



Fulton County Sportsmen's League
2013 Fall Newsletter

A timber contract to harvest hemlock trees and some hardwood trees at the sportsmen's farm have been approved, awarded, and completed as of August 2013. The Fulton County Sportsmen's League will not be responsible for loss or damage of any tree stand located on the club property. If you bring your dog or dogs onto club property please be aware that a club member may be trapping for fox and coyotes during the trapping season. Treetops from the timber harvest cannot be cut for firewood. Treetops are to remain as cover to protect emerging seedlings. Fields used as loading areas and access roads for the logging operation will be reseeded with a cover crop in the spring.

Hunting on the Fulton County Sportsmen's League farm ground remains a privilege and not a right. Failure to follow all game laws and season bag limits will automatically be cause for you to permanently relinquish your club membership and 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 close look at who may or may not have the sportsman's 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 Commission's website for the latest hunting information. CWD is in most surrounding areas. If you see or shoot a suspected CWD deer, contact the Pa. Game Commission immediately.

Many club members reported good spring trout fishing as a result of the club's 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 trout nursery was at normal flow this spring but is at record low levels as of September. Harold Lynch, Norm Mellott and volunteers are to be commended for their work at the trout nursery and fund raising by promoting badge donations during the trout stocking. Repair work on the water inlets and water leaks in the fish bins is completed. The 2014 trout-stocking schedule will be published in the 2014 spring newsletter only.

A food vendor and various foods were available during the rodeo. The spring open house and children's rodeo were very well attended. Harold Lynch reported that we had over 187 children registered to fish this year. Thank you to club members and the community for making the spring raffle and children's rodeo a success. Your continued interest and support is needed in order to sponsor these types of activities.

Due to lack of member participation in 2012 we will not have a big buck contest this year.

The sixth grade students from the Central Fulton School District attended a SMART ANGLER PROGRAM sponsored by the Fulton County Sportsmen's 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 the SPRING 2013 RAFFLE WERE:

- 1st Place Win Mod 70 Rifle .2707WSW Caliber - **Rodney Wible**
- 2nd Place \$300.00, **Kevin Hendershot**
- 3rd Place Rem 870, Shotgun 12 Gauge - **Denny Kerlin**
- 4th Place \$200.00 - **B. Hoover**
- 5th Place Henry Lever Action .17 Caliber Rifle - **Duane Baker**
- 6th Place \$250 Gift Certificate Keystone Country Store - **Robert Barnhart**
- 7th Place Bushnell Range Finder / Binocular Combo - **Lester Litton**
- 8th Place \$250 Gift Certificate Keystone Country Store - **Dale Eichelberger**
- 9th Place Fly rod and Reel Combo - **?. Magnus**
- 10th Place \$100.00 - **Doug Henry**
- 11th Place Shakespeare Ugly Stick Combo - **Rodney Wible**
- 12th Place 2-year membership FCSL - **Brooke Bivens**

Special Drawing for door prize at the open house.

Teddy Group -Wood Burning Brooke Trout Art Plaque made and donated by member Charles J. Carbaugh, Jr.

Please note that the fall raffle drawing will be held following the November 15th meeting at the trout nursery.

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.

Membership dues will increase to \$20.00 for adult membership starting January 1, 2014. Youth membership will remain the same (\$5.00) as previous years. No additional new membership initiation fees will be charged as of January 1, 2014.

Members are reminded that with this year's 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 and board members. As an officer or board member you are expected to attend the monthly meetings. 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 Dave Lippert 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. Any member that has a special craft or project that they have made and would like to share their talent could donate their craft to the spring raffle.

2013 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 2013----- Derrick Keefer and Bill Peck

Board members elected for 2013 and 2014----- Glenn Bishop, Norm Mellott and Charlie Carbaugh

