

# *Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunters inc.*

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## Winter Newsletter – December 2021



### **Youth Member Charlene Dugan Represents US in International Competition!**

Ermelo, The Netherlands – The U.S. Endurance Team finished in fifth place at the 2021 FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders & Juniors in Ermelo, The Netherlands, marking the program’s best finish since 2015. The team combinations of Charlene Dugan (Muncy, Pa.) and Southern Justice, Alex Shampoe (Colorado Springs, Colo.) and Promissin Gold, Meghan Wert (Spring Mills, Pa.) and Dude Free Gold each completed the 120km ride, which included four different loops. The team was led by Chef d’Equipe Lianne Dorion and included 15 crew members and an additional eight dedicated support staff.

In the only major international championship of the year for U.S. Young Rider and Junior endurance athletes, the 2021 FEI Endurance World Championship was a welcomed opportunity for talented and upcoming youth athletes from the U.S. to test their horsemanship skills against other international youth athletes in a competitive championship environment. The 2021 FEI Endurance World Championship for Young Riders & Juniors saw more than 20 countries comprised of 74 total combinations contest

the ride with 38 pairs ultimately passing the final horse inspection to complete the ride. Each horse was required to pass a mandatory veterinary inspection focused on soundness and metabolic recovery rate at the conclusion of each loop to continue forward with the ride, with two checks occurring before combinations set off on their final loop.

**Charlene summed up her feelings as follows:** “Over the span of two years I’ve learned that hard work and determination pays off. Attending rides, conditioning horses, participating in qualifying two star events, and enduring selection processes has been my main focus- along with juggling academics and athletics at Warrior Run High school.

While overseas in the Netherlands, my horse Southern Justice “Roo” and the other competing horses, Dude Free Gold and Promissin Gold arrived several days before the “Young Rider World Championships” to ensure a successful race, since the terrain and climate differs from our local weather in Muncy, PA.

Throughout the race Roo was very enthusiastic and ready to make time down the trail, he was nicknamed the “jumping jellybean” by Steven Morrissey our USEF director. During the last leg my adrenaline spiked, thoughts of finishing my first world championship with my own horse and the recognition I would gain from my peers back home flooded my brain. I was so proud that my own horse was able to finish a world championship which wouldn’t have been possible without the help and support of my family, Gold Medal Farms, and my teammates.

After passing the last vet check tears of joy came, I’ve never felt so many different feelings at once; some of them were: proud, excited, relief, and joy. In totality I felt honored to represent our country and endurance community”.

*Editors note: The information above has been provided by Charlene’s Mom – Sally Jellison. Our congratulations are offered to Charlene and her parents for such a unique achievement and representing such a challenging facet of the sport of foxhunting. We feel blessed to have met you and are honored that you are part of our Association.*

### **From the President’s Pen...**

As with practically every facet of our daily lives, the dark cloud of Covid -19 brings a tremendous amount of uncertainty to the operations of the Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter’s Assn. At this point, we can only assume that our ability to hold our Annual Meeting, Family Day Picnic and Sporting Dog Owner’s Meeting may be in jeopardy, as was the case for the past two years.

Unfortunately, one thing is certain – the continued assault on hunters, hound owners and gun owner’s rights by those who oppose the sportsman’s way of life. Currently the PA Federation of Sportsmen and Conversationists is tracking over 200 bills which have been introduced. They expect this number to rise to approximately 500 within this two-year legislative cycle. At last count there were 96 gun - control bills alone!

While our ability to hold our customary events may be affected, we ask all members to understand that the mission to protect and defend our rights will be vigorously continued by the Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter’s Assn. with the help of our members.

### **Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania Overview**

In their Fall issue of the Lantern Magazine, Mike Kriner, Director of Government Affairs, Pennsylvania Federation Sportsmen and Conversationists, has provided the following summary of the following 2022 state elections which will have a major impact on sportsmen.

- PA Governor
- One-Half of PA Senate Seats
- All 203 of the PA House Seats

Mike writes, “Please stay active in making your state elected officials aware of the importance of protesting accessibility for our hunting, fishing, trapping and conversation opportunities across the Commonwealth.”

**“If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools”**

**-Plato**

The Federation is currently tracking 203 bills of interest.

- Game and Trapping: 23
- Fish/Boat: 14
- Firearms: 96
- Others: 72

Of the 96 Pennsylvania Firearms Bills, 65 are considered anti-gun. There are 89 Federal Bills considered to be anti-gun, as well.

### **Legislative Monitoring – PA Senate Bill 907 - Your Action Needed!**

PA Senate Bill 907 would create an advisory board to review existing dog laws and propose new legislation. As sporting dog owners and enthusiast, we oppose this bill. Our primary objection is that there is no seat afforded to hunting dog and sporting dog groups.

The bill designates thirteen categories of membership, including the Federated Humane Societies of PA and SPCA.

Members are requested to contact your senator, requesting that they oppose this bill as written or to amend it to include representatives from the hunting dog/sporting dog community.

We recommend that you ‘Goggle’ PA SB 907 to familiarize yourself with the suggested makeup of the proposed board.

### **2022 Membership Billings and Coyote Tournament Applications**

We expect to send out 2022 membership billings and coyote tournament registration forms immediately after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Adult memberships continue to be set at \$25.00, youth memberships (up to age 22) will cost \$5.00. The registration fee for the tournament is \$10.00. Our thanks in advance to all who continue to support the Association.

### **Legislative Monitoring – Federal – Petitions to end Non-Resident Hunting!**

The US Sportsmen's Alliance reports that petitions filed by animal rights organizations would effectively end non-resident hunting. The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), have petitioned the Secretary of Interior, the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Center for Disease Control to ban imports and interstate transport within the country of all wild mammals and most birds.

While the petitions are seemingly aimed at legal wildlife trade such as pet stores and importers, it would hit hunters by prohibiting the transport of even native species across state lines within the United States. This would impact hunters who want a taxidermist to prepare a trophy for them and those who hunt mammals and birds out of state and wish to return home with the meat, hides or feathers.

### **Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's to Hold Coyote Tournament**

Once again, the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. will conduct a season long, member's only, trophy only, Coyote Tournament. The competition will be conducted under an "Honor" system, merely requiring registered hunters to provide the certified weight, along with a suitable picture. Since we have members from six states and Canada, the contest will be open to all states and Canadian provinces, wherever legal. Our substantial 'Challenge Trophy' will be awarded for the heaviest coyote, which will be replaced by a replica after one year. Trophies will also be awarded for the ten heaviest entries. Entry fees will be \$10.00 for the event. Entry forms will accompany 2022 membership billings which will be sent at year-end... Our 2021 winner was Zack Kinney with a 46.5-pound specimen.

### **Remember to Nominate Your Youngsters for Awards**

Again, this year we will be promoting our award program to include "First Turkey" 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 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**

Down Home Rice Pudding, Johnson's Telemetry, Prowler/Quick Track, Sportmix Dog Food, Thunder Valley Pet Pantry, Gundog Supply, PA Outdoor News, Double U Hunting Supply and Hunter's Horn magazine. All companies listed provided gift certificates, subscriptions or merchandise for our various events.

### **Logo Merchandise – Great Stocking Stuffers – Landowner Gifts!**

If you need some affordable stocking stuffers to round out your Christmas shopping or come up with an appropriate land owner gift, take a look at our Logo merchandise pictured below. Our newest item is our logo cap in safety orange or orange camo (not shown) pattern – very popular for \$15.00.

These items can be obtained by completing the enclosed order forms or by contacting Dick Bednarczyk (570-586-9270). Feel free to list your order via email ([dick.bednarczyk@gmail.com](mailto:dick.bednarczyk@gmail.com)) if that is more convenient for you

*Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunters Association*



*Full Color Mugs  
Two-Tone, Burgundy/White 11 oz.*

**\$8.00**



*Crewneck  
Sweatshirts*

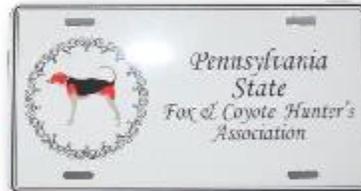
**\$20.00**

S	M	L	XL	2X



*Camo  
Caps*  
**\$15.00**

*License  
Plates*  
**\$20.00**



*Pro Style Fitted Caps*



**\$15.00**

	<i>Red</i>	<i>Stone</i>	<i>Forest</i>	<i>Navy</i>	<i>Maroon</i>	<i>Royal</i>
<i>S/M</i>						
<i>L/XL</i>						

*Beanies w/ Cuff*



**\$12.00**

<i>Red</i>	<i>Maroon</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>Spruce</i>	<i>Navy</i>

# Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunters Association



100% polyester shell  
100% polyester mesh upper-body lining, 100% nylon lower-body, front and sleeve lining  
Contrasting Color on Collar/Hood

	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X	5X <i>Men's Only</i>	6X <i>Men's Only</i>
<i>Black/Grey</i>									
<i>Navy/Red</i>									
<i>Hunter/Navy</i> <i>Men's Only</i>									
<i>Khaki/Nutmeg</i> <i>Men's Only</i>									
<i>Blue/Navy</i>									
<i>Red/Navy</i>									
<i>Stone/Navy</i>									

**Legacy Jackets**  
**\$59.00**

Use L or M to specify Men's or Ladies  
Next to Quantity (ex. 1L or 1M, etc.)



**50/50  
Cotton Tees**

**\$12.00**

	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X
<i>White</i>						
<i>Black</i>						



**Challenger Jacket**

Teklon® nylon shell  
Poly-filled body with heavyweight fleece lining for extra warmth.  
Available in Black/Black

**\$63.00**

	XS	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X	5X	6X



**Hooded Sweatshirt**

Available in Forest Green  
Large & XL Only  
While Supplies Last!

**\$25.00**

	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X



**Zip Hooded Sweatshirts**

Color - Dark Chocolate  
Includes embroidered logo

**\$35.00**

	S	M	L	XL	2X

Item	Mugs	Sweatshirts	Camo Caps	License Plates	Pro Caps	Beanies	Legacy	Tees	Challenger	Hoodie	Zip Hoodie
Price	\$8	\$20	\$15	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$59	\$12	\$63	\$25	\$35
Quantity											
Make your check payable to the PASFCHA: RJ Bednarczyk, at this address: Add \$5.00 for shipping and handling.										Subtotal	
PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. c/o Richard J. Bednarczyk President 118 Commerce Drive Scott Twp., PA 18447 dick.bednarczyk@epix.net										Shipping	
										Total	
										Add \$5.00	

Please note the current email address should be [dick.bednarczyk@gmail.com](mailto:dick.bednarczyk@gmail.com). Disregard the epix.net indicated on the order form.