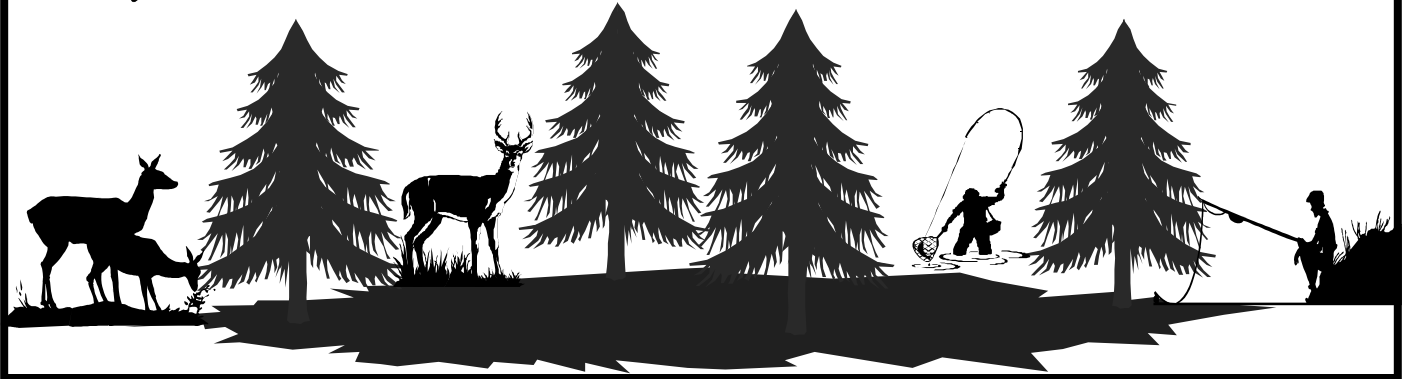


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Dates to Remember

Every Tuesday night in December is Small Bore League from 6:00 - 10:00pm

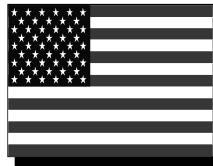
Every Wednesday night in December is Indoor .22 from 7:00 to 10:00pm

December 31st - Your 2009 membership expires!!! Mail your renewal form and payment today!!!

Volunteers are needed to help with the Trout Breakfast in April.

See page 2 for details

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Please Note:

The Club **will not** be holding its annual Sportsman's Raffle in February.

The Club's Directors extend their wishes to each member and their families for a peaceful and joyous holiday season, along with a healthy and prosperous New Year.



There will be no general membership meeting for the month of December.

Director's meeting Tuesday, December 15th, 7:30pm in the Fisherman's Cabin

FYI

Enclosed again as an insert with this month's newsletter is your 2010 membership renewal form. This will be the last one sent, but you can access the Club's website to print one, if need be.

- ◆ **All memberships expire on December 31, 2009.** Your completed membership renewal form, along with your check or money order in the amount of \$125.00, plus any donation to the fish fund, **must be paid or post- marked by December 31, 2009.** **No exceptions!**
- ◆ Interested in learning to tie flies or advance your tying skills? See page 4 for details on a fly tying class to be held in January.

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Fishing

Charlie Guenst

The fall stocking took place the end of October with 700 13- 14 inch rainbow trout. We're also raising 3,000 in our tanks for spring fishing. We'll release another 600 for ice fishing the first week of January. You may fish with or without ice. The ice must be four (4) inches thick to safely walk on.

Friendly reminder: Don't forget to purchase your 2010 fishing license and trout stamp before January 1st.



LAND FUND

The Board of Directors would like to thank our members for their past generous contributions that have been made to the Land Fund.

Please mail in any contribution that you have already pledged.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Land Fund, either original or additional, please send your check payable to:

**Souderton - Harleysville G, F & F Association
 Land Fund
 P.O. Box 308, Tylersport, PA 18971**

Please mark your envelope and check "Land Fund".

Thanks again, Board of Directors

THANK YOU

Lost & Found

There is a lost and found bin located in the Fisherman's Cabin. If you've lost or misplaced any belongings while on Club property it's worth checking the bin.

A bell has been installed between trap #2 and #3. Anyone wishing to shoot trap from the manual trap during fishing season is required to ring the bell ten (10) minutes prior to shooting. Anyone fishing in a drop zone is required to move to a safe zone.



New Member Lottery

The new member lottery will take place late January / early February in the Fisherman's cabin. Stay tuned to the Club's website for the exact date and time.

If you are selected you must pay the initiation fee of \$200 and the annual dues of \$125 the day of the lottery. Cash, check or money orders will be accepted. You must also have proper ID.

Orange Hat / Vest Policy

A Florescent orange hat or vest is mandatory on the rifle range and while hunting. Not to supersede Pennsylvania Game Commission laws. Recommended, but not mandatory for all others. All Pennsylvania Game Commission laws apply.

PA Legal Shooting Hours

Please visit the Club's website for the legal shooting hours for December and all of 2010.

Trout Breakfast

As is our annual custom, a Fisherman's Breakfast will be served on Saturdays and Sundays, 6:00 am to noon, on the first two week-ends of trout season. (April 3rd, 4th, 10th and 11th).

We're beginning plans for the breakfasts. Volunteers of past breakfasts should be expecting a phone call. Anyone else wishing to volunteer, please contact **Louise McMuertrie** at (215) 813 3919.



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Trap Committee

Mel Nice

The Summer Series Class Shoot-off was a big success with 35 entries in the 50 bird event and 20 entries in the 10 pair doubles event. The winners will be posted on our website. We had a fair turn out for the fun shoot with approximately 20 shooters participating. Everyone had a great time. The Hunter's Shoots went fairly well considering some bad weather, the bad economy, baseball playoffs and the World Series. There were 332 entries for the 16 yard event, four entries for the 10 pair doubles event and 38 free rounds paid out for breaking the white bird.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have completed our fourth shoot in the Winter Series. It's not too late to join in the competition or come out and shoot practice rounds. Schedules are available on the Club's website, in the Fisherman's cabin or at any of our shoots.

With the end of the year growing near it's time to reflect back on our program over the past year and the people who made it all possible. We held 25 shoots in 2009 with one still to go. These are the people responsible: **Roy Koffel, Henry Kuestner, Butch King, Dee Kuestner, Lavern Yost and Neil Abbott**. A special thanks to **Judy Yost** who helps in the kitchen and brings delicious treats for the shooters. My thanks goes out to everyone.

On February 17th, we will be holding our annual committee meeting in the Fisherman's cabin at 7:30pm. The general membership is invited.

For more information, please visit the Club's website or contact **Mel Nice** at (215) 723- 9179.



Game Committee

Kevin O'Driscoll

The Game Committee will host a youth pheasant hunt on January 30th 2010, with a rain date of February 6th. This hunt is for members ages 12- 17 who have completed a Hunter/ Trapper Education course. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a parent/ guardian during the hunt. Interested members must fill out the enclosed application and mail it by January 5th. Applicants will be contacted with details. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success and are asked to attend an organizational meeting on January 17th at 1:00pm in the Fisherman's Cabin. Clean Christmas trees (no ornaments or tinsel) will be accepted in the rifle range parking lot next to the firewood racks.

In addition to PA Game regulations, the following rules apply when hunting on club grounds:

- ◆ No single projectiles while hunting with firearms on Club grounds, hunting is limited to shotguns and archery equipment.
- ◆ Hunters must wear a fluorescent orange hat for all hunting on Club grounds. This is in addition to any fluorescent orange required by PA game laws.
- ◆ Tree stands may not be left on Club property, and must be carried in and out each day.
- ◆ Hunters using tree stands are required to wear a full body harness while on Club property.
- ◆ Please hunt safely and respect safety zones while on club property.



Rifle / Pistol Committee

Tom Benjamin / Bruce Lynch

The indoor pistol season has started and will run every Wednesday night until the end of March 2010. The club will sponsor the Junior (January 4th) and the Senior (February 15th) Basic rifle courses this coming year. Please refer to the Club's web page for the application. The Pistol Committee will hold a meeting on Sunday January 10th at 1:30pm in the Fisherman's cabin to discuss any new or old items.

The Pistol Committee will also hold a Bulls-eye Pistol 101 course in Dec 2009 if there is enough interest. The Pistol committee will hold another Basic Pistol course in 2010 if there is enough interest. Please contact **Tom Benjamin** for details.

Please remember to wear your EYE and EAR protection at all times while on all ranges. This applies to spectators as well. Eye protection must be approved safety glass. Sunglasses that are prescription are allowed. The \$5.00 K-mart specials are not considered safety eye wear. Please police your brass and paper targets only. The paper targets cost money so please use them wisely.

Eye and ear protection, along with an orange hat / vest required while on the rifle range. Please check the website for information and details or call / email **Bruce Lynch** (Rifle Committee chairman) or **Tom Benjamin** (Pistol Committee chairman).



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Fly Tying Class

Greg Brey

I'm looking into putting together classes in January for anyone interested in learning to tie flies or those who are simply looking to hone their skills as a tier. The object of this first set of classes will be to tie flies that can be used at our Club. Fly selection may be, Wooly Bugger, Pheasant Tail, Hares ear, or Green Weenie. A small fee may be set for purchasing materials for the class. You will be contacted by phone for dates and times. I can only handle a certain amount of people. If you don't get in the first class, I'm hoping to have others.

Please send me a short note and include your name, phone number, your tying experience (beginner, novice, intermediate, advanced) and if you have a vise and tying tools. Thank you for your interest, **Greg Brey**

Mail it to: Tying Class c/o Souderton- Harleysville Game, Fish and Forestry Association, P. O. Box 308, Tylersport,



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Trout Stocking for Ice Fishing will occur the first week of January			Mark your calendar for the general membership meetings held every 3rd Tuesday of the month.		1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 Jr. Basic Small Bore Rifle Course 6:30pm	5 Small Bore League 6:00 - 10:00pm	6 Indoor .22 7:00 - 10:00pm	7 Last Quarter	8	9
10 Pistol Committee Meeting @ 1:30p Fisherman's Cabin	11 Jr. Basic Small Bore Rifle Course 7:00pm	12 Small Bore League 6:00 - 10:00pm	13 Indoor .22 7:00 - 10:00pm	14	15 New Moon	16
17 Youth Pheasant Hunt meeting @ 1:00p, Fisherman's cabin	18 Jr. Basic Small Bore Rifle Course 7:00pm	19 Small Bore League 6:00 - 10:00pm	20 Indoor .22 7:00 - 10:00pm	21 	22	23 1st Quarter
24	25 Jr. Basic Small Bore Rifle Course 7:00pm	26 Small Bore League 6:00 - 10:00pm	27 Indoor .22 7:00 - 10:00pm	28	29	30 Full Moon
31	General Membership Meeting 7:30p on January 19th	Director's Meeting 7:30p on January 26th		Mark your calendar for the general membership meetings held every 3rd Tuesday of the month.		<u>A florescent orange hat or vest must be worn on the rifle range at all times.</u>