



Fulton County Sportsmen's League *2015 Spring Newsletter*

There are many changes to the opening of trout season this year. There will be regional and statewide Mentored Youth Trout Days. Please carefully read your manual concerning regulations for the mentored youth trout days. The opening day of trout season will be on **April 4th** for Franklin County and **April 18th** 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 previous years. There are a few changes to regulations this year so read the summary carefully. There have been changes to the penalties for fishing violations.

Good water flow and quality at the trout nursery, except for the summer, has produced outstanding quality rainbow trout. The state gave us 10,000 brown trout instead of 10,000 rainbow trout. Brown trout have been difficult to raise at our nursery. Poor water flow and water quality over the summer has made the brown trout susceptible to a bacterial infection commonly known as fin rot. The Fish Commission treated the fish in December. A large number of these brown trout were lost. Over 150 hold over trout were also lost over the course of the year. The brown trout will be small this year because of the disease issues and difficulty of raising brown trout at our nursery. This year we should have some very nice one-year-old rainbow trout to stock that average around 12 inches. In spite of our losses approximately 14000 one-year-old trout will be stocked in Fulton County streams by the Sportsmen's League. There are also approximately 500 two-year old trout to be stocked this year. Dave Lippert, Larry Zimmerman, Harold Lynch, our nursery manager and Norm Mellott, our nursery caretaker have done outstanding jobs of taking care of the trout nursery in order to provide quality trout for the streams of Fulton County.

The Fulton County Sportsmen's League will not be responsible to loss or damage to deer stands left on the farm property. If you have left a deer stand on club property it should be removed after the close of the hunting season.

The Club purchased 6 tons of corn for the winter feeding program at the farm. If the CWD management area is expanded we may not be allowed to feed wildlife at the farm next winter.

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

Annual **adult dues** for the Fulton County Sportsmen's League will be **\$20.00 per year**. Youth annual membership dues will remain at \$5.00. The \$5.00 initiation fee for new memberships will be discontinued. Dues may be paid for one year only. No multiyear memberships are available.

Fishing rodeo and open house Concerns.

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.

Registration of children for the rodeo will start at 10:00am, fishing will start at 12:00pm, and the raffle drawing will be at 3:00pm.

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.

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. It takes a lot of help, more than most people realize. 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 is completed. Additional stream bank restoration work was completed between the fish bins. Restoration work on the lower section of Esther Run is being planned. The replacement of the iron fish bin grates with a lighter weight material was canceled because of the high cost. Instead we cut the bins covers into small 12-foot sections. We will be applying for a grant from the Pa. Fish Commission to help cover some of the cost.

On March 17, 1978, Don McQuade spoke to the Fulton County Sportsmen's about naming a Sportsman of the Year. According to the minutes, 1978 was the first year for the award. Following is a list of individuals that have been named as a Sportsman of the Year.

The Fulton County Sportsmen's of the Year

1978 -- Harry Elvey	1991 -- William D. Peck	2004 -- Shawn Shaffer
1979 -- Reed Lynch	1992 -- Carl Seiders	2005 -- Fred Peck
1980 -- Dave Gregory	1993 -- Denny Ritchey	2006 -- Kim Shaffer
1981 -- Carl Jarrett	1994 -- Cecil Mellott	2007 -- Harold Lynch
1982 -- Merrill Seville	1995 -- Shorty Bivens	2008 -- Bill Peck
1983 -- Roy Gordon	1996 -- C R Kirk	2009 -- Ed Hensen
1984 -- Nelson Harmon	1997 -- no record (Contact if you know)	2010 -- Bruce Cunnigham
1985 -- Willard Lynch	1998 -- no record (Contact if you know)	2011 -- Derrick Keefer
1986 -- Charles W. Mellott	1999 -- no record (Contact if you know)	2012 -- Glenn Bishop
1987 -- Warren Kerlin	2000 -- Charles Carbaugh, Jr.	2013 -- Dave Lippert
1988 -- John Johnson	2001-- Randy Crouse	2014 -- Danny Eichelberger
1989 -- Dickey Glenn	2002 -- Tom Duffey	
1990 -- Reed Richards	2003 -- Mike Feagley	

Danny Eichelberger was nominated as The Fulton County Sportsman of the year for 2014. Danny serves as the club membership secretary. Danny is to be commended for his work with the club, especially for his record keeping and communication with club members, recruiting new members, and assisting with various fund raising activities. Danny, thank you for your dedication and time.

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 17th. Registration of children for the rodeo will not start until 10:00am. **Registered children will be given a ticket for prizes that will be drawn. The actual fishing during the Children's Fishing Rodeo will start at 12:00 pm and the raffle prizes will be drawn at 3:00 pm.** In addition to the annual spring raffle a special raffle drawing will be held for walking sticks and a brown trout wood burning plaque. 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 2015.

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 7:00 pm in the stone house at the nursery. No meetings are held during July and August. Your attendance and assistance in club activities is needed and greatly appreciated. Monthly meeting start times have changed to 7:00pm.

2015 Officers and Board Members

**President -----Dave Lippert
Vice President -----Larry Zimmerman
Treasurer-----Mike Feagley
Assistant Treasurer-----Larry Zimmerman
Secretary-----Charlie Carbaugh
Membership Secretary -----Daniel Eichelberger
Assistant Membership Secretary--- Glenn Bishop
Nursery Committee-----Harold Lynch
Assistant Nursery Committee-----Larry Zimmerman
Farm Committee-----Bill Peck
Board members elected for 2015--- Harold Lynch and Bill Peck
Board members elected for 2015 & 2016 ----- Glenn Doyle, Norm Mellott and Charlie Carbaugh**

Come to the nursery and share a day with family and friends on May 17th for the annual Open House and Children's Fishing Rodeo. Food stands will be open.

Thank you,
Charlie Carbaugh, Jr

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.

2014 WINNERS FOR THIS YEAR'S FALL RAFFLE WERE:

- 1st Place – HENRY GOLDEN BOY .22 Mag Rifle, Bill Dugan**
- 2nd Place – \$300, James Deshong**
- 3rd Place – Rem 12 ga Turkey Camo Shotgun, Lee R Barnes**
- 4th Place - Savage Muddy Girl .243 Rifle & Pink Binoculars, Daisy Doyle**
- 5th Place – \$150, Allen Landers**
- 6th Place – Fly rod Combo with Flies, John A. Washabaugh**
- 7th Place – Henry .22 Cal Rifle, Dylan Whiteside**
- 8th Place – Lazer Genetics 3.5x10x50 Rifle Scope, Rodney A. Buterbaugh, Sr**
- 9th Place – Alpen 8x25 Compact Binoculars, Jay Clouse**
- 10th Place - Spinning Rod Combo, Carol Manges**
- 11th Place – Hunting Knife Set, Roger F. Shetler**
- 12th Place – \$100, Rodney Chilcote**

Thank you,
Charles J. Carbaugh, Jr.

Secretary: Fulton County Sportsmenø League

Fish for free days are Sunday, May 24th and Independence Day, Saturday July 4th.

