

# Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assoc Inc

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## Winter Newsletter 2024

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## Teen News

### Bear Hunting With Hounds in the Great North Woods of Maine

As Reported by PSFCHA Teen Member Joey Ross



As with all hunting, weather conditions can be the difference between hunting success or not. This week hunting with my Dad in Maine, has been a challenge with many factors - such as dry weather, hot temperatures and a super full moon. Due to the extreme dry conditions, it was difficult for the hounds to track on the dry ground and due to the super full moon, it was hard to find a fresh trail as well. This helped me with the importance of communication, and how hunters like my Dad and our friend, Mr. Joe Bowen helped me with understanding and overcoming these challenges.

After we figured out to put five dogs on the ground, and with luck, we were ready for a good race. After fifteen minutes of cold trailing, the dogs jumped the bear. Using the gps, we were able to get ahead of them and within twenty minutes, with the pressure of the hounds, the bear treed in front of us. Once we got to the hounds, we tied them back and I took aim at the bear. As I pulled the trigger the two-hundred-pound bear fell to the ground. Making my hunting trip a success!

**Fast Facts** – The Great Woods of Maine has nearly 12 million acres. You will find few public roads and limited resources. The majority of the acreage is owned by lumber companies or long established Maine families. The area has habitat for a variety of wildlife and provides good hunting – for those hunters that want to bushwack their way thru what can be dangerous terrain, dense forest and bogs, although there is one advantage - lots of old logging roads. Northern Maine people have a strong hunting tradition, hunting with hounds being the favorite, especially hunting bear. Regulations allow hunting with dogs for - bear, coyote, bobcat, fox, raccoon, coyote, snowshoe hares, turkeys during fall season. Retriever hunting includes ruffed grouse, bobwhite quail, pheasant, woodcock, common snipe, ducks, geese, sea ducks, etc. To see more about the Great Woods tune into the program – “North Wood Law” - which can be found on a variety of streaming channels – Amazon Prime, Discovery, etc. Filming follows the daily life of Game Wardens in the States of Maine and New Hampshire. Filming is currently on hiatus, but there are 16 seasons of old episodes.

### From the President's Pen by Jerry Ross

We have entered into the final two months of the year 2024. This year has been a difficult year for PSFCHA due to the anti-hound hound legislation targeting the end of hunting with hounds in our State. Before I get into the specifics of the legislation, I would first like to recognize and thank all the Members of our organization and Members of many others organizations for their quick response on three occasions, by quickly contacting State Legislators with concerns on portions of these Bills. The efforts were successful all three times. These Bills did not proceed through the Legislature this year. We are sure the bills will be reintroduced in the upcoming Legislative year. The association will again have the same issues and concerns with the bills. The PSFCHA will need your assistance, and the assistance of other sporting dog groups, once again, to contact their representatives. If you are not familiar with the bills, copies are available on the Legislature Web Site, <https://www.legis.state.pa.us>. Search by letters, number of bills, and print numbers: ( HB-2106, print number 3427 ) and ( SB-67, print number 1802 ). Also, you may obtain copies of these Bills by contacting your Representative – or failing that contact PSFCHA secretary, Betsey Ross – [bitzi1661@gmail.com](mailto:bitzi1661@gmail.com), and a copy of the bills will be mailed to you. Please familiarize yourself with these bills, and the issues the bill raises against sporting dog hunting. Please discuss these bills and issues with other hunters, family and friends – as we will need everyone's help to hold these bills at bay. Thank you all. The PSFCHA Officers and Directors wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year.

### Contributions

Thank you to Toni Cisowski for her contribution of \$1000.00 to the PA State Fox/Coyote Hunters Assn Scholarship Fund in memory of Roy R. Rosenbaum. The association is grateful for your generosity toward our efforts to honor the memory of Roy – who dedicated his life to our quest to preserve our heritage of running hounds in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### Newsletter and Photos

Members are welcome to send in hunting news and photos to be included in the newsletter, as room dictates, and items will also be posted on the facebook page. Example: upcoming hunt information, hunt results, firsts, local hunting group photos and news, etc. Items can be sent to **Betsey Ross** ([bitzi1661@gmail.com](mailto:bitzi1661@gmail.com)) or text 603-918-4683

### Welcome New Members!

Welcome to the following new members: Bo and Nate Ross, Brett Hilliard, and Cassie Merryman have come on board. If you know of anyone that would like to join PSFCHA – applications can be found on the website and facebook page – or by contacting Patrick Carr, Membership Chair, 4860 McDermott Road, Bangor, PA 18013 or email at [patrickcarr1212@gmail.com](mailto:patrickcarr1212@gmail.com)

### Expect Membership Billings in mid-December

Membership Chairperson, Pat Carr, plans to mail membership renewal applications in mid-December. There is no change in membership fees which have been in place since 2006. Adult - \$25.00, Youth - \$5.00. Due to the ever- increasing cost of postage, which is one of our main expenses, we have curtailed the practice of pre-stamping the return envelopes. The result has been a \$600.00 reduction of our postage costs. Questions/Issues contact Membership Chair – Pat Carr; email – [patrickcarr1212@gmail.com](mailto:patrickcarr1212@gmail.com)

### 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 from January 1 to March 31. The competition will be conducted under an "Honor" system, merely requiring registered tournament 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 forms, rules, and further information will be sent to members upon the return of their 2025 membership dues and registration information.

### Website and Facebook Update

The PSFCHA Website and facebook pages are up and running. The website can be found at <https://pafoxhunters.com> On the website you can find copies of the latest newsletter, hound safety, announcements, legislative monitoring, current bills, sample letter example on how to write to your representative, logo merchandise form, membership forms, favorite links, etc. The facebook page can be found by searching for [Pennsylvania Fox and Coyote Hunters Association](#) and click "join". If this doesn't work just friend Betsey Ross, Seabrook NH on facebook and she will approve your friend status and hook you into the new facebook page. On the facebook site you can find the latest information on hunts, PGC announcements, photos of members out and about hunting, a calendar of upcoming hunting related events, legislative items, the latest newsletter, etc, etc.

### Remember to Nominate Your Youngsters for Awards

Again this year we will be promoting our award program to include "First Turkey" or "First Coyote/Bobcat" 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/Bobcat" Certificate. Members are requested to notify Betsey Ross at [bitzi1661@gmail.com](mailto:bitzi1661@gmail.com) or text 603-918-4683 about the successful hunters and provide a digital photo, if one is available.

### First Deer

Remington Schreffler, age 6, harvested his first deer - and his first buck, with a crossbow. The deer was a 7 pointer.



### Raffle Ticket Fundraiser

Heads Up – look to receive annual Raffle Tickets in the mail. Further information will accompany the raffle tickets.

### Legislation Monitoring – Pennsylvania – Provided by Dick Bednarczyk

#### Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania- Sunday Hunting - SB 67

As of October 21<sup>st</sup>, the Senate version (SB 67) of the Sunday Hunting Bills, has been passed by the House Game and Fisheries Committee and awaits scheduling before the full House. You may recall that SB 67, while flawed, was widely preferred by houndsmen over HB 2106. Passage may be jeopardized due to the fact that there are just 5 days left in this session.

#### Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania - Federation Supports SB-67, Opposes Political Meddling

*Editor's Note: The following is taken from the October 2024 Federation News Alert ;*

"The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen & Conservationists supports SB 67 (Sunday Hunting Regulatory Authority). It opposes HB 495 (Monday Deer Season Opening Day Mandate) and any legislative attempts to mandate wildlife management decisions via legislation.

### **History tells us this is NOT a smart move!**

In a world in which our culture is increasingly removed from wild places, and hunters make up only 6% of the general population, "ballot box biology" is a terrifying monster and a slippery slope. Anti-hunters, special interest groups and simple ignorance can easily drown out our voice and sound wildlife management decisions, allowing emotions, personal agendas and politics to rule.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists supports the Game Commission's science-based and led resource-first model and process. The ability to set seasons and bag limits is crucial to the management process. Any other system or interference threatens the management of Pennsylvania's wild birds, wild mammals, their habitats and our hunting heritage for current and future generations."

## **Tournaments**

### **January 1 to March 31, 2025: Pennsylvania State Fox and Coyote Hunters Assoc Members Only State Championship Coyote Tournament**

– January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025. Registration is \$10;

**January 10, 11, and 12, 2025: Elk Lake Volunteer Fire Company's 2025 Coyote Hunt.** Jan 10, 11, 12, 2025. Entry fee is \$25 for coyote, \$15 for fox and \$15 for bobcat hunters. Registration deadline is January 3. Questions – contact Brandon Hunsinger at 570-396-9322//Entries can be mailed to Elk Lake Volunteer Fire Co, 11550 State Route 3001, Montrose, PA 18801 or can be dropped off in the slot on the door.

**January 31, Feb 1, Feb 2, 2025: Kellettsville Sportsmans Club,** Tionesta, PA 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Coyote Hunt. Jan 31, Feb 1 and Feb 2, 2025. \$20 per hunter. Register at Cougar Bob's Kellettsville Tavern Further info at 814-463-7351. Registration deadline 9 pm on January 31, 2025.

**Jan 31, Feb 1 and Feb 2, 2025: Northeast Regional Coyote Tournament.** Hop Bottom Fire Co, 150 S. Center St, Hop Bottom PA 18824. Sponsored by District 9 PA Trappers Assn. Entry fee \$32 to \$42 by January 13. Coyotes must be taken in Bradford, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming, Lackawanna, Pike, Luzerne and Sullivan Counties. Register via Mail Northeast Regional Coyote Hunt, 3833 Old Newburg Turnpike, Union Dale, PA 18470. For further information call 570-485-4366 or email [pricee0503@hotmail.com](mailto:pricee0503@hotmail.com)

**Jan 31 to Feb 8, 2025: Ellsworth Sportsmen's Club 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Coyote Hunt.** Jan 31 to Feb 8, 2025. Registration fee \$75. To register – contact Club, 20 Ten Mile Lane, Scenery Hill PA 15360

**Feb 7, 8, 9: Sinnemahoning Sportsmen's Association 2025 Annual Coyote Hunt,** PO Box 9, Driftwood PA 15832. February 7, 8, 9, 2025. Phone 814-546-2835. Register – <https://sinnemahoningsportsmensclub.com> Registration fee - \$10-\$15. Last day to register Feb 6, 2025 at 11:59 pm.

**Feb 14 to Feb 16, 2025: Cresson Sportsmans Association Coyote and Fox Hunt** 1224 St. Joseph Street, Loretto, PA, United States, Pennsylvania +1 814-886-7727 [CressonSportsmans@gmail.com](mailto:CressonSportsmans@gmail.com) cressonsportsmans.com February 14, 2025, 12:01 AM - February 16, 2025, 04:00 PM. There will be more details posted about this hunt. you must be a member of the club to enter = Each Hunt will cost you \$10 to enter.

**Feb 21 to Feb 23, 2025: Sullivan County Coyote Hunt** Feb 21, Feb 22, Feb 23, 2025. Register with Dan Morrison c/o Coyote Hunt, PO Box 31, Laporte PA 18626 by Feb 14. Registration \$30.00. For information Dan at 570=506-2911 or Dave at 570-447-6877. Also Gun Raffle Feb 21-23, 2025 \$10 per tix. Further info on the hunt and raffle can be found on the PA State Fox/Coyote Aassoc facebook page.

**March 14-15, 2025: Central PA Outdoor and Sports Show.** March 14-16, 2025 Clearfield Country Fairgrounds.

**March 14-16, 2025: Take'M Down Coyote Hunt (to benefit the Bison Youth Football Program).** March 14-16, 2025 Clearfield County Fairgrounds Registration fee - \$20. For Info call RJ at 814-592-7617

**Happy  
Holidays!**



**Happy  
New Year!**

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*Crewneck,  
Sweatshirts*

**\$25.00**

S	M	L	XL	2X-6X

## *Youth Cotton Tees*



**\$15.00**

White	S	M	L
Red			

*License  
Plates*

**\$20.00**



*Camo  
Caps*

**\$15**



*Safety orange caps*  
**\$15.00**

Plain Orange	
Orange Camo	

*Pro Style Fitted  
Caps*

**\$15.00**



	Red	Stone	Forest	Navy	Maroon	Royal
S/M						
L/XL						

*Beanies with cuff*



**\$12.00**

Red	Maroon	White	Orange	Spruce	Navy



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100% polyester shell  
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Contrasting Color on Collar/Hood with logo

	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X	5X <small>Mens' Only</small>	6X <small>Mens' Only</small>
Black/grey									
Navy/Red									
Hunter/Navy <small>Mens' Only</small>									
Khaki/Nutmeg <small>Mens' Only</small>									
Blue/Navy									
Red/Navy									
Stone/Navy									

**Legacy Jackets**  
**\$65.00**

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



**50/50  
Cotton tshirts**  
**\$15.00**

	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X-6X
White							
Ash							



**Challenger Jacket**

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

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



**Hooded Sweatshirt**  
**Available in Forest Green**  
**\$30.00**

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**Zip Hooded Sweatshirts**

Color - Dark Chocolate  
Includes embroidered logo

**\$39.00**

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Additional \$5  
for 2X

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Price	\$25	\$15	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$65	\$15	\$69	\$30	\$39
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