



Fall 2009

OUTDOORS BUCKS

Newsletter of Bucks County Fish & Game Association

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It seems the last time I started out with my summer report we were experiencing a lot of rain, and now that we are approaching the end of summer and it's still raining. At least we had a rather cool summer up until August, which made life a little easier.

I don't have much to report other than things are going on as well as can be expected. Our club treasurer reports we are right on target with this year's budget and our membership secretary reports that renewals are starting to come in and at the present time we are close to 2000 members for 2009.

Traps are on the up swing and shooters that we lost in the past are returning according to Charlie Ziccardi. Jim, Charlie and Frank have some great ideas for improving the trap program, which are starting to pay off. One day I stopped by to see Charlie and I was paid a compliment by a trap shooter that I don't even know as to what a great job the board is doing in running the club. That really made me feel good. A lot of people think it's an easy job, but it's not. There are times we experience problems just as if you were running your own business. We try to make the best decisions so it does not put the club in harms way.

Right now as I am doing this report I am concentrating on Youth Field Day and hoping for good weather so that everyone can enjoy this eventful day. We added two more events to the program. Hunting dogs and Victor Calazzo will have his birds of prey on display. He will explain all there is to know about the birds.

Several members have brought to my attention a few things pertaining to the range. One is the use of high powdered rifles on the 25 yd. range. You can only use high powered rifles on the 25 yd. range only if you are using cast bullets. Cast bullets are a strictly lead alloy bullets and do not have a copper jacket. The reason for this they will not do damage like a jacketed bullet because they travel at a slower rate of speed as compared to a copper jacketed bullet. A jacketed bullet travels at a much higher rate of speed and creates a lot more energy in terms of feet per second. If you brought your ammo at a sporting goods store its copper jacketed ammo. People that reload are the ones that may use cast bullets for reloading. Two, is the use of face type targets. Face targets are prohibited no matter how much you hate the enemy. Three, there seems to be a problem with the amount of guest that people bring in. Some members bring 4 to 5 guests and fail to supervise them. The member must be in full control of their guest. Therefore, as of the first of December 2009 we are putting a two-guest limit per member each time a member wants to bring a guest. This will apply on all firearm and archery ranges. This does not apply to any club sponsored shoot. Sorry, but it only takes a few to ruin it for the rest and safety is the key factor here.

That's all I have for now. Hopefully, the fall weather will be a lot nicer so that you and a youngster can get out and enjoy the Great Outdoors.

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WASHINGTON

S. 1290 “THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2010” An amendment to this Bill introduced by Senator John Thune (R-SD) would have required all states to recognize concealed carry licenses and permits from every other state, just the same as states now recognize a driver’s license from another state. The amendment required that licensees comply with the concealed carry permit laws of the state in which they were carrying, contrary to the media claims that “criminals would be able to obtain licenses and carry firearms inter-state.” The amendment failed by a vote of 58 yeas to 39 nays (the amendment vote required a 60 vote majority for passage). Senator Specter voted no, Senator Casey voted yes.

U.S. CUSTOMS PROPOSAL RE; “ASSISTED OPENING KNIVES” On July 11th the Senate unanimously passed an amendment to the Homeland Security appropriations bill, HR 2892, that would exempt assisted-opening knives that can only be opened with exertion applied to the blade by hand, wrist or arm from the federal law that criminalizes commerce in switchblades. The bill is now in the House-Senate Conference Committee.

The U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) on May 21st proposed revoking earlier rulings that assisted opening knives are not switchblades. The proposed new rule would have not only outlawed assisted opening knives, its new broad definition of a switchblade would also include one-handed opening knives and could be easily interpreted to cover most other pocket knives, even simple old-fashioned slip-joints. The CBP’s interpretation of the Federal Switchblade Act forms the basis for national, state and even local law and judicial rulings in many cases. This ruling by CBP was NOT limited to just imports. This could have affected virtually everyone who carries a pocket knife, no matter the type!

PENNSYLVANIA

COALITION OF “MAYORS AGAINST ILLEGAL GUNS:”

Four area borough mayors from Doylestown, Ambler, Hatboro and Telford have joined the coalition of mayors founded by New York City Mayor Bloomberg and championed by Pennsylvania Governor Rendell and Philadelphia Mayor Nutter. The goal of the coalition is to adopt restrictive guns laws at the local municipality level. These laws violate Pennsylvania’s state preemption law, Chapter 18, Section 6120 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes and the Pennsylvania Constitution.

There currently are eight municipalities throughout the state that have adopted these types of laws, Allentown, Pottsville, Reading, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre and Lancaster. Additionally, on August 5, 2009, Erie City Council unanimously approved an ordinance requiring gun owners to report within 72 hours the loss or theft of a firearm.

The NRA in April filed a lawsuit in Allegheny County Court seeking to overturn Pittsburgh’s lost-and-stolen reporting law, claiming the ordinance violates the state’s Uniform Firearms Act, which prohibits municipalities from regulating the “lawful ownership, possession, transfer or transportation of firearms.” On June 17, 2009, in response to suit filed by the NRA, a state appeals court ruled that Philadelphia cannot enforce an assault weapons ban and a law prohibiting guns bought by one person and given to another. The 6-1 ruling marked the latest setback for the city. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has previously upheld the state’s exclusive right to enact gun laws.

HR 319 “Opposing Blair Holt’s Firearm Licensing Bill [Congressional HR 45]” This bill was introduced by State Representative Bryan Cutler (R-100) on May 29, 2009, urges the Congress of the United States to cease and desists from attempting to enact any Federal legislation infringing on the constitutional right of every American to keep and bear arms, specifically HR 45, The Blair Holt Firearm Licensing and Records of Sale.

HB 1292 “Revocation of a license to carry firearms” This bill was introduced by State Representative Bryan Cutler (R-100) on June 8, 2009, and would provide for notification by certified mail and the right to an evidentiary hearing for licensee having license to carry revoked.

HB 1590 “Restricting right to carry firearms in cities” This bill was introduced by State Representative Jake Wheatley (D-19) on June 2, 2009, and would prohibit carrying a firearm upon the public streets or property in a city of the first or second class.

HB 1620 “Sunday Hunting with Bow” This bill was introduced by State Representative Marc Gerfely (D-35) on June 5, 2009, and would permit Sunday hunting with a bow.

H.B. 1541 “LIMITATIONS TO MUNICIPALITIES TO REGULATE FIREARMS” This bill was introduced by State Representative Daryl Metcalff (R-12) on May 26, 2009, and would restrict municipalities from enacting restrictions on firearms and ammunition.

H.B. 92 “HUNTING LICENSE COSTS AND FEES” This bill was introduced by State Representative Edward Staback (D-115), chairman of the House Game & Fisheries Committee on April 29, 2009, and restricts the fee for costs associated with the new Pennsylvania Automated Licensing Service (PAL) to not exceed \$1.00, has been approved by the state house and senate and signed into law by the governor on July 17, 2009.

NEW JERSEY

On August 6, 2009, Governor Corzine signed into law a bill that prohibits an individual from purchasing more than one handgun within a 30-day period. The state already requires an individual to first obtain a permit to purchase – a process which includes an extensive background check and a minimum of 30 days to complete. This law is just another step that anti-gun legislators are taking to erode our right to keep and bear arms.

Members are encouraged to contact their State and/or Federal legislators and urge them to reject all proposed laws that restrict the right to keep and bear arms guaranteed to citizens by the Constitution of the United States as well as the State of Pennsylvania.

The NRA continues to spend millions of dollars defending citizens' Second Amendment rights from numerous city ordinances, state and federal laws that violate the Constitution. The NRA, the largest national firearm rights organization, was established in 1871 and has been the premier organization in firearms safety training and protecting the rights of all Americans to keep and bear arms. Less than half of the Bucks County Fish & Game Association members are currently members of the NRA. To support The 2nd Amendment all BCF&G members are urged to become members of the NRA. Membership can be accomplished by going onto the BCF&G web site www.bcfg.org and clicking on the membership tab and then on the "Join NRA Here" icon or by calling the NRA toll free 1-800-672-0004. NRA is a small investment everyone should make in retaining firearms freedom.

"Arms in the hands of the citizens may be used at individual discretion...in private self-defense." – James Madison



A Great Event for Gun Enthusiasts....

Berks County Long Rifles & Gunmakers are having an exhibit of rare antique rifles & accoutrements made in Berks County, Pennsylvania, 1750-1900

Location: The Historical Society of Berks County
940 Center Ave, Reading, PA

Dates: September 12 – December 31, '09

Highlights of exhibit include 14 rifles from Joe Kindig collection, 1750 – 1830. The first signed & dated American rifle, 1761, from Dupont collection. Rare elaborate rifle by Anthony Fricker, c 1800. Rifles by member Angstadts family, 1700 – 1850. William Shener rifle & pistol, c 1790. Swivel rifle by Leonard Reedy, c 1800. Folk art rifle by Johannes Neff, signed 1808. Only known child's rifle & fowler, c 1790, by Wolfgang Haga. 18th century German Jaeger rifle. Rare powder horns, gun barrels & gunmaking tools. If you have a love of history and the evolution of rifles this is a must see exhibit.

From The Rifle & Pistol Shed



Several times each year, BCF&G holds fun shoots. These shoots have themes associated with events in American history and are a significant departure from shooting at paper targets.

The targets are generally breakable or reactive and vary with the theme. Rifle restrictions also change with the shoot theme.

The shoot themes include Revolutionary War long-rifles, Plains Indian Wars, World War One, and World War Two, hunting shoots, etc. Because folks who hold these shoots have other shooting commitments, we cannot schedule or advertise them with any precision in the club news. However, they are clearly posted on the 50 and 100 yard range sheds several weeks in advance.

The shoots are open to all and children are encouraged to participate. Fees are quite modest.

If you have any questions, please call Earl Whitmore, 215 766 9175, Black powder committee chairmen.

OCTOBER 2009

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | | 1 | 2 Basic Rifle (7pm) Trap (11-4) | 3 Trap (10-4) |
| 4 | 5 Youth Archery (7pm) | 6 Trap (11-4) | 7 Indoor Pistol (7:15pm) | 8 | 9 Basic Rifle (7pm) Trap (11-4) | 10 Trap (10-4), Shoot for the Cure |
| 11 Shoot for the Cure | 12 Youth Archery (7pm) | 13 Trap (11-4) | 14 Indoor Pistol (7:15pm) | 15 Board Meet (7:30pm) | 16 Basic Rifle (7pm) Trap (11-4) | 17 |
| 18 ATA Trap (11am), Chet Vacca memorial 3D shoot and swap meet 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM | 19 Youth Archery (7pm) | 20 Trap (11-4) | 21 Indoor Pistol (7:15 pm) | 22 General Meet (8pm) | 23 Basic Rifle (7pm) Trap (11-4) | 24 |
| 25 ATA Trap (11am) Sil- houette Shoot (11am) | 26 Youth Archery (7pm) | 27 Trap (11-4) | 28 Indoor Pistol (7:15pm) | 29 | 30 Trap (11-4) | 31 |

NOVEMBER 2009

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1 | 2 Youth Archery (7pm) | 3 Trap (11-4), Archery(7pm) | 4 Indoor Pistol (7:15pm) | 5 | 6 Basic Rifle (7pm) Trap (11-4) | 7 Trap (10-4) |
| 8 Outdoor 3-D shoot | 9 Youth archery (7pm) | 10 Trap (11-4), Archery(7pm) | 11 Indoor Pistol (7:15pm) | 12 Board Meet (7:30pm), | 13 Basic Rifle (7pm) Trap (11-4) | 14 Trap (10-4) |
| 15 Trap (11-4) | 16 Youth Archery (7pm) | 17 Trap (11-4), Archery(7pm) | 18 Indoor Pistol (7:15pm) | 19 General Meeting (8pm) | 20 Basic Rifle (7pm) Trap (11-4) | 21 |
| 22 Trap (11-4) | 23 Youth Archery (7pm) | 24 Trap (11-4), Archery(7pm) | 25 Indoor Pistol (7:15pm) | 26 | 27 Basic Rifle (7pm) Trap (11-4) | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

DECEMBER 2009

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | 1 Trap (11-4) Archery (7 pm) | 2 Indoor Pistol (7:15pm) | 3 | 4 Basic Rifle (7pm) Trap (11-4) | 5 Trap (10-4) |
| 6 | 7 Youth Archery (7pm) | 8 Trap (11-4) Archery (7 pm) | 9 Indoor Pistol (7:15pm) | 10 Board meet (7:30pm) | 11 Basic Rifle (7pm) Trap (11-4) | 12 Trap (10-4) |
| 13 | 14 Youth Archery (7pm) | 15 Trap (11-4), Archery (7 pm) | 16 Indoor Pistol (7:15pm) | 17 General meet (8pm) | 18 Basic Rifle (7pm) Trap (11-4) | 19 |
| 20 Trap (11-4) | 21 Youth Archery (7pm) | 22 Trap (11-4) Archery (7 pm) | 23 Indoor Pistol (7:15pm) | 24 | 25 Basic Rifle (7pm) Trap (11-4) | 26 |
| 27 Trap (11-4) Silhouette Shoot(11am) | 28 Youth Archery (7pm) | 29 Trap (11-4) Archery (7 pm) | 30 | 31 | | |

Words from the Membership Crew

ALERT! – skunk season is upon us. For all you pet lovers (as I am), whose pets may have been sprayed, or will be, here is my secret weapon. (tomato juice does not work!) – this does. Mix 1 quart hydrogen peroxide, 1/4 cup baking soda, and 1 teaspoon hand soap. Do not dilute with water, use straight as directed. Use as often as needed on you or your pet. Do not use on upholstery or rugs – that’s a whole other ballgame.

RENEW – RENEW - RENEW

Officially the 2010 season opens Sept. 1st. 2009. However, I will accept renewals before that. Dues must be paid by DEC.31st TO AVOID A PENALTY FEE. IF YOUR DUES ARE NOT PAID BY MARCH 31ST YOU WILL DROPPED FROM THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND MAILING LIST. YOU WILL HAVE TO RE-JOIN THE CLUB AT NEW MEMBER RATES.

We are charging \$25.00 on all returned checks. Renewal forms were in the newsletter (Spring, Summer, Fall & Winter), and on our website; www.bcfg.org, at the clubhouse and in the 100 yard rifle shed. I will be at the General meetings at 7 pm every month to take memberships. New members MUST COME TO THE GENERAL MEETING TO JOIN BCF&G. When you renew your NRA membership, please 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 and have an E-mail address, please list it as we hope to start sending the newsletter over the internet soon, and again, if you are an NRA member, please check the NRA box “yes” or “no”.

The mailing address for your renewal forms is: SEC’Y/BCF&G P.O. BOX 465, RICHBORO, PA 18954
PLEASE INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE.

When on the club grounds and using the ranges, YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU AND IT MUST BE VISIBLE. Have it on a neck chain, pinned on a lapel or hat. Make sure you know the range rules. NOT HAVING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD, AND NOT SIGNING IN AND OUT WHEN USING THE RANGE IS AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION. Four ranges; rifle/pistol, hand trap, and both archery venues, all 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.

If you have any questions, go to our website, and click on F.A.Q’s. If you still need help, e-mail the Membership@bcfg.org. I can usually help you; if not, I will direct you to someone who can. JIM SEC’Y/BCF&G

**BUCKS COUNTY FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION
NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM 2010**

DATE OF APPLICATION _____

Membership is for one calendar year January 1st thru December 31st.
 This form **DOES NOT** entitle the holder to use the RANGE FACILITIES. You may only use the facilities as a member or as the guest of a current member.
No Individual may become a new member by mail. DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM-BRING IT WITH YOU TO AN ORIENTATION MEETING. All new members must come to the club for safety & rules orientation, which is given at each general meeting. General meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 pm. New members should arrive by 7 pm for the orientation.

| Category | Description | New Member Rate (Single Year) | New Member Rate(5 Years) |
|--------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Adult Male | Men 18 thru 64 years of age in membership year | \$185.00 | \$440.00 |
| Adult Female | Women 18 thru 64 years of age in membership year | \$160.00 | \$340.00 |
| Junior | Children 17 years of age & younger in membership year | \$20.00 | N/A |
| Family | Adult male & Female & any children 17 years of age & younger | \$250.00 | N/A |
| Senior | Men & Women 65 years of age and older or turning 65 in the membership year. Must provide proof of age. | \$140.00 | \$260.00 |

Any questions E-Mail membership@bcfg.org or attend the general meeting. There is a \$5.00 charge to replace lost membership cards.

| Please Print Members name | Birth Date | Occupation | Membership Rate | Sex M/F | NRA YES/NO | Club Use(Card #) |
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| Email _____ | | | |

How did you hear about Bucks County Fish & Game?

I certify that I am a citizen of the United States. That I am not a member of any subversive organization that may attempt to overthrow the government of the United States by force or violence. I have never been convicted of a crime of violence. If admitted to membership, I will uphold the Constitution and By-Laws of the Bucks County Fish & Game Assoc. My conduct, at all times will reflect good citizenship and sportsmanship and safety.

Sponsor's Name _____ Card # _____ Applicant's Signature _____ Interests: Archery _____,
 Black Powder _____, Rifle _____, Trap _____, Fishing _____, Other _____ Web Site: www.bcfg.org Form 5/22/2008

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YOUTH FIELD DAY



We have had another wonderful Youth field day. Thank you to all the participants and we all look forward to another great day next year. All the pictures in the newsletter are from our event this year.

Thank you and looking forward now to a wonderful Fall season.



Visit us online and be sure to
RENEW your membership.
www.bcfg.org

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