support is needed.

Harold also is requesting extra help with the trout stocking. There were some streams last year that we did not have enough help at the nursery to load the fish. If Harold does not have enough help to load the truck and stock the stream, that stream stocking will be canceled.

New Trout Nursery Caretaker

Norm Mellott has taken over the job of nursery caretaker. Norm will be responsible for feeding the trout daily, monitoring water flow and oxygen levels, monitoring the trout for stress and diseases, cleaning screens, and maintaining the grounds around the nursery. Norm replaces Troy Crouse.

The Fulton County Sportsmen's League would like to thank Troy Crouse for his many years of service to the club as nursery manager and for his service to the community.

Projects

Repair work on the water inlets to the raceways has been completed. Additional stream bank restoration needs to be completed between the raceways. Harold is arranging for the necessary repairs. If you are interested in assisting with this project contact Harold Lynch.

Money generated from the 2011 Hunting permits was used to benefit hunters that use the farm. Money generated was used to purchase pheasants and rabbits that were released on the farm, purchase spray to control invasive plants, and seed for cover crops. Bill Peck was approved to purchase 6 tons of corn for the 2012-2013 feeding program. The board members are considering the possibility of stocking additional 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. This project should return Spring Run to a natural high quality trout stream and offer some exceptional fishing this year.

The Pa Fish Commission and the Fulton County Sportsmen's League have been stocking the Special Regulation Area on Cove Creek with nice trout. This area of stream offers some outstanding fly-fishing. Fishermen from many states have been fishing this gem of Fulton County.

Big Buck Contest December 2012

The following rules, developed by Mike Feagley, for the **Big Buck Contest** were unanimously approved on a Charlie Carbaugh / Harold Lynch motion at the January 2012 meeting.

A prize of \$100 will be awarded to the adult member for the largest buck rack as scored by the Boone and Crocket method. The member must be present at the December 2012 meeting. Measurements will be conducted during the December meeting only. The individual must be a paid member for 2012 and the deer rack must have a properly displayed legal tag.

A \$25 prize will be awarded to the adult member with the smallest legal deer rack as defined in the Pennsylvania Game Commission Handbook (3 points on one side). The Boone and Crocket procedure will be used to measure the deer rack. The member must be present at the December 2012 meeting. Measurements will

be conducted during the December meeting only. The individual must be a paid member for 2012 and the deer rack must have a properly displayed legal tag.

Mike Feagley will serve as judge for the event.

2012 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

President -----Dave Lippert

Vice President -----Allen Cover

Treasurer-----Mike Feagley

Secretary-----Charlie Carbaugh

Membership Secretary ---Daniel Eichelberger

Nursery Committee-----Harold Lynch

Farm Committee-----Bill Peck

Board members elected for 2012 and 2013----- Derrick Keefer and Bill Peck

Board members elected for 2012----- Glenn Bishop, Ed Henson and Charlie Carbaugh

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 20th. **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 2012.

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 at.

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 appreciate Meeting announcements are published in the local Fulton County Newspaper.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

On March 17, 1978, Don McQuade spoke to the Fulton County Sportsmen's League about naming a Sportsman of the Year. The first year a sportsman of the year was mentioned in the minutes was 1978. Following is a list of individuals that have received this award.

1978	Harry Elvey	1995	Shorty Bivens
1979	Reed Lynch	1996	C R Kirk
1980	Dave Gregory	1997	----- No record (Contact Charlie C. if you know)
1981	Carl Jarrett	1998	----- No record (Contact Charlie C. if you know)
1982	Merrill Seville	1999	----- No record (Contact Charlie C. if you know)
1983	Roy Gordon	2000	Charles Carbaugh, Jr.
1984	Nelson Harmon	2001	Randy Crouse
1985	Willard Lynch	2002	Tom Duffey
1986	Charles W. Mellott	2003	Mike Feagley
1987	Warren Kerlin	2004	Shawn Shaffer
1988	John Johnson	2005	Fred Peck
1989	Dickey Glenn	2006	Kim Shaffer
1990	Reed Richard	2007	Harold Lynch
1991	William D. Peck	2008	Bill Peck
1992	Carl Seiders	2009	Ed Hensen
1993	Denny Ritchey	2010	Bruce Cunningham
1994	Cecil Mellott	2011	Derrick Keefer

Highlights of Past Fulton County Sportsmen's Meetings

At previous meetings various questions related to the formation of the club have been asked. During the winter months I have been reviewing the minutes of the Fulton County Sportsmen's League and would like to share some highlights and historical information from the previous minutes. The first recorded minutes start in 1944. I will highlight information up to 1976. Information after 1976 will be listed in a future newsletter.

Feb. 5, 1944	First Fulton County Sportsmens meeting.
March 3, 1944	By-laws adopted
April 21, 1944	First request for fingerlings in Roaring Run, Cowan's Gap, and Little Aughwick
June 11, 1944	First stocking of fingerlings reported
Sept. 15, 1944	Approved a Christmas turkey feed for members
Jan. 1, 1945	Approved a fox hunt for in the Narrows
Feb. 16, 1945	Junior division approved
March 16, 1945	9400 trout approved for stocking in Fulton County
	Approved a snake killing contest paying 10 cents for each snake tail turned in
April 20, 1945	200 pheasants and 100 pheasant eggs were obtained
May 18, 1945	2500 fingerlings were stocked in Spring Run
July 20, 1945	Joint picnic at Cowan's Gap for the Sportsmen and the fire company members
Nov 16, 1945	20 dozen rabbits were purchased
March 15, 1946	400 ringneck chicks were purchased and a crow shoot was organized
May 17, 1946	Approved \$200 to restock wild turkeys
Aug 16, 1946	First gun raffle organized
Nov 22, 1946	100 large mouth bass were stocked in Cowan's Gap
	30 dozen rabbits were purchased
Sept 26, 1947	20 turkeys were purchased at \$5 each
March 18, 1949	By-laws were read and a committee was approved to formulate and approve new by-laws
July 28, 1950	Approved a float for the Centennial Parade

August 22, 1950	Fulton County Sportsmens League is incorporated as a nonprofit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law and registered as such at the Fulton County Courthouse in McConnellsburg.
May 18, 1951	First state trout stocking of Cove Creek, 1200 brown trout
June 19, 1952	Decision to not meet in July and August
Dec 18, 1953	Carl Jarrett introduced as the Fulton County Game Protector
Feb 19, 1954	Approved 80 turkeys to be stocked
May 21, 1954	Stone quarry had been leased from Isabel Patterson as a rifle range
Feb 18, 1955	Three farms were approved to be surveyed for purchase- the owners were- Allen Deaver, Russell Deshong, and Foster Everetts.
May 20, 1955	New by-laws adopted, purchase of Foster Everett's farm approved, and mortgage of \$3000 executed. Mortgage held by Dr. McLucas.
June 1955	Farm boundary surveyed and marked
Sept 16, 1955	Hunting dog-training area established on farm
Oct, 1955	Proposed club house on the farm discussed
Feb 17, 1956	C R Kirk found an area on the farm suitable for a pond
March 16, 1956	Farm placed in first A.C.P. Program; 9000 trees and 21,000 shrubs to be delivered
June 15, 1956	Pine seedlings to be planted at farm
Jan, 1957	Banquet held at the fire hall \$1.50 charged
Feb 15, 1957	Preliminary survey for dam at Meadow Grounds
March 15, 1957	Motion to repair old house on the farm
Jan 18, 1958	No grouse shooting on the farm
March, 1958	18,840 state trout for the county
Nov 1958	Construction of Meadow Ground Lake approved by the state
May 1959	Survey to harvest 8-9 acres of trees at the farm
May 1960	Chicken barbeque approved
Jan 19, 1961	Meadow Ground Lake survey work completed
Feb, 1962	Approval to cut pepperwood at the farm by John Lynch
June 1962	Meadow Ground Lake construction starts at a cost of \$200,000
Sept 1962	Two bears seen in the Narrows are reported by Carl Jarrett
Oct 1963	400 pheasants released in the county
Nov 1965	Shooting match at Wilbur Keefer's
Feb 1969	Ray Koontz showed movies of his big game hunts
May 1969	150 acres burned by a forest fire on the Meadow Grounds Mountain
Jan 16, 1970	Fish nursery at D.K. Morton farm first discussed
May 25, 1970	6 ft by 150 ft raceway approved by Cooperative Nursery Program at a cost of \$823. Lease agreement with D.K. Morton for raceway.
June 4, 1970	Nursery site approved; H.B. Mellott to excavate the site.
Sept 1970	Nursery completed, Harry Elvey engineered. Started with 2000 fingerlings.
Feb 1971	Approved stream improvement to Ester Run
April 1971	Purchased 2000 brook trout fingerlings. 7000 fish were ordered from the Cooperative Nursery Program.
June 1971	Additional raceway constructed
April 1972	Tagged fish released in county streams for prizes
May 1972	607 members on record. Road past the nursery to be paved.

At many of these meetings all members' names were put in a hat and two names were drawn for door prizes. If the member was not present (whose name was drawn) the door prize was kept for the next meeting. The door prize was from a collection taken up at each meeting and grew until the name of a member in attendance was drawn.

Come to the nursery and share a day with family and friends on May 20th for the annual Open House and Children's Fishing Rodeo. Food stands will be open.

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.

2011 WINNERS FOR THIS YEAR'S FALL RAFFLE WERE:

1st Place – Browning BLR Rifle Cal.308 - Leroy A. Stitt, Jr

2nd Place – \$400.00 - Terry Sweigart

3rd Place – Mossberg 500 12 ga . 28"VR - Patrick Fleagle

4th Place - \$250.00 - Roger Elvey

5th Place - Remington 870 EXP Camo 12 ga - Tere Engle

6th Place – Henry Lever Rifle .22 Cal. - Brad Wissinger

7th Place – Savage 93R17 17 cal. - Mike Winter

8th Place – PRIMOS Gobbler Turkey Hunting Vest - Dustin Lons

9th Place - Cabela's Pro Spinning Rod Combo - Gene Nichols

10th Place - Alpen 10x25 Compact Binoculars - Marvin G Amsley

11th Place – Redington Flyrod Combo - Pete Lynch

12th Place - \$100.00 - Lester Mooney

Thank you,
Charles J. Carbaugh, Jr.
Secretary: Fulton County Sportsmen's League