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On The Cover

Cover photo depicts some of our lucky kids and their trophies earned during Family Day festivities. Trophies and medallions were presented for the Bench Show, Photo Hunt and Horn Blowing Contest. Once again, the Family Day Picnic was held at Molyneaux's Plantation, Endicott, New York. The full account appeared in the September Newsletter.

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.

From the President's Pen...

2017 proved to be a challenging year for the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. We have spent countless hours contacting legislators around the state in an effort to alter or amend the most recent onerous anti-tethering bill (HB 1238).

We are pleased to report our efforts were rewarded when the legislature agreed to insert the following language into the bill: ***"Section 5536 (b) Construction.--This section shall not be construed to prohibit any of the following:***

(1) Tethering a dog while actively engaged in lawful hunting, exhibition, performance events or field training.

(2) Tethering a hunting, sporting or sledding dog breed where tethering is integral to the training, conditioning or purpose of the dog.

We previously agreed to support a sensible version of such legislation developed by the Judiciary Committee, only to find an "eleventh hour" resurrection of the original bill, which previously languished for almost two years due to intense opposition.

Needless to say, we feel extremely fortunate with the final outcome of this bill.

Editor's note:

We encourage all members to retain a copy of this newsletter or equivalent publication in the event you are challenged by an animal control enforcement officer for tethering your hounds.

PA 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 2018 membership billings which will be sent shortly.

Our 2017 winner was Carl Hartman with a 49.5 pound specimen.

Check Out Our Website

All members are encouraged to review our new website (www.pafoxhunters.com). We are indebted to Member Joe Ross for developing and maintaining the site for the Association. In addition, Joe has prepaid our subscription fees for a five year period! Special recognition is in order for Joe's uncle, Vice President Jerry Ross, who volunteered to spearhead this project.

We would welcome your comments and suggestions regarding anything you feel should be included. Merely use the website's "Contact Us" feature if you wish to respond.

Welcome New Members!

Recruiting efforts for 2017 continues on a good note. YTD, 29 hunters have joined the Association. Since our last newsletter, Stephen Gilbert, Clem Murphy and Wayne Smith have come on board. Welcome hunters!

Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania HB 1483

HB 1483 would transfer authority for the management of Pennsylvania's wildlife matters from the current science – based expertise of the Pennsylvania Game Commission to the *political process*. The 2017 version (HB 2083) was not acted upon by the legislature.

A council of *political appointees* created by HB 1483 would dictate policy to the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) on matters of wildlife habitat and management. The independence and ability of these two agencies to fulfill their missions, as required by statute, is critical to all Pennsylvanians. Interference by a *politically appointed* group on matters of policy and operations of wildlife management would be disastrous.

The PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. has gone on record to vehemently oppose previous versions (HB 2083) of this bill.

At time of publication, no vote has been scheduled on this bill, which will require our vigilance and action.

Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania SB 135

SB 135, which would allow leashed dogs to track wounded or killed game was passed the senate by a 48-0 vote on September 19th and sent to the House Game and Fisheries Committee on Sept. 21st. As of our publication, no further votes have been scheduled.

Legislative Monitoring – Arizona and British Columbia

HSUS has spearheaded a ballot issue to **ban the hunting of mountain lions and bobcats** in Arizona. If sufficient voter signatures are gathered, the issue will appear in the November, 2018 election.

British Columbia's newly elected government has announced that effective November 30th: it will **no longer allow the trophy hunting of grizzly bears**. Officials are quoted as saying that "trophy hunting is not a matter of numbers, but that society has come to the point in B.C. where they are no longer in favour of the grizzly bear trophy hunt".

Do We Have Your Current E-Mail Address?

With increasing frequency, the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. uses e-mail for all Association business, as well as for response to individual queries from members. At present we maintain e-mail addresses for approximately 230 members. In the event that we may not have your address or that you have changed your internet provider, please provide your address to Dick Bednarczyk at dick.bednarczyk@epix.net, assuming that you are willing to do so. Be assured that it is the policy of the Association to restrict this medium for official business, or to respond to requests from members. In the event that you do not have e-mail capability, please note that a letter supplements all e-mailed messages, when it is appropriate or necessary to do so.

Please Note – We have changed our e-mail address.

All members are requested to note that effective immediately our new e-mail address is: **dick.bednarczyk@gmail.com**.

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Hunter/Navy <i>Men's Only</i>									
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