

Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunters inc.

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2026 “Member’s Only” Coyote Tournament Winners Cited at Annual Meeting.

Trophies were presented to tournament finalists present at the Annual Meeting held on April 18th. Seated from left: Arden Meeker, Jerry Devine, Jack Sorber, State Champion Mike Murnin, and Frank Moro, Standing from left: State Representative Jamie Walsh, Guest Speaker Duane Dunmire – VP-East PA Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs, State Representative Tina Pickett, Chris Jennings, Chris Meeker, Dawson Smales, President Cas Bonczewski and State Representative Jeff Olsommer.

See pages two and three for Tournament details.

2026 Coyote Tournament Finalists- Mike Murnin declared State Champion



State Champion Mike Murnin, standing left took first place with a 46.99 lb. specimen, fourth place winner is Greg Reed, kneeling left, with his 41.25 entry. Other members pictured from left are Bill Joseph, Pat Healy, Ed Wysocki and Dick Bednarczyk. Members John Klinkewicz and Bill Zidzarski also participated in the hunt.



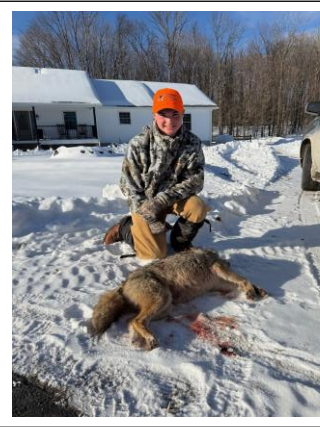
9th Place – Chris Meeker

36.7 lbs.,



10th Place – Arden Meeker

28.3 lbs.



2nd Place Youth Division

**Mark Nebzydoski
32.3 lbs.**



**7th Place – Jerry Devine
38 lbs.**



**8th Place – Frank Moro
38 lbs.**



**5th Place – Dawson Smales
41.1 lbs.**



**3rd Place
Marquetta Pisarchik
41.5 lbs.**



**2nd Place – Josh Fields
46.38 lbs.**



**6th Place
Jack Sorber (right)
41 lbs.**



**1st Place – Youth Division
Caden Jennings (right)
38 lbs.**

From The Presidents Pen:

The seasons are changing! Winter has turned to Spring, Coyote hunting has turned to Turkey hunting and Ice fishing has been replaced by Trout fishing. What hasn't changed is the goal of our organization: To preserve the tradition of hunting with hounds! But no matter the season, we're always doing something related to the sport we love – feeding hounds, conditioning them, raising pups, updating our gear or maybe looking for new permissions to hunt. But there are two other things we need to work on year-round:

- Stay diligent monitoring and reacting to legislation that would jeopardize our sport.
- Introduce our sport to new hunters and the general public.

It's a team effort and we need everyone's help to protect what we have. Please do what you can to support your organization and protect our sport for generations to come.

Annual Meeting Held on Saturday, April 18th.

The Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Association was held on Saturday, April 18th at the American Legion in Wyalusing, PA. The meeting was attended by approximately sixty-five members and guests. President Cas Bonczewski covered our major accomplishments during 2025 and plans for 2026, Director Dick Bednarczyk reported on legislative matters, Treasurer Pat Carr presented an overview of our financial posture, Audit Chairman Jerry Devine reported the satisfactory audit of financial records and Nominating Committee Chairman Ron Cole presented the officer nominees for 2026.

Duane Dunmire, VP – East of the PA Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and Conservationists was Guest Speaker. Duane presented a powerful message for the need to remain united and vigilant due to the continual assault on sportsmen's rights. He also stressed the importance of our access to Mike Kriner, the Federations Director of Government Affairs, who is our representative in Harrisburg.

A bit of history was established with the presence of three State Representatives: Tina Pickett, District 110 (Bradford and Wyoming Counties), Jeff Olsommer, District 139 (Pike and Wayne Counties) and Jamie Walsh, District 117 (Luzerne County) We very much appreciate their interest in, and support of, our mission to preserve the right to run hounds in the Commonwealth.

Election of Officers for 2026

The following individuals recommended by the Nominating Committee agreed to serve in the following capacities, and were elected unanimously:

President	Cas Bonczewski	(570) 977-4539	cbonczewski@msn.com
Vice-President	Jack Sorber	(607) 427-2230	jacksorber@gmail.com
Treasurer	Pat Carr	(610) 841-6271	patrickcarr1212@att.net
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Appointment of Directors

Dick Bednarczyk, Marty Carr, Ron Cole, Ron Davis, Chris Meeker, Mike Miele, Aaron Montross, Mike Murnin, Jay Roberts, Jerry Ross, Mercy Ross, Shawn Spencer, Chip Sorber and Walter Vosefski, agreed to serve as directors for 2026. Their advice and counsel will be critical to the continued success of the Association, and their direct involvement is crucial for all our activities.

Membership Approves Dues Increase for 2027

As mentioned in our March Newsletter, a motion was made to increase the dues for 2027 to \$30.00 for adult members. Our last dues increase was in 2006. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by those present. The fee for youth members will remain unchanged (\$5.00).

Gun Raffle - an overwhelming success!

Our recently completed Gun Raffle exceeded our expectations with over seven hundred tickets sold, prompting the Board to add an additional "bonus gun" to the drawing. We cannot thank our members enough for their support, especially those who purchased and sold large blocks of tickets.

Gun Raffle Winners:

1 st – Frank Moro:	Beretta A300 12 GA
2 nd – Mark Olver:	Tikka T3X .270
3 rd – Ed Wysocki:	Browning AB3 30-06
4 th – Adam Hazelton:	Stevens 555 20 GA
5 th – Justin Scagliotti:	WIN. XPR Hunter 7mm - 08
Bonus – Chris Case:	Beretta A300 12 GA

Spring Hill Hounders Provide Significant Donation!

Wade Gray's Spring Hill Hounders recently provided a donation in the amount of \$800.00 in memory of Brian Coleman, designated to be used toward our legislative efforts in defense of our heritage of running hounds in the Commonwealth. Such gestures have become increasingly important over the past few years. Thanks again – Spring Hill Hounders!

Western Boy's Coyote Team Renews Generous Donation!

Director Jay Roberts has transmitted a check from the Western Boy's Coyote Team in the amount of \$500.00 to be used to finance our legislative efforts. We deeply appreciate the generous support of this loyal hunting group from the western part of our State. They have established Mercer County as a powerful base for our advocacy. Much appreciated – Western Boy's!

Christa Jennings volunteers to assume Auditor role.

Christa Jennings, wife of Chris and mom of Caden, has willingly volunteered to be our Auditor, Christa holds an Accounting Degree from Penn State and has worked both in public and private accounting. She is currently employed by the banking industry and volunteers as treasurer for a non-profit organization.

We are fortunate to have such a highly credentialed person within our family membership. Welcome aboard Christa and thank you.

Welcome New Members.

YTD, twenty-seven new members have joined the organization. Since our last newsletter, Ellimae Corby, Mark Walsh, Lindsay Hitchcock, Cody Wolfe, Ron & Preston Kipp, Chase Knott, Hunter Kulsicavage, Deborah McKechnie, Cy Pepper, Dillan Smith, Nancy Stone, Janis Bonczewski, Caleb Jennings, Seth Bazink, Jacob Pepper-Kosakevitch and Skeet Repsher have come on board. Welcome hunters.

Sporting Dog Owners Meeting with PA Game Commission

The Sporting Dog Owner's Meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 pm, Friday, August 21st, at the Commission Headquarters in Harrisburg. The PA Nite Hunters and Northeast Beagle Gun Dog Association are our regular co-partners.

We will hear excellent presentations by PGC Biologists on those topics that we request. So far, an update on the presence of "eye worms" in the bear population has been confirmed, and others will follow, in addition to discussions concerning matters unique to trail hound hunting.

We are requesting that all members consider attending this meeting. It is vital to demonstrate that there is a significant population of resolute houndsmen interested in the preservation of our sport. If you plan to attend, please consider joining us for lunch at the nearby Cracker Barrel at 11.30 am on the 21st.

Legislative Monitoring - Pennsylvania

Bills which continue to resurface – we do not expect them to move:

- HB 693 – All Dogs Equal – requires onerous requirements (measure ammonium levels, heat index, etc.) which apply to large commercial kennels to apply to all kennels. Referred to Agriculture and Rural Affairs. 2/25
- HB 376 -Transporting dogs in the external portions of vehicles –unless in an insulated dog box. Referred to Judiciary 1/25

Bills worth watching.

- HB 2143 – would create an animal abuse registry – citizens could be cited for something as trivial as not buying dog licenses on time. Referred to Judiciary 1/26
- HB 1456 – would create an animal abuse hotline maintained by the state police. Referred to Agriculture and Rural Affairs. 5/25
- HB2298' Right to Carry' for dog wardens - Referred to Agriculture and Rural Affairs 3/26

Bills that we support.

- HB 1075 – would lift the current \$400.00 per acre cap imposed upon the PGC for the purchase of game lands. Referred to Game & Fisheries on 3/25
- HB 1937/SB 1155 – would provide for easy voter registration at time of purchase of hunting or fishing license. Referred to State Govt - 10/25
- HB 2387 - would impose damages for wrongful death of pet - \$15,000.00. Could prove a deterrence to the deliberate shooting of hounds. Referred to Judiciary 4/26.

New Law:

Already passed into law – Act 7 of 2026 – 298 pages – rules on dogs running at large could be changed by local municipalities.

Dues Reminder.

Membership fees for 2026 are now due. If you have not renewed your membership, please remit your payment to Treasurer Pat Carr at the address listed on the cover page.