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Winter Newsletter – December 2020



Rest in Peace

Roy R. Rosenbaum

Rest in Peace -Roy R. Rosenbaum

On November 15th, Roy Rosenbaum passed away after a lengthy illness. Roy was a lifelong force in the Association and was instrumental in our reorganization and its emergence as a primary advocate for hound owners in this Commonwealth. He held a variety of leadership positions and was our immediate past president.

In this role, he facilitated the Dog Owner's Meeting with the PA Game Commission for several years.

Roy was an extremely knowledgeable," hands- on" foxhunter who developed and maintained his own line of foxhounds. He enjoyed judging field trails in Pennsylvania, New York and Canada and assisted in the training of perspective judges for many years. He was widely known for his expertise in animal husbandry and enjoyed the reputation of being a "go to" guy whenever a fellow hound owner had an issue.

The Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. is Roy's legacy. Upon his retirement he devoted all his time, counsel and energy to our mission. We owe our appreciation to his memory.

He will be missed!

In Memorium

Roy Rosenbaum
Jeff Cragle

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 this year.

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. 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.

Thomas J. Keller – PGC Game Mammals Section Supervisor

Tom Keller, who recently replaced Matt Lovallo as Game Mammals Section Supervisor, recently contacted us as a self- introduction and provided his contact information. We applaud Tom for his initiative in doing so and look forward to any briefings he might provide at the next Sporting Dog Owner's Meeting. His predecessor, Matt Lavollo, was our resource for information about Bobcat issues and programs.

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 2021 membership billings which will be sent at year-end... Our 2020 winner was Josh Fields with a 50.14 pound specimen.

Welcome New Members!

Recruiting efforts for 2020 have been successful! YTD, 28 hunters have joined the Association. Since our last newsletter Richard A. Gable has come on board. Welcome Richard!

Legislative Monitoring – New York

Of interest to our many New York members, the recent New York Houndsmen newsletter cites the following:

"The questions of removal of a dog collar have come up again. Section 366 of the AG & Market Law states:

It shall be unlawful for any person:

To remove or cause to be removed the collar identification tag or any other identification by which the owner may be ascertained from any dog...

Any person violating any provision of this section upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1000.00 or by imprisonment not to exceed six months, or by both."

Solely through the efforts of the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn., similar restrictions have been added to regulation 2302 of the PA Game Law – disruption of a legal hunt.

Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania HB 1747

Legislation to ensure the protection of Second Amendment Rights during declarations of emergency. (Such as Covid – 19).

Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania HB 2440

Providing for the designation of shooting ranges, sportsman's clubs, hunting facilities and business relating to the sale and production of firearms and ammunition as life sustaining.

Editor's note: The above bills are Covid - 19 related, designed to insure the continuance of outdoor activities and Second Amendment Rights during emergencies such as the pandemic. Since our last newsletter, HB 1747 continues under second consideration while HB 2440 has been re-referred to Appropriations. Both bills should be supported by the sporting community. Ask your Senator to support these bills!

What is the Purple Paint Law?

On Sunday, January 26, 2020, the Purple Paint Law went into effect. Under this law, purple markings will act as a ‘No Trespassing’ sign to warn hunters, and other passers-by, where private property begins.

This law is in effect throughout Pennsylvania aside from Philadelphia and Allegheny counties.

What This Means for You

Hunter’s, hikers and other outdoorsmen who encounter purple paint stripes are forbidden from entering that property. If they do, they will be charged with a summary offense or a third degree misdemeanor if a trespasser was directly told by the property owner that they may not use the property.

Editor’s note: The two above paragraphs have been extracted from the brochure ‘What is the Purple Paint Law?’ which has been provided by the office of State Representative Jonathon A. Fritz, 111th Legislative District.

While the law presents additional obstacles to valid, good faith attempts to secure permission to enter lands to retrieve hounds, etc., it is nevertheless state law. Eighteen other states authorize colors for posting. Eleven of those permit the color purple.

New York and Iowa are now considering legislation.

While Pennsylvania hunters now enjoy the ‘hound retrieval exemption’ as part of the Sunday Hunting Bill, the exemption is receiving considerable push back, as we have previously reported.

If you find it necessary to enter posted land to retrieve hounds, it is in everyone’s best interest that you make every attempt to secure permission and otherwise strictly adhere to the provisions of the exemption, i.e. on foot, unarmed, 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” 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, Chase Publishing, 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) if that is more convenient for you

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

\$8.00



*Crewneck
Sweatshirts*

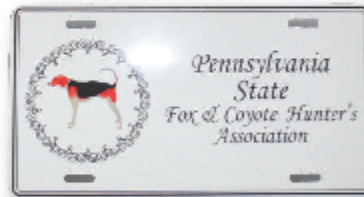
\$20.00

S	M	L	XL	2X



*Camo
Caps*
\$15.00

*License
Plates*
\$20.00



Pro Style Fitted Caps



\$15.00

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

Beanies w/ Cuff



\$12.00

Red	Maroon	White	Orange	Spruce	Navy

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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>Dark</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											
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