



Fulton County Sportsmen's League *2014 Fall Newsletter*

The timber harvest activities are completed. 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 have been reseeded with a cover crop in the spring. Winter wheat will be planted as a forage crop for the game.

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. There have been many changes related to transporting and processing of a deer from a CWD area. Members are reminded to check your hunting regulations booklet before you go hunting or harvest a deer.

The need for action to keep more game such as deer on the farm was discussed at various meetings. The hunting practice of using a gang to drive for deer was also discussed. Many members in attendance at these monthly meetings thought that driving for deer forced a lot of game from the farm property. A motion to prohibit driving for deer was discussed and approved. Starting on January 1, 2014 the practice of driving for deer will be prohibited on the Sportsmen's Farm. Hunting with a gang as discussed in the Pa. Game Commission Regulations will be prohibited. Members that hunt the farm are requested to monitor gang hunting and report if the change improves the quality and quantity of deer on the farm.

Dues 2015

Starting on January 1, 2014 annual **adult dues** for the Fulton County Sportsmen's League increased to **\$20.00 per year**. Youth annual membership dues will remain at \$5.00. The \$5.00 initiation fee for new memberships will be discontinued. These same fees apply for 2015. Dues may be paid for one year only. No multiyear memberships are available.

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. The trout nursery received 10,000 brown trout, 4000 rainbow trout and 100 palomino trout. Water flow at the trout nursery was at normal flow this spring but is at 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 2015 trout-stocking schedule will be published in the 2015 spring newsletter only.

Club members prepared various foods and soup for the rodeo. A canopy, soup kettle, and tools needed to prepare food were purchased to help make the member's task of providing food at the rodeo easier. The spring open house and children's rodeo were very well attended. Harold Lynch reported that we had over 200 children registered to fish this year. A special thank you to the hard working members that make the rodeo and club activities possible. Thank you to all 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. *Any club member that is interested in overseeing the use and operation of our food trailer please contact Dave Lippert or a board member.*

WINNERS for the SPRING 2014 RAFFLE WERE:

- 1st Place** Rem 870, Turkey Camo 12 Gauge - Mark Crum
- 2nd Place** \$300.00 - Bill Williams
- 3rd Place** Ruger American Rifle .243 Caliber - Greg Smith
- 4th Place** \$250.00, Phillip Breen
- 5th Place** Henry Golden Boy Rifle 22 Caliber - William Barnhart
- 6th Place** \$200 - Lucille Williams
- 7th Place** Bresser 4x21 RangeFinder 800 - Kole Truax
- 8th Place** Fly Rod Combo and Flies - Linda Mellott
- 9th Place** Barski 3x9x40 Rifle Scope - Jamie Dick
- 10th Place** Spinning Rod Combo - Thomas Robinson
- 11th Place** \$100 - Ralph Schriever
- 12th Place** Peak Spotlight 2,500,000 Candlepower - Rafael Garcia
- 13th Place** 1-year membership FCSL - Mike Seville

Special Drawing for door prizes at the open house.

Joe Horn -----Morel Walking Stick #1 -- Made and donated by Member Curtis Mellott

Logan Shre-----Morel Walking Stick #2 -- Made and donated by Member Curtis Mellott

Steve Group-----Wood-Burning Plaque of Ester Run Stream and Bridge. Art Plaque made and donated by member Charles J. Carbaugh, Jr.

Please note that the fall raffle drawing will be held following the November 21st meeting at the trout nursery.

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 increased to \$20.00 for adult membership on 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 7:00 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 is interested in serving as chairman for the food committee and operating the food trailer is to contact a board member or the club president as soon as possible. **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.**

2014 Officers and Board Members

President -----Dave Lippert

Vice President -----Larry Zimmerman

Treasurer-----Mike Feagley

Secretary-----Charlie Carbaugh

Membership Secretary ---Daniel Eichelberger

Nursery Committee-----Harold Lynch

Assistant Nursery Committee---Larry Zimmerman

Farm Committee-----Bill Peck

Board members elected for 2014 - 2015 Harold Lynch and Bill Peck

Board members elected for 2014

Glenn Bishop, Norm Mellott and Charlie Carbaugh

