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Newsletter of Bucks County Fish & Game Association

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I guess we all thought we were going to escape the harsh winter months, but Mother Nature finally got her way with the frigid cold, ice and snow. I hope that when you read this newsletter the weather outside will be more like spring. No more cabin fever, we can finally get out and enjoy the great outdoors.

Right now, the board is trying to put together a budget for 2008. As of the last several years, the club has been spending more money than we are taking in. Our primary focus will be to create a budget to keep pace with our spending. Whether it is a business or household we all try to create a budget to keep control of our available funds and spending. The board must do this in order for the club to stay afloat. We realize many members will support a dues increase and some will not. Many things over the years that needed attention were let go and eventually we paid the price. The board is trying to look at this in a realistic way. However you look at it, we need a dues increase to stay afloat. The board will do the best to keep the increase at a reasonable level.

The clubhouse has a new soda machine and we are working on getting a snack machine put in. It did not cost the member's a dime. Pepsi handles it all. They do the stocking and repairs and the club gets five cents for every bottle sold.

The big change at the club is the clocks that we installed to let you know when shooting times are over. They will be set within a half hour before sunset as times change through out the year. If you go on the club's website www.BCFG.org and go on range conditions, it will take you to the sunrise, sunset website. Follow the directions and you can pull up a calendar for the month that we are in and the sunset times. I hope this satisfies the people that felt they were not getting enough shooting time. As president, I heard the complaints and felt this was the best solution.

That is all I have for now. Enjoy the up coming warm months!

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Bucks County Fish and Game Association SWAP MEET

Saturday, 26 May 2007 (9 am to 2:30 pm)

Buy, sell and trade any items sporting good related.

All fishing, hunting, military related, reloading, target shooting and other sporting good related items are allowed.

BCF&G club members and their guests may set up one table for display and sale at no cost. Tables and space are limited and will be given out on a first come first serve basis. All individuals wishing to set up a table at the swap meet must call and confirm space. To reserve a table or space for one, call (215) 766-1331. After April 8th, non-members from other Gun clubs may reserve space, if it is still available. Approximately 33 vendor spaces are available, with 21 tables for the first 21 reservations.

Who can come?

BCF&G members and their guests. Members of Branch Valley Gun club, Langhorne Rod & Gun, Delaware Valley gun club and any other PA gun club, (all for free).

Cost to enter:

FREE (as long as one has a membership card from one of the above organizations or are guest of member)

Cost to reserve a table or space for one:

FREE (as long as space is available)

More Info? (215) 766-1331

On site Coffee and Donuts

Note: All Federal and Commonwealth of PA laws must be obeyed



FYI

Lawmakers often host town hall meetings in their districts -- especially during congressional recesses -- to tout their achievements and solicit feedback from their constituents. Such meetings are a prime opportunity for you to ask your lawmakers to state their position on the Second Amendment and gun-related issues for the record, in an open and public forum. Scroll down to view the complete listing of town hall meetings NRA-ILA has available to see if your Representative is hosting any of these events, and make plans to attend, and share this information with your family, friends, and fellow firearm owners.

FROM THE RIFLE SHED

Beginning in April, we will be expanding our rifle shooting program. There will be reactive steel silhouette targets at various ranges. The course of fire will be 30-40 shots. We will have three categories of firearms: traditional muzzleloaders, civil war era rifled muskets and “archaic” breech loading guns, including sharps, rolling block, trap doors, lever guns of any type and bolt action military rifles, ect. While black powder is NOT necessary for the latter type weapons, they MUST ONLY fire cast bullets! This is for safety reasons.

We will also continue our monthly FUN SHOOTS at the same time. The fee for the silhouette course will be \$6.00 and the Fun Shoot will be \$3.00. There is no guest fee for non-members participating in these shoots; however guests can only shoot the program. Also the shoot dates will be moved from our current second Sunday date to the fourth Sunday. Also please note that the ranges will still be open for our members who will not be shooting in the formal shoot. However, the range will be under control of the “shoot”. Finally there will be a cash discount for the first and second shooters in each of the above noted categories, payable at the following monthly shoot.

We plan to hold three specialty shoots this year. Two will feature archaic firearms in a “historical” context and the third will be a running deer event. The dates will be posted on the flyers at the ranges.

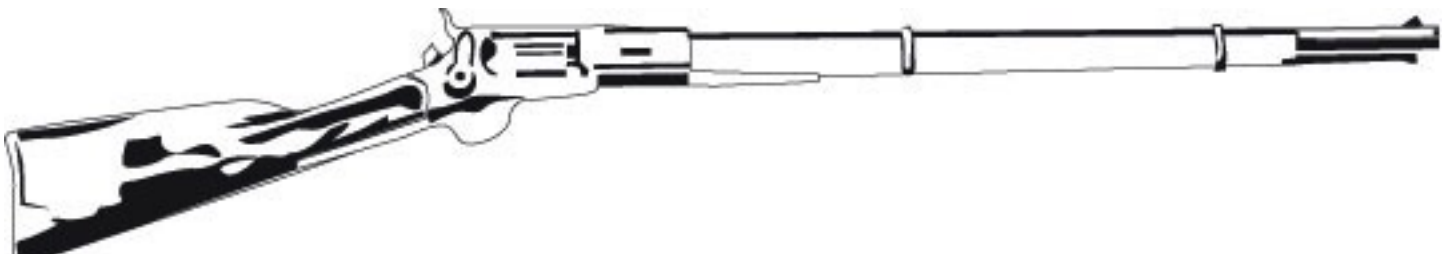
Please refer your questions to our range officers or call Earl Whitmore at 215-766-9075 or Leo Watrin at 215-542-3839.

Remember-Follow our range rules. They are clearly posted and are there for your (and my) safety.

Yr. obdt svt. Earl Whitmore

BASIC RIFLE

Basic Rifle continues to shoot on Friday nights from 7-9. Our class is growing and going strong. We just purchased 8 new 22 rifles. These guns are lighter so we can start shooting all four positions. We are getting between 14-18 kids per week. The cost of our class is \$3.00 or \$5.00 per family. We expect to start doing some activities outdoors when the weather breaks. No dates available yet, keep checking the web site for dates, times, and cost. Kevin and I would like to thank the parents that lend a helping hand when it is busy. Thanks to the archery gang for allowing us to also shoot archery after the rifle class on Friday night. We do stay a little later to shoot some archery. New members and guests are welcome. You do not have to be a member to join us on Friday nights.



APRIL 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sunset: 7:23pm	2 Youth Archery Sunset: 7:24pm	3 Fun Trap, Indoor archery Sunset: 7:25pm	4 Indoor Pistol Sunset: 7:26pm	5 Fun Trap Sunset: 7:27pm	6 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery Sunset: 7:28pm	7 ATA Trap, CMP Match Sunset: 7:29pm
8 Closed Easter Sunday Sunset: 7:30pm	9 Youth Archery Sunset: 7:31pm	10 Fun Trap, Indoor archery Sunset: 7:32pm	11 Indoor Pistol Sunset: 7:33pm	12 Fun Trap Sunset: 7:34pm	13 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery Sunset: 7:35pm	14 ATA Trap Sunset: 7:36pm
15 ArcheryShoot Sunset: 7:37pm	16 Youth Archery Sunset: 7:38pm	17 Fun Trap, Indoor archery Sunset: 7:40pm	18 Indoor Pistol Sunset: 7:41pm	19 Fun Trap Sunset: 7:42pm	20 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery Sunset: 7:43pm	21 Sunset: 7:44pm
22 Muzzleloader FunShoot,ATA Trap Sunset: 7:45pm	23 Youth Archery Sunset: 7:46pm	24 Fun Trap, Indoor archery Sunset: 7:47pm	25 Indoor Pistol Sunset: 7:48pm	26 Fun Trap Membership Meeting 8pm Sunset: 7:49pm	27 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery Sunset: 7:50pm	28 Sunset: 7:51pm
29 Sunset: 7:52pm	30 Youth Archery Sunset: 7:53pm					

MAY 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Sunset: 7:54pm	2 Sunset: 7:55pm	3 Fun Trap Sunset: 7:56pm	4 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery Sunset: 7:57pm	5 ATA Trap, CMP Match Sunset: 7:58pm
6 Sunset: 7:59pm	7 Youth Archery Sunset: 8:00pm	8 Fun Trap, Indoor archery Sunset: 8:01pm	9 Indoor Pistol Sunset: 8:02pm	10 Fun Trap Sunset: 8:03pm	11 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery Sunset: 8:04pm	12 ATA Trap Sunset: 8:05pm
13 ArcheryShoot Sunset: 8:06pm	14 Youth Archery Sunset: 8:07pm	15 Fun Trap, Indoor archery Sunset: 8:08pm	16 Indoor Pistol Sunset: 8:09pm	17 Fun Trap Sunset: 8:10pm	18 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery Sunset: 8:11pm	19 Sunset: 8:12pm
20 ATA Trap Sunset: 8:13pm	21 Youth Archery Sunset: 8:14pm	22 Fun Trap, Indoor archery Sunset: 8:14pm	23 Indoor Pistol Sunset: 8:15pm	24 Fun Trap Membership Meeting 8pm Sunset: 8:16pm	25 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery Sunset: 8:17pm	26 Sunset: 8:18pm
27 Muzzleloader FunShoot,ATA Trap Sunset: 8:19pm	28 Youth Archery Sunset: 8:20pm	29 Fun Trap, Indoor archery Sunset: 8:20pm	30 Indoor Pistol Sunset: 8:21pm	31 Fun Trap Sunset: 8:22pm		

JUNE 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery Sunset: 8:23pm	2 ATA Trap, CMP Match Sunset: 8:23pm
3 Sunset: 8:24pm	4 Youth Archery Sunset:8:25pm	5 Fun Trap, Indoor archery Sunset:8:25pm	6 Indoor Pistol Sunset: 8:26pm	7 Fun Trap Sunset: 8:27pm	8 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery Sunset: 8:27pm	9 ATA Trap Sunset: 8:28pm
10 ArcheryShoot Sunset: 8:29pm	11 Youth Archery Sunset:8:29pm	12 Fun Trap, Indoor archery Sunset:8:30pm	13 Indoor Pistol Sunset: 8:30pm	14 Fun Trap Sunset: 8:31pm	15 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery Sunset: 8:31pm	16 Sunset: 8:31pm
17 ATA Trap, Sunset: 8:32pm	18 Youth Archery Sunset:8:32pm	19 Fun Trap, Indoor archery Sunset:8:32pm	20 Indoor Pistol Sunset: 8:33pm	21 Fun Trap Membership Meeting 8pm Sunset: 8:33pm	22 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery Sunset: 8:33pm	23 MidAtlantic TripleCrown Sunset: 8:33pm
24 ATA Trap MidAtlantic TripleCrown Sunset: 8:34pm	25 Youth Archery Sunset:8:34pm	26 Fun Trap, Indoor archery Sunset:8:34pm	27 Indoor Pistol Sunset: 8:34pm	28 Fun Trap Sunset: 8:34pm	29 Fun Trap, Basic Rifle, archery Sunset: 8:34pm	30 Sunset: 8:34pm

WORDS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CREW

Time is running out to renew your membership for this year. Forms are in the newsletter, on our web site WWW.BCFG.ORG and at the club house. We will be at the General meetings at 7pm, to take memberships. 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 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 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 your 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. IT IS SEC'Y / BCF&G
P.O. BOX 465 RICHBORO PA 18954

Have a safe Spring Jim and Dick

WASHINGTON

S. 388/H.R. 861: “National Standard for the Carrying of Certain Concealed Firearms by Non-Residents”

U.S. Senator Thune in January and, Congressman Stearns in February, introduced H.R. S. 388 and 861 respectively. This legislation would allow any person with a valid carry permit or license issued by a state to carry a concealed firearm in any other state if they meet certain criteria. The Bill would not create a Federal licensing system; it would simply require the states to recognize each other’s carry permits, just as they recognize drivers’ licenses. Members should contact their Congressman and Senators and urge them to co-sponsor and support passage of the legislation.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett (R) has reached a reciprocity agreement with Virginia. This means that Pennsylvania and Virginia will now honor each other’s concealed weapons permits. Pennsylvania now has reciprocity agreements with 20 states. They are: Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia and Wyoming.

On November 29, 2006, Governor Ed Rendell (D) signed House Bill 2563, sponsored by Representative Ed Staback (D-115), into law. This legislation will allow individuals with a valid Right-to-Carry permit to carry a firearm for personal protection while engaged in any hunting activity or other activity regulated by Title 34 (Game & Wildlife) of the Pennsylvania Code. This new law takes effect in 60 days. Currently, any individual with a carry permit, including law enforcement officers, must disarm before archery hunting and spotlighting. HB 2563 will remove any requirements for individuals who are permitted to carry a concealed firearm for protection to disarm while engaged in any activity regulated in the Game Code, including all hunting seasons. The Bill specifically states that concealed firearms are for personal protection only, and are not to be used to hunt or harvest any wildlife unless the Game Code authorizes them.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission has voted to extend the hunting day from sunset to 30 minutes after sunset. The state already allows hunters to begin hunting 30 minutes before sunrise, and the change would provide the same extension at the end of the hunting day. Although commissioners must approve the measure a second time at their April meeting before it is finalized, the preliminary vote is expected to be accepted. Numerous other states, including New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, allow hunters to shoot until 30 minutes after sunset.



NRA NEWS

HOUSE COMMITTEE SCHEDULES STATEWIDE HEARINGS ON "GUN VIOLENCE" IN PENNSYLVANIA

The House Judiciary Committee, Chaired by Tom Caltagirone (Berks -D) has scheduled statewide hearings on gun-related crime. This is an opportunity for Pennsylvania's law-abiding gun owners to express their concerns regarding the many recent anti-gun proposals introduced in the House of Representatives, that include "one-gun-a-month" schemes and semi-automatic firearm bans. It is critical that law-abiding gun owners attend these hearings. If you are unable to attend, please call your State Representative and urge him or her to stand-up for your Right to Keep and Bear Arms. The following is a preliminary list of cities and dates.

If you are interested in presenting testimony or need further information on any of the informational meetings please contact John Ryan or Bill Andring at 717-787-3525.

- March 23 South Philadelphia
Host: Rep. Harold James
Dixon House Community Center 1920 South 20th Street
10:00 a.m. - Noon
- March 27 Erie
Host: Rep. Patrick Harkins
Booker T. Washington Center 1720 Holland Street
10:00 a.m. - Noon
- March 28 Pittsburgh (Oakland neighborhood)
Host: Rep. Dan Frankel
Carnegie-Mellon University
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- March 29 Reading
Host: Rep. Thomas Caltagirone
Reading City Hall
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Chester (Delaware County)
Host: Rep. Bryan Lentz and Rep. Thaddeus Kirkland
Community Hospital
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- March 30 West Philadelphia
Host: To be Determined
Southwest Senior Center
6916 Elmwood Avenue
10:00 a.m. - noon
- April 13 North Philadelphia
Host: Rep. Jewell Williams
Colorado Community Center
2243-57 North 20th Street
- April 20 Center City Philadelphia
Host: Rep. Dwight Evans/Councilwoman Donna Reed-Miller
Philadelphia City Hall
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- April 27 Harrisburg - Final policy hearing.

To find further contact information or help identifying your legislators please use the "Write Your Representative" feature found at www.NRAILA.org.

Have some pictures or articles of interest to share.
Submit to mydiversedesign@aol.com by May
25th to be considered for our Summer newsletter.
Have a great Spring!

New sunset times included on the calender.
It will also be available on our online
calender.

To view events calender, activity schedule, range
conditions and download important forms use our
website.

Visit us at: WWW.BCFG.ORG



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