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Summer Newsletter – June 2017

2017 “Member’s Only” Coyote Tournament Winners!



Carl Hartman – 1st place



Linda Covart (rt.) – 9th place



Chet Pawelski & Tim Carr -4 & 5th



Tyler Peterson -1st place –Youth



Zack Kinney -7th place



Wade Gray -3rd & 6th places



Roland Anderson – 8th place.



Ronnie Sands – 10th place.



Bob Brown – 2nd place.

Carl Hartman Crowned State Assn. Champion!

Carl Hartman, Hartline Kennels, Liberty, New York, captured first place honors with his 49.5 pound coyote taken in Sullivan County, NY. Not to be outdone, Carl's wife, Linda Covart, took 9th place with a 39 pound specimen. Trophies will be awarded at the Family Day Picnic to the top ten entries, pictured on the cover. The top ten weights ranged from 49.5 lbs. to 38.4 lbs. The youth winner's specimen weighed 27.8 lbs.

From the President's Pen...

The first six months of 2017 has proven to be a busy time for the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. Our Annual Meeting was held on April 8th.

At the time of publication we are preparing for the chairing of the Sporting Dog Owners meeting with the PA Game Commission and our Family Day Picnic on June 24th.

Annual Meeting Held on Saturday, April 8th

The Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. was held on Saturday, April 8th at the American Legion in Wyalusing, PA. The meeting was attended by approximately 80 members and guests. President Dick Bednarczyk reported on our experience with hound shooting incidents and reviewed 2016 sporting Dog Owner's Meeting with the Game Commission. Director Chip Sorber announced the creation of an 'Internship Program' (see details below), Audit Chairman Jerry Devine reported the satisfactory audit of financial records and Nominating Committee Chairman Ron Cole presented the nominees for 2017.

Election of Officers for 2016

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

President	Dick Bednarczyk	Treasurer	Dave Hall
Vice-President	Jerry Ross	Secretary	Kipp Adcock

Appointment of Directors

Shawn Spencer, Walter Vosefski, Ron Cole, Jim Rogers, Dick Ross, Roy Rosenbaum, Ron Davis, Chip Sorber and Jay Roberts agreed to serve as directors for 2017. Their advice and counsel is critical to the continued success of the Association and their direct involvement is crucial for all of our activities.

Fund-raiser Raffle Drawing a Success!

Thanks to all members who supported our recent fund raiser and special thanks to those who volunteered to sell additional tickets. Due to your support we were able to clear approximately \$2500.00 which will be used to sustain our activities.

The lucky winners were as follows:

1st Prize (Garmin Astro – T/5)	James Snyder
2nd Prize (\$400.00)	Ron Sorber
3rd Prize (\$100.00)	Brett Gray

Reminder – Get Those Scholarship Applications In!!

As we announced in the March Newsletter, this year we have expanded our \$500.00 Scholarship program to include three winners. Parents and grandparents are reminded to insure that your family's applications are in for our random drawing which will take place on Family Day. The scholarship form appeared in the March newsletter. Additional copies may be requested from Dick Bednarczyk at (570)586-9270.

Remember To Support Our Sponsors

Johnson's Telemetry, Prowler/Quick Track, Sportmix Dog Food, Thunder Valley Pet Pantry, , PA Outdoor News, and Hunter's Horn magazine. All companies listed provided gift certificates, subscriptions or merchandise. In addition, member Mike Brown of "Down Home Rice Pudding" provided his delicious product to enhance our dinner menu.

Welcome New Members!

Recruiting efforts for 2017 is off to a good start. YTD 19 hunters have joined the Association. Since our last newsletter, Carl Allison, Dennis Eacott, Kyle Graham, Tommy Hayward, Ryan Herbert, Fred and Rebecca Hughes, Hailey Nonnemacher, Darrell Reish, Barry Sult, Kevin Willow, Sept Garo, Brian Rohe and Storm Bumbarger have come on board. Welcome hunters!

Family Day – June 24th– Don't Miss It!

On Saturday, June 24th, we will be hosting the Thirteenth Annual Family Day Picnic at Molyneaux's Training Facility in Endicott, New York. In addition to a Kid's Bench Show and Instruction, Photo Hunt, Horn Blowing Contest, and picnic menu, we will once again feature an "Outdoor Skills Seminar".

Please note that members will be limited to one hound for the event. (See section below regarding hunter's etiquette for Family Day)

Please mark your calendar, and return your reservation form.

As usual, there will be no charge to members for this event. Members are reminded to remit their 2017 dues, if you have not already done so.

Family Day Chefs to add Sausage and Smoked Kielbassi to grill menu

This year we will enhance from our usual picnic menu and add Italian Sausage and Smoked Kielbassi to our usual grill items (burgers and hot dogs). There will be a full selection of side items typical of picnic fare.

Back by Popular Demand - Baking Contest to be held at Family Day Picnic

Based upon suggestions from members who regularly attend Family Day, this year we will continue our baking contest - designed to be a fun event, in addition to providing a major enhancement to our picnic menu.

Categories: pies, cookies, cupcakes.

Prizes: 1st place ribbons awarded in each category.

Judges: Selected from members in attendance.

Criteria: Entries will be judged on appearance, taste, consistency and originality on a five point scale.

Logistics: All entries will be submitted and numbered upon arrival to Family Day. Entries must be received before 10 a.m. at which time the judging will commence. Judges will taste & observe each entry and will score. Scores will be tallied and the winner will be chosen. After the judging is finished, entries will be served as the dessert for the day. Prizes will be awarded.

Please consider bringing your family favorite and help make this new feature a success.

Please be mindful when enjoying Molyneaux's Enclosure.

Observations made during past Family Days could jeopardize our continued use of Molyneaux's Enclosure for our event. We are expected to make every effort to respect and preserve the game as well as the facility. This has prompted us to institute the following remedial measures:

- Members will be limited to one hound each.
- All hounds must be released between 6:00 and 7:00 am – NO EXCEPTIONS.
- No spiking of hounds into a chase or bay up.
- All hunters should assist in the breakup of any bay-ups.
- Once you have leashed or crated a hound, remove it from the pen.
- Begin catching hounds NLT 9:30 am. Make every effort to clear the pen by 10:30.
- Do not tie hounds to Xmas trees for any reason.
- Respect all plantings - especially with truck and quad traffic.

PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. To Meet With Game Commission

The date for the annual Sporting Dog Owners Meeting with the PA Game Commission has been set for 1:00 pm, Tuesday, June 27th. Once again, we will be chairing this meeting which has provided us with excellent opportunities to bring our unique issues before the Board of Commissioners and PGC Staff. These meetings have recently resulted in year-round training, the legalization of electronic recovery collars, provisions which make the unauthorized removal of collars a game law violation, the extension of rabbit season, the addition of coyotes and rabbits to the Mentored Youth Program, a Youth Rabbit Hunt, the reduction of "Mean Seeds" plantings and a split Bobcat Season.

This year, we plan to continue discussions regarding similar hound - related issues.

If available, members are requested to join us in Harrisburg. Although there are approximately 700,000 licensed hunters in the Commonwealth, there were only seven (Foxhunters, Beagler's, Bird Dog Owners) present to represent all sporting dogs at the 2008 meeting. Last year approximately 40 dog owners attended – good progress, but continued evidence of support is critical.

Anyone residing in the Northeast Region, who may be interested in car-pooling from Scranton or Wyalusing, is invited to call Dick Bednarczyk (570-586-9270).

Mosquito Creek Sportsmen's Assn. Presents Considerable Donation

Faithful member Mart Bumbarger recently advised us to expect a donation from the Mosquito Creek Sportsmen's Assn. Within a few days, the organization issued their check in the amount of \$500.00 payable to the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. Martin Bumbarger, an officer of the club, made it clear that their donation was unrestricted and may be used in accordance with the Executive Committee's discretion, in furtherance of our mission to enhance and protect our sport.

We offer our sincere thanks to this key group of members and active supporters. As you know, Mosquito Creek, Frenchville, sponsors the largest coyote tournament in the state, drawing approximately 8000 entrants.

Internship Program Announced !

Director Chip Sorber has announced the development of an Internship program, designed to introduce any interested youth or adult members to the operation of the Association. The objective of the program is to create a cadre of motivated individuals who will insure the continuance of the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. as a dynamic and effective group dedicated to the preservation of our sport. For Youth Members, the program will be modeled, in part, after Chip's QDMA 'Rack Pack' group of juniors.

It is our intention that we will not ask anyone to take on assignments beyond their desires or capabilities. We expect to develop assignments which will also be convenient to the interns' personal schedule wherever possible.

As an added benefit, since we are a Tax Exempt, Non-Profit, 501 -3 (c) organization, many assignments will qualify for High School or College Service Projects.

To learn more, or express interest members are requested to contact Chip directly at (570) 477-2303.

Family Day to feature two Canadian Puppies

We are grateful to Brooke Maskell and Eric Rutlage who have provided puppies for our raffle drawing and auction and to Wade Gray for procuring and housing them until Family Day. Both pups will be eligible for "Horn" registration. One has a former PA State Field Champion in its lineage.

Family Day Details - Invitation

Please accept our invitation to the 13th Annual Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. Family Day, which will be held at Molyneaux's Training Enclosure in Endicott, New York on Saturday, June 24th. While this event is provided by the Association, free of charge to our members, we will be conducting a raffle drawing for a well-bred foxhound puppy and Yeti cooler valued at \$400.00. Raffle tickets will be \$5.00 each with an extra ticket for each \$20.00 worth of tickets purchased.

We plan to have a full slate of activities including the following events:

- Open running of hounds – Cast between 6:00 and 7:00 am. (In order to control pressure on the game, please limit yourself to one hound, no kill dogs).
- Children's Coyote Camera Hunt
- Family Picnic – Noon
- Children's Bench Show and Instruction
- Children's Horn Blowing Contest

- Outdoor Skills Seminar for kids and adults.
- New Feature – Baking Contest – see rules below.

Please plan to attend if at all possible – bring your hound, fast or slow, young or old, ugly or cute. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship and networking for all members.

Please note the following:

- 2017 memberships must be paid prior to, or at the event. (It will accelerate entrance to the grounds if you can show your membership card upon arrival).
- In the event that you have hunter-friends who may be prospective members, feel free to invite them to accompany you. They can pay for their membership on arrival.
- If your children plan to participate in the “Camera Hunt”, please use digital cameras only. We will have on-site printing capability.
- PA State Logo caps and other mdse. will be available for sale during the day.
- This year we plan to have an expanded “Theme Basket” auction. If you or your hunting group would like to donate a basket or any other item for the auction, it would be welcome. We ask that the basket be valued for at least \$20.00 and could represent any theme.

Please assist us in our preparations for this event by returning the following reservation form, to my address listed on the letterhead, no later than June 18th. You can also phone or e-mail your reservation. I can be reached at 570-586-9270 or you can e-mail me at dick.bednarczyk@epix.net.

We look forward to seeing you on the 24th.

Richard J. Bednarczyk
President

Reservation Form – Please Print
Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunters Assn Family Day

Member Name: _____
 Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____
 Number of hounds for open running: _____
 (Limit – one per member)
 Will you participate in the baking contest: Yes No
