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Newsletter of Bucks County Fish & Game Association

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Since the last newsletter a few things have happened that will be of great interest to the members. One is the restructuring of the dues system. It is not all that bad, so do not get all excited. The dues will be going up in 2008 and if you are a current member, it will still be under a hundred dollars for dues. As I have mentioned in the past at general membership meetings and newsletters, we must start running the club as a business in order to stay afloat. For years, we have spent more money than we were taking in. The membership committee will have a break down of the dues structure in this issue.

The Youth Field Day program which has been dormant for several years will kick off on the second weekend in Sept. on Sept. 8th. The events will consist of fly tying, rifle shooting, trapshooting, archery, trapping, and black powder. Lunch will be provided. Registration will start at 8:30 am in the clubhouse. A copy of the registration form will be in this newsletter, so if you plan to attend please fill out the form and send it to the address on the form. This will give us a head count so that we know how many youngsters will be attending. Flyers and forms will also be available at the club house, local gun shops and on the web site. Phone calls will be taken by Dick Orr at 215-962-5015 or Doc Satterfield at 267-231-8031. The politicians from Pittsburgh and Philadelphia introduced a bill called HB 760. This bill if it were to become law would make every gun owner in Pa. register each gun that you own at a ten dollar registration fee per gun. You would have to carry registration for that particular gun you have in your possession or pay a fine. As we all know this would escalate into a higher fine each year and probably confiscation of your firearm. At the time, I found out about HB 760 it was too late to put it in the newsletter and we had just had our membership meeting. Flyers were made up and distribute to the local gun shops and wherever we could get the message out. Through our email addresses that we have on file, we sent out flyers. Over two hundred emails went out to the members. I also emailed Dale Machesic at the Intelligencer and he responded by writing a super article, "Criminals Need Monitoring, Not Gun Owners. This will appear in this newsletter with Dale's permission. Through the efforts of Quinby's Gun Shop, they put together a bus trip to the state capitol for a Pro Gun Rally. Members from Boulder Valley Sportsman Club, Quinby's Gun Shop and a few board members from BCF&G were picked up by bus at the club grounds. Out of the two hundred emails sent out to the members, we got maybe one or two responses; however, we did manage to get a full busload. We missed the speakers, so we broke up into groups and paid a visit to our state reps. and senators. All of the politicians that we spoke to are for Second Amendment Rights, by the way, there were over five hundred registered people at the rally from different parts of the state. Philadelphia politicians have become so frustrated with their crime problem, they do not know what to do next except make more laws. People are taught that live in the high crime areas, not to say anything when a crime is committed or you will be next. We are fortunate to live where we do; we have some crime, but nowhere near in comparison as to Philadelphia. At our past membership meeting board member, Lynford Sine stood up and said something to the members that was very moving to me. Lynn said forget about being a republican or democrat if you want to protect your Second Amendment Rights vote for the candidate that supports them. Once we loose our Second Amendment Rights, we will never see them again. Call, email or right a letter to your politicians and ask them how they feel about second amendment rights and let them know your stance about gun ownership. Politicians like R. Godshall (R) 153, S. Greenleaf (R) 12, D. O'Brien (R) 169, J. Shapiro (D) 153, R. Taylor (D) 151 and K. Watson (R) of the 144 district all support our Second Amendment Rights. Think about these people the next time they are up for election if they are in your voting district. Our friendly commissioner Charley Martin will be at the Sept 27th membership meeting. It is of great importance that you come out and show your support for the club and the county commissioners that night. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this special meeting. As president, I try to let everyone know what is going on within the club. One thing that upsets the board and me is the lack of attendance at the membership meetings. There are twenty-five board members that maybe miss one or two meetings and spend countless hours to make sure that the club is in tiptop shape and everything is going well. Currently the way the meetings are going there are more new members than regular members at the meetings. If it were not for new members I would be talking to just the committee members and walls. I know by the end of the day most of us just want to sit back, enjoy what is left of the rest of the day because of our busy life styles, but out of two thousand members I think we can show a **LITTLE MORE SUPPORT WHEN IT COMES TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS**. On a much sadder note, Charley Cody passed away sometime in the beginning of April. Those of you that did not know Cody he was the best chef ever to run the clubs kitchen. Cody was always there and did not care if he made money or not, he just enjoyed the club and being around people. After leaving the club, Cody and his wife moved to Maine where his wife passed away, Cody then moved backed to Quakertown to spend his final days. Cody will be well missed for his quick wit and cooking. **MAY HE REST IN PEACE**.

Finally, the 75 yd. Range is back in operation. The backstop is designed with flip over plates. The plates are dow pinned at the top and welded on the bottom. When the plate wears on the one side, it is designed so that you cut the bottom welds and flip the steel plate over. Great engineering on Jule Maurer's part.

That is all I have for now. Enjoy the summer - get outdoors. Art Forgione

CRIMINALS NEED MONITORING, NOT GUN OWNERS Dale Machesic

This past week one of our staff photographers and I were heading to float stock the Tohickon Creek. It was one of those early Spring days when the weather was perfect(remember, before the freeze came back) and the birds were singing. He took some great shots of trout being introduced to the beautiful Tohickon. You'll see his slide show soon on our Web site(www.phillyburbs.com). I soon learned this gentleman and I had several things in common. One was our position on the rights of responsible gun owners. If you're unlike me and actually watch broadcast news originating from Philadelphia, no doubt you are aware of the alarming rate of gun violence taking place in the city. By alarming rate, I mean that statistics I've read indicate last year set a record for gun crimes and death rate in Philadelphia, and this year's gun-related crimes are actually ahead of last year. Any sensible American realizes something has to be done about this outrageous rate of crime. And it has to happen now. But that's exactly where this photographer and I are in alignment. It is time to focus on the humans behind the triggers. I can hear the computers starting up and the mad shuffle for the pen and paper. That's OK, I have big shoulders. I am a hunter. I own guns. I have never used my guns to commit a crime. I have no problem with you owning a gun or more than one gun for that matter. I have a problem with people who use guns to commit crimes. That sums it up. No matter how you feel about the bumper stickers or the thousands of people who belong to the many clubs where gun owners are welcome to enjoy their sport, they are simply all in unison saying what we all know. Guns are simply a tool. Placing limits on guns and on lawful gun ownership is just wrong. Stop this nonsensical rhetoric our governor and a handful of lawmakers are screaming at all the rubber chicken dinners they frequent. They are talking about registering all guns, rifles, shotguns, handguns, black powder guns. You name it. If it fires a projectile, they want it licensed. This is an age old knee jerk reaction of people who mean well, but as Dad used to say , might cut off their nose to spite their face. They believe if we make gun ownership more troublesome, if we make it more difficult to buy a gun or if we make owning a gun something that requires a level of regulatory control once reserved for criminals, we will be better off. Nonsense. If you believe making it more difficult to own a gun or requiring me to pay to register my gun will somehow prevent crime. You are hearing music law abiding gun owners do not hear. If you think I am wrong ask anyone from England if their ban on owning handguns had any effect on crime. It did. Violent crime rates went up. Why can't these same legislators stop the court system from putting away criminals who have broken the law while using a gun back on the street. Why can't we stop trying to punish law abiding citizens and start punishing the criminals? When someone buys a gun and uses it illegally, they should be removed from society. When you buy a gun and sell it illegally , you should rot in jail. We have gun laws that work. What we don't have is a system that effectively puts criminals behind bars and keeps them there. If the crime rate in Phila. is running amok something should be done about it. PA house bill no. 760 was introduced this week by a handful of state representatives. All of them represent districts in Phila. and Pittsburg. I'm certain all of them want gun violence to stop. So does everyone else. I would propose we do it by punishing the criminals and enforcing the laws in all districts of PA. Not by restricting law abiding citizens. Please excuse the thud. That is the sound of me jumping off my soapbox. If you want these legislators and the governor to get focused on the real issue, please write or call your rep. now. House bill No. 760 will require that each and every firearm be registered. This will require a \$10.00 fee. Per gun. It will require passport type photographic identification be carried with each gun. At all times. This proposal gets even better, because you will have to repeat the registration process and pay the fee each year. You can find all the state representatives contact information at www.legis.state.pa.us

WORDS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CREW

Well summer is finally here & the weather is getting better. The Board of Governors has made some changes to our DUES for 2008; they are going up for New Members as well as Renewals. Other changes are; late fee increased to \$20.00 single membership & \$40.00 for family memberships.

DUES NOT PAID BY MARCH 31st WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND WILL HAVE TO REJOIN THE CLUB AS A NEW MEMBER We are charging \$25.00 on all returned checks given us. Renewal forms are in the newsletter (Summer & Fall), on our web site (starting in August) WWW.BCFG.ORG and at the club house . The New Member Rates are posted for your reference only. We will be at the General meetings at 7pm, to take memberships, also on Sept 1st, Oct .13th ,and Nov. 10th from 9am till 12pm for renewals only.. When you renew your NRA membership if you would mention Bucks County Fish & Game club number B6311 the club will get a \$5.00 rebate from the NRA. This will help with our finances. We have over 900 members that belong to the NRA. When you fill out your renewal form if you have an E-Mail address, please list it and if you are an NRA member please check the NRA box. I would like to remind all that when on the club grounds & using the ranges **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU AND VISIBLE TO BE SEEN.** Have it on a neck chain, pinned on a lapel or hat. The card must be visible to see. **Make sure you know the RANGE RULES. NOT HAVING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AND NOT SIGNING WHEN USING THE RANGE IS AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION..** All four ranges have sign in sheets to use.

We have a new procedure when signing in. You need to write in your membership card number as well as sign your name **DO NOT PRINT.** We are having a problem with non club members using the club & using club member's numbers to sign in. By you signing your name we can tell if your signature does not match your membership application form.

There is a **NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR YOUR RENEWAL FORMS.**

SEC'Y / BCF&G P.O. BOX 465, RICHBORO, PA .18954

Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET RENEWAL FORMS FROM SUMMER, & FALL NEWSLETTER, CLUB HOUSE , OR

WEBSITE . Have a safe SUMMER Jim and Dick

YOUTH FIELD DAY
SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 8, 2007
Bucks County Fish & Game Assoc.
1745 Turk Road, Doylestown Pa 18901
Registration & Liability Release

PARENTS OR GUARDIAN must complete this form for the youngster (s) who will be participating in Bucks County Youth Field Day Program on Saturday, September 8, 2007

Please use a separate form or sheet for each individual attending the event
NAME (YOUTH) _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE () _____ AGE OF YOUTH _____ (AGES 10-16 ONLY)

Have you attended the Bucks County Youth Field Day before? Yes _____ No _____
Are you bringing someone who has never attended Youth Field Day before? Yes _____ No _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT

Name of accompanying adult _____

Space is limited to the first 150 applications. Youth should register before August 25, 2007.
Check-in on the day of event begins at 8:30 INSIDE THE CLUBHOUSE. All Youngsters should be there by that time.
There is no fee for this event. Donations appreciated.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I, _____, do hereby permit the child listed above to participate in the various activities offered by the BUCKS COUNTY YOUTH FIELD DAY. I do hereby release any Sportsman's Club, the Sponsors, all State Agencies, the Staff and any other volunteers of the YOUTH FIELD DAY, from any liability due to any accident or injury incurred during the YOUTH FIELD DAY activity.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT _____ DATE _____

I can _____ cannot _____ volunteer for the program.

MAIL APPLICATION TO:

BUCKS COUNTY YOUTH DAY

C/O Brain Heebner 865 Meadowood Lane Warminster, Pa. 18974 Any questions, call Brian Heebner 215-773-9329

NOTE: If you would like to be grouped together, please mail ALL applications for a group together in one envelope. We cannot guarantee grouping, but this will greatly increase the chances.

Paul Try
WASHINGTON

Law & Legislative

H.R. 1022: "National Standard for the Carrying of Certain Concealed Firearms by Non-Residents"

A Bill was introduced by Representative Carolyn McCarthy (D-N.Y.) with the stated purpose, "to reauthorize the assault weapons ban, and for other purposes." McCarthy's verbiage warrants explanation. Presumably, what she means by "assault weapons ban" is the Clinton Gun Ban of 1994. Congress allowed the ban to expire in 2004 for multiple reasons, including the fact that federal, state and local law enforcement agency studies showed that guns affected by the ban had been used in only a small percentage of crime, before and after the ban was imposed.

With the nation's murder rate 43% lower than in 1991, and the re-legalized guns still used in only a small percentage of crime, reauthorizing the Clinton Gun Ban would be objectionable enough. But McCarthy's "other purposes" would make matters even worse. H.R. 1022 would ban every gun listed by the Clinton ban, plus millions more guns, including the following:

- Every gun made to comply with the Clinton ban.
- Guns exempted by the Clinton ban.
- All semi-automatic shotguns.
- All detachable-magazine semi-automatic rifles-including, for example, the ubiquitous Ruger 10/22 .22 rim-fire because they have “any characteristic that can function as a grip.”
- Target shooting rifles. (E.g the Colt AR-15, the Springfield M1A and the M1 “Garand.”)
- Any semi-automatic shotgun or rifle that one day an Attorney General claims isn’t “sporting.
- 65 named guns (the Clinton law banned 19 by name.

H.R. 1022 would also ban the importation of magazines exempted by the Clinton ban, and the sale of legally owned “assault weapons” with a magazine of over 10 rounds capacity. Finally, whereas the Clinton Gun Ban was imposed for a 10-year trial period, H.R. 1022 would be a permanent ban.

H.R. 96: “Gun Show Loophole Closing Act of 2007”

Introduced by Representative M. Castle (R-Del), the Bill would impose bureaucratic restrictions aimed at shutting down gun shows and make no real improvements to the NICS system while creating gun owner registration, massive new government red tape, and allowing harassment of gun show organizers, vendors and attendees.

Please be sure to contact your U.S. Representative and urge him/her or her to oppose H.R. 96 and H.R. 1022.

PENNSYLVANIA

H.B. 641: No Duty to Retreat “Castle Doctrine”

Introduced by Representative Steven W. Cappelli (R-83rd), the Bill would fully restore the legality of law-abiding gun owners to use lethal force to defend themselves and others outside of their homes, businesses, automobiles or in state parks against violent criminals.

H.B. 760: The “Gun Registration Act of 2007”

Introduced by State Representatives Angel Cruz (D-180), and Lawrence Curry (D-154). This misguided proposal would require every gun in Pennsylvania to be registered annually with the state. The registration would cost law-abiding gun owners \$10 per gun each year. Of course, criminals won’t pay anything BECAUSE CRIMINALS DON’T REGISTER GUNS! In fact, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Haynes v. U.S.* (309 U.S. 85 (1968)) that since felons are prohibited from owning firearms, compelling them to register them would violate their 5th Amendment rights against self-incrimination. However, if a law-abiding gun owner fails to register it, he or she will be jailed and lose his or her Second Amendment rights FOREVER. The measure would require each gun owner submit to fingerprinting, have a background check, and include passport-style photos for the registration cards. The registration card for each gun would then have to be carried with that gun at all times. To make matters worse, if the state should reject your application for any reason, YOUR GUNS WILL BE CONFISCATED.

Please contact your State Representative today and ask him/her to support HB 641 and oppose HB 760.

JULY 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Youth Archery	3 Fun Trap, Indoor archery	4 Indoor Pistol	5 Fun Trap	6 Fun Trap, archery	7 ATA Trap, CMP Match
8	9 Youth Archery	10 Fun Trap, Indoor archery	11 Indoor Pistol	12 Fun Trap	13 Fun Trap, archery	14 ATA Trap, Buffalo Wal-low Shoot
15 Muzzleloader FunShoot ArcheryShoot	16 Youth Archery	17 Fun Trap, Indoor archery	18 Indoor Pistol	19 Fun Trap	20 Fun Trap, archery	21
22 ATA Trap, Blackpowder Silhouette Shoot	23 Youth Archery	24 Fun Trap, Indoor archery	25 Indoor Pistol	26 Fun Trap Membership Meeting 8pm	27 Fun Trap, archery	28 Outside Shoot
29 ATA Trap,	30 Youth Archery	31 Fun Trap, Indoor archery				

AUGUST 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Indoor Pistol	2 Fun Trap	3 Fun Trap, archery	4 ATA Trap, CMP Match
5	6 Youth Archery	7 Fun Trap, Indoor archery	8 Indoor Pistol	9 Fun Trap	10 Fun Trap, archery	11 ATA Trap
12 Muzzleloader Fun Shoot ArcheryShoot	13 Youth Archery	14 Fun Trap, Indoor archery	15 Indoor Pistol	16 Fun Trap	17 Fun Trap, archery	18
19 ATA Trap	20 Youth Archery	21 Fun Trap, Indoor archery	22 Indoor Pistol	23 Fun Trap Membership Meeting 8pm	24 Fun Trap, archery	25
26 ATA Trap, Blackpowder Silhouette Shoot	27 Youth Archery	28 Fun Trap, Indoor archery	29 Indoor Pistol	30 Fun Trap	31 Fun Trap, archery	

SEPTEMBER 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 ATA Trap, CMP Match
2	3 Youth Archery	4 Fun Trap, Indoor archery	5 Indoor Pistol	6 Fun Trap	7 Fun Trap, archery	8 ATA Trap, Youth Field Day
9 Muzzleloader Fun Shoot ArcheryShoot	10 Youth Archery	11 Fun Trap, Indoor archery	12 Indoor Pistol	13 Fun Trap	14 Fun Trap, archery	15
16 ATA Trap,	17 Youth Archery	18 Fun Trap, Indoor archery	19 Indoor Pistol	20 Fun Trap Membership Meeting 8pm	21 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery	22 MidAtlantic TripleCrown
23 ATA Trap, Blackpowder Silhouette Shoot , MidAtlantic Triple Crown	24 Youth Archery	25 Fun Trap, Indoor archery	26 Indoor Pistol	27 Fun Trap	28 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery	29
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BASIC RIFLE

It is time to bring our program to an end for the summer. We will begin again on September 21 at 7pm. We congratulate Mike Holinski and Tom Porter for their hard work at becoming Sharp Shooters! This is not an easy feat to accomplish! On July 28th we will have an outside shoot that will include archery, 22 shooting, and fishing on the stream behind the rifle range. There will be lunch and please bring a fishing rod and hooks. We will supply the food and beverages for this event. We will supply the bows and arrows for the archery shoot. The cost is \$5.00 per child. Please RSVP by July 21 if interested so we can purchase the food and beverages appropriately.

If we have a good turn out we will have more of these types of events during the summer months. Please contact Brian Heebner at 215-773-9329 home or 215-629-6719 cell. You can also email us through the web site. We had a lot of fun this year teaching the children and we hope they learned a lot. Have a happy and safe summer. See you in September!

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT WITH ARTICLES THIS MONTH HENCE THE LACK OF SPACE.

FROM THE RANGE

By the time you all read this we will have held our first silhouette shoot. The event was scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month and features 30 steel targets at various ranges. Three classes of firearms are permitted.

1. Muzzleloaders firing patched round balls
2. Civil War era rifled muskets firing "minnie balls"
3. Archaic breech loaders, ie: sharps, Rollingblocks, Trap doors,

lever guns of all types and manually operated military firearms. Smokeless propellants are OK, but these types of guns must fire cast bullets, NO jacketed bullets are permitted.

There are flyers posted on the ranges noting details and phone contacts for our silhouette shoots. We encourage your questions. Incidentally, those of you who may be wary of using cast bullets in your "03" Springfields, Enfields, Mauser, Krag and other older military arms should look into using cast bullets. Thanks to some of the more knowledgeable friends at BCFG I was introduced to the use of cast bullets in these types of firearms. While I have no idea of their accuracy beyond 100 yds. Cast bullets at 100 yds. are remarkably accurate even in worn out barrels. Bullets are available from several different vendors and they are really cheap. Give them a try and come out and shoot with us.

Yr obt svt Earl Whitmore



Pro Gun Rally in Harrisburg
Pictured

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