

# Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunters inc.

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## *Spring Newsletter – March 2019*



### **Spencer Kishbaugh takes First Coyote!**

Spencer Kishbaugh, Berwick PA, son of Brad Kishbaugh, is shown with this 45 pound coyote taken in Tioga County. The hound pictured with Spencer belongs to Shaun Spencer.

Other members who took part in the hunt were Shaun Spencer and Brett Babcock. What a great start to a hunting career for Spencer Kishbaugh, who will receive his 'First Coyote Award' at our Annual Meeting!

### From the President's Pen...

2019 has resulted in a good start for our Association, as you will see from the following news items:

Our calendar for 2019 is being finalized and preparations are underway for our major events.

Our Annual Meeting has been set for Saturday, April 13th, and our "Member's Only" Coyote Tournament is underway, with several good specimens being reported.

The Executive Committee has agreed to expand our scholarship program to five students who are the children or grandchildren of a member. (See details below –page 6).

### Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. Expands Scholarship Program

During our last business meeting, the Executive Committee voted to expand our scholarship program to **five students**. Each will receive a \$500.00 award.

The first scholarship to be awarded will be designated the **Dick Ross Memorial Scholarship**. It has been fully funded by memorial contributions made in Dick's honor.

Please see the details and scholarship application below. Any questions may be directed to Dick Bednarczyk (570) 586-9270, Jerry Ross (570) 423-3389 or Cas Bonczewski (570) 977-4539. Our 2018 winners were Gabrielle Kishbaugh, Anna Altmiller, Cayle Spencer and David Coole

In Memorium

Richard D. Ross  
Past President and Director

### Annual Meeting – Saturday, April 13th, 2019

The Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. has been scheduled for 4:00 pm, Saturday, April 13th at the American Legion, Route 6, Wyalusing, PA. In addition to election of officers for 2019, the agenda will include a review of the accomplishments of the organization during 2018, plans for 2019, and review of significant legislative issues and other important business.

Please mark your calendar and watch for further correspondence regarding this meeting.

*In order to insure proper dinner arrangements, please RSVP to Dick Bednarczyk via e-mail ([dick.bednarczyk@gmail.com](mailto:dick.bednarczyk@gmail.com)) or by phone (570) 586-9270 if you plan to attend.*

*Please note: There will be a \$10.00 charge for the dinner, payable to the American Legion.*

### Annual Meeting to Feature Member's "For Sale" Table

In response to requests from membership, we will have a "For Sale" table available for anyone wishing to sell electronic collars, systems, etc. (No firearms please). Hopefully this will provide an excellent medium for interested buyers and sellers to see what will be available. Sellers will be asked to personally attend their merchandise or have it clearly tagged for ease and accuracy of any transactions.

### **Reminder –Raffle Drawing**

Although we indicated a March 31st deadline for raffle ticket returns, we can continue to receive them up to the moment of our drawing, which will be held at the Annual Meeting on April 13th. This fundraiser has become an integral part of our overall financial scenario for the year. The grand prize is a Garmin Alpha Bundle GPS with the improved TT/15 collar valued at approximately \$800.00 retail or an \$800.00 Cash Award. In the event that you have not yet made your returns, we encourage you to support your organization by doing so.

### **PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter’s Coyote Tournament**

This is a reminder that our season-long coyote tournament will end on March 31st. Successful participating hunters should return their weight cards to Dick Bednarczyk by Wednesday, April 11th.

### **Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania Trespassing Bill Attached to Sunday Hunting**

The Senate has attached the original version of the **2018 Trespassing Bill** to the SB 147 which would allow the Game Commission to develop plans to implement Sunday Hunting, if it chooses to do so.

You may recall the trespassing bill included increasingly stiffer penalties, including the revocation of hunting privileges for individuals with two convictions in a seven year period. There are no allowances for persons who merely were trying to retrieve their dogs from private property!

While the matter of Sunday Hunting may be divisive within the hunting community, the trespass bill could be extremely problematic to well-meaning hound hunters merely attempting to recover their hounds.

We will closely monitor the progress of this co-joined bill and are prepared to offer amendments if and when appropriate.

### **Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania HSUS Proposes to Define Adequate Shelter**

Harrisburg Media has reported that the HSUS is bringing back proposals to define “adequate shelter”. Although we have not seen anything in print regarding the extent of this matter, we should once again expect most HSUS proposals to be unrealistic and extreme.

### **Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania – Transporting Dogs in Beds of Pickup Trucks.**

HB 2503 was referred to the judiciary last year without further action taken. We will monitor this matter in the event that it should be re-introduced again this year.

§ 5538.1. Transporting dogs in external section of vehicle.

- (a) Offense defined.--It shall be prohibited to carry or cause or allow to be carried a dog on the hood, roof, **truck bed** or any other external section of a vehicle **on a public road in this Commonwealth.**

## **Legislative Monitoring - Oregon**

The Oregon Legislature has introduced a bill which would prohibit coyote tournaments as well as various hound and bird dog competitions such as field trials and performance events.

## **Welcome New Members!**

Recruiting efforts for 2019 are off to a good start. YTD 6 hunters have joined the Association. Since our last newsletter, Jeff Holloway, Kyle and Caleb Spencer, Mitchell Johnson, John Muir, Chris Meeker, Randy, Logan and Ed Keating and John Wesley Hardin have come aboard. We are delighted to see the number of youths and family groups which have joined the Association over the past few years. Welcome hunters!

## **Remember to Nominate Your Youngsters for “First” Award**

Recently we expanded our award program to include “First Turkey”, “First Bobcat” or “First Coyote” in addition to the “First Deer” or “First Bear” awards. The PA Game Commission will provide certificates for youngsters who take a deer, bear or turkey, while the Association will present our own “First Bobcat” or “First Coyote” Certificate. Members are requested to notify Dick Bednarczyk about the successful hunters and provide a digital photo, if one is available.

## **Remember To Support Our Sponsors**

Please support these loyal sponsors, who continually provide substantial donations to insure the success of our events. Each of these sponsors willingly provides their support. Some do so automatically each year, without the need for personal solicitation from us;

Johnson’s Telemetry, Prowler/Quick Track, Sportmix Dog Food, Thunder Valley Pet Pantry, Chase Publishing, Gundog Supply, Custom Collars, PA Outdoor News, Double U Hunting Supply, Sacandaga Dog Supply, Down Home Rice Pudding and Hunter’s Horn magazine.

All companies listed provided gift certificates, subscriptions or merchandise.

## **PA State Fox & Coyote Assn. Members Enjoy Success in Tournaments**

Many members continue to appear among the successful hunters at regional tournaments. A partial listing follows:

### **District Nine Trappers – Tunkhannock**

There were 39 entries overall, out of 663 registered hunters for the 2019 contest. Successful members were; Wade Gray, Bob Cragle (3), Ron Sorber, Jack Johnson, Claude Gave, Guy Michlowski, Ron Taylor, Bill Babcock, Evan Madill and Barry Kytte. Members of the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter’s Assn. harvested 12 coyotes during the event. The winning coyote weighed 43.95 pounds.

### **Mosquito Creek**

Successful members were Bob Cragle (3 coyotes), Bob Brown, Mike Fritz, Darrick Graham (2 coyotes), Josh Cragle, Bill Lindsey, Bill Rising, Brad Bitler, Brent Bitler, Steve Gardner and Josh Fields (2 coyotes).

The hunt had 4812 registered hunters who took 225 coyotes. Hounds accounted for 85 coyotes out of the grand total reported. The winning coyote weighed 48.5 pounds.

Congratulations to all members listed above.

## 2019 Memberships Now Due

At this point, everyone should have received their 2019 membership billing. We are requesting prompt payment of dues so that we may continue to fund our various activities and maintain our advocacy of hound owners' rights with the various governing bodies which affect our sport. In the event that you may have misplaced your billing, you may remit your dues to Dick Bednarczyk, using the address which appears on the letterhead.

## Upcoming Events for 2019

In addition to our Annual Meeting cited above, the following are the projected dates for our usual events:

- Family Day Picnic – Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Molyneaux's Plantation, Endicott, NY
- Sporting Dog Owner's Meeting - Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, PGC Headquarters

The date for our meeting with the Game Commission is not confirmed as of publication. The date cited above represents the second day of the Commissioners Quarterly Meeting, which is our usual schedule. We will publicize final arrangements well in advance.

## Do You Have A New E-mail Address?

Although we now have approximately 250 members included on our email listing there are a number whose original address is no longer valid. We would deeply appreciate an update from you if this is your case. The preferred medium for notification would be a message to [dick.bednarczyk@gmail.com](mailto:dick.bednarczyk@gmail.com).

## Member Jack Wentzel offers Recovery Dog Service



### Jack's Trackers

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## The Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunters Association announces the 2019 Scholarship Award!

As decided by the Officers and Board of Directors, the Association will provide \$500 scholarships to five eligible students. The award will be presented during the awards portion of the 2019 Family Day picnic to be held at Molyneaux's Pen.

**Details:**

1. Student must complete the application below and submit by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. One application per student. Families with multiple students may copy the application below. Mail application to RJ Bednarczyk, President.
2. Student must be a PA State Fox & Coyote Hunters Association member or the child or grandchild of a current, paid member.
3. The Scholarship opportunity is open to:
  - a. All graduates from the class 2019 who meet the above qualifications, regardless of state or province of residence.
  - b. Previously graduated students currently enrolled in further education programs, who meet the above qualifications, regardless of state or province of residence. Currently enrolled college students must not have entered into the 4<sup>th</sup> year of their chosen program.
4. A qualifying further education program refers to a 2 or 4 year college, trade or specialty school or any other higher education program for which the student is paying for.
5. In an effort to be fair and objective to all qualified and deserving applicants, the name of each applicant will be placed in a hat for a random drawing to determine the winners.
6. The winning students will be required to submit proof of current enrollment or planned continuation of education beyond high school. (i.e., acceptance letter)
7. Student need not be present at Family Day picnic to win.
8. Previous winners are ineligible.

Students Name (please print):		Date:
Address:		
Town:	State or Province:	Zip Code:
Phone Number:	e-mail Address:	
Member's Name (student, parent or grandparent):		
College or Trade School you are/will be attending:		
Students Signature:		