

# Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunters inc.

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## *Spring Newsletter – March 2017*



### **New York Couple Enjoying Banner Season!**

Longtime faithful members – Carl Hartman and Linda Covart are owners of Hartline Kennels based near Liberty, New York. Carl is pictured (top – left) with a 49 ½ pound coyote taken on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Covart, (bottom left), is shown with her first coyote which she took in Sullivan County, NY, in late January. Linda uses a 20 gauge Benelli Monte Feltró.

Their kennel program is dominated by CJR breeding (Carl Roy – Kansas).

We were fortunate to visit Hartline Kennels recently and were enormously impressed by the magnificence of their hounds and the highest level of animal husbandry which was evident.

The PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. is honored by their membership and support.



### **From the President's Pen...**

2017 has resulted in a good start for your Association, as you will see from the following news items:

Our calendar for 2017 is being finalized and preparations are underway for our major events.

Our Annual Meeting has been set for Saturday, April 8th, and our "Member's Only" Coyote Tournament is underway, with several good specimens being reported.

The Executive Committee has agreed to expand our scholarship program to three students who are the children or grandchildren of a member. (See details below –page 6).

### **Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. Expands Scholarship Program**

During our last business meeting, the Executive Committee voted to expand our scholarship program to three students. Each will receive a \$500.00 award.

Please see the details and scholarship application below. Any questions may be directed to Dick Bednarczyk (570) 586-9270, Jerry Ross (570) 423-3389 or Cas Bonczewski (570) 977-4539. Our 2016 winners were Travis Roberts and John Chapman.

### **Annual Meeting – Saturday, April 8th, 2017**

The Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. has been scheduled for 4:00 pm, Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion, Route 6, Wyalusing, PA. In addition to election of officers for 2017, the agenda will include a review of the accomplishments of the organization during 2016, plans for 2017, and review of significant legislative issues and other important business.

Please mark your calendar and watch for further correspondence regarding this meeting.

### **Annual Meeting to Feature Porketta Dinner**

This year's Annual Meeting will feature a Ham Loaf Dinner provided by the folks from the Wyalusing American Legion Auxiliary.

*In order to insure proper dinner arrangements, please RSVP to Dick Bednarczyk via e-mail ([dick.bednarczyk@epix.net](mailto:dick.bednarczyk@epix.net)) or by phone (570) 586-9270 if you plan to attend.*

*Please note: There will be a \$10.00 charge for the dinner, payable to the American Legion.*

### **Annual Meeting to Feature Member's "For Sale" Table**

In response to requests from membership, we will have a "For Sale" table available for anyone wishing to sell electronic collars, systems, etc. (No firearms please). Hopefully this will provide an excellent medium for interested buyers and sellers to see what will be available. Sellers will be asked to personally attend their merchandise or have it clearly tagged for ease and accuracy of any transactions.

### **Reminder –Raffle Drawing**

Although we indicated a March 31st deadline for raffle ticket returns, we can continue to receive them up to the moment of our drawing, which will be held at the Annual Meeting on April 8th. This fundraiser has become an integral part of our overall financial scenario for the year. The grand prize is a Garmin Astro Hunter-Dog 430 GPS with the improved T/5 collar valued at approximately \$600.00 retail or a \$600.00 Cash Award. In the event that you have not yet made your returns, we encourage you to support your organization by doing so.

### **PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Coyote Tournament**

This is a reminder that our season-long coyote tournament will end on March 31st.

Successful participating hunters should return their weight cards to Dick Bednarczyk by Tuesday, April 11th.

### **2017 Memberships Now Due**

At this point, everyone should have received their 2017 membership billing. We are requesting prompt payment of dues so that we may continue to fund our various activities and maintain our advocacy of hound owners' rights with the various governing bodies which affect our sport. In the event that you may have misplaced your billing, you may remit your dues to Dick Bednarczyk, using the address which appears on the letterhead.

### **PA State Fox & Coyote Assn. Members Enjoy Success in Tournaments**

Many members continue to appear among the successful hunters at regional tournaments. A partial listing follows:

#### ***District Nine Trappers – Tunkhannock***

There were 47 entries overall, out of 732 registered hunters for the 2017 contest. Successful members were; Bruce Tewksbury, Ron and Scott Davis, John Klinkewicz, Jon Wychock, Pat Zeveney (2 coyotes), Wade Gray (2 coyotes), Ron Sands, Roland Anderson, Mike Sullivan, Dylan Clark, Dave and Ethan Podjunec and Don Spencer. Members of the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. harvested 18 coyotes during the event. The winning coyote weighed 47.55 pounds and was taken by Ellis Arthur. Hounds accounted for 32 of the coyotes presented.

#### ***Mosquito Creek***

Our congratulations go to Jason Brown who took 1<sup>st</sup> place with a 46.15 pound coyote. Other successful members were Jake Kowalczyk (2 yotes), Bob Cragle (2 yotes), Guy Michalowski (2 yotes), Chad Kilgus, and Zach Kinney. There were 210 coyotes entered in the contest, 142 of which were taken with hounds. Overall 4634 hunters were registered for the event.

### **Welcome New Members!**

Recruiting efforts for 2017 are off to a good start. YTD 5 hunters have joined the Association. Since our last newsletter, Jason Hitchcock, Robert Cragle, Chad Kilgus, Josh Montross and Evelyn Schmitt have come aboard. We are delighted to see the number of youths and family groups which have joined the Association over the past few years. Welcome hunters!

### **Remember to Nominate Your Youngsters for "First" Award**

Recently we expanded our award program to include "First Turkey", "First Bobcat" 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 Bobcat" or "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**

Please support these loyal sponsors, who continually provide substantial donations to insure the success of our events. Each of these sponsors willingly provides their support. Some do so automatically each year, without the need for personal solicitation from us;

Johnson's Telemetry, Prowler/Quick Track, Sportmix Dog Food, Thunder Valley Pet Pantry, Chase Publishing, Gundog Supply, Custom Collars, PA Outdoor News, Double U Hunting Supply, Sacandaga Dog Supply and Hunter's Horn magazine.

All companies listed provided gift certificates, subscriptions or merchandise.

### **Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania**

*Editor's Note:*

*Our appreciation is accorded to John Gible of the Elizabethtown Beagle Club who has provide the PA summaries listed below. John continues to do extraordinary work on our behalf. We will continue to monitor the progress of these and similar bills and request your action when appropriate.*

### **Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania HB 13**

In the House is HB 13, a reintroduction of the anti-tethering bill. This is much improved over what it was, but there are some major issues, such as limiting when a dog can be tied out when the temperature is above 90 or less than 32 degrees. It is sponsored by mostly Philadelphia Democrats.

### **Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania SB 54**

SB 54 amends the Puppy Lemon Law providing protections for buyers of dogs. It adds shelters and rescues under sellers requirements, which is good. One troubling issue is extending seller liabilities from 10 to 14 days for specific health issues and from 30 days to 90 days seller responsibility for hereditary or congenital defects. SB 54 is in the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee. Our fear is you send someone home with a healthy puppy and it is exposed to a contagion, like parvo, which has a 3-7 day incubation period, and then you're on the hook. We are also concerned about the 90 days to discover a congenital defect. If you haven't seen it in 30 days, is it likely that it will appear in another 60 days?

### **Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania SB 69**

SB 69 adds horses under the animal cruelty statutes, adds penalties for abuse or neglect of service (guide) dogs, and establishes a Humane Society Police Officer Advisory Board.

### **Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania SB 135**

SB 135, currently in the Game and Fisheries Committee, would allow hunters to used leashed dogs to track already killed big game.

### **Legislative Monitoring – New York SB 63**

NY Members are urged to contact their representatives asking them to vote NO on SB 63, which would place an additional tax on gun purchases to be used to research gun violence, making sportsmen financially responsible for the actions of criminals.

## Suggested Readings

**The Voice of Bugle Ann** by MacKinlay Kantor, author of the Pulitzer Prize Winning Novel – **Andersonville**. This novel is arguably one of the all-time great stories about the mystical bond between hunters and great hounds. It is tragic, gripping and unfortunately too true to life. Published by Berkley Highland Books, recently available as ‘used’ on line.

**A Short History of Foxhunting** by Alastair Jackson and Michael Clayton. First published in Great Britain by Merlin Unwin Books in 2013, the book includes a glossary of MFHA recognized hunts in Britain, Ireland and the US, several of which are current members of the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter’s Assn. The book includes considerable details of the ‘Hunting Act of 2005’ designed to end Foxhunting in Britain and Wales as well as the hunting of deer, hares and mink. (It could happen here if the PETA/HSUS anti’s influence enough congressmen.)

H.L Todd Addis VMD, has recently published his memoirs **“A Backward Glance”**. The 88 chapters cover his life of veterinary practice, hounds, horses and the sport of foxhunting in Chester County, PA. Dr. Addis provides comprehensive insight into the early meetings between the PA Foxhunters and the Game Commission. He mentions past president and director Ray Mummaw, the Fawn Grove Field Trials and former legislative chairman Jody Murtaugh. This also is a delightful “read”, which can be purchased for \$35.00, plus \$4.00 S/H. Mail to: A Backward Glance, PO Box 2, Elverson, PA 19520.

## Western Boy’s Coyote Team Presents Considerable Donation

Director Jay Roberts recently advised us to expect a donation from the Western Boy’s Coyote Team – Mercer County. Within a few days, President Sam Huff issued their check in the amount of \$500.00 payable to the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter’s Assn. The Western Boy’s 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.

### *IN MEMORIUM*

*John Casey  
Donna Casey  
Dean Arnold  
Richard Molyneaux*

## The Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunters Association announces the 2017 Scholarship Award!

As decided by the Officers and Board of Directors, the association will provide \$500 scholarships to two eligible students. The award will be presented during the awards portion of the 2017 Family Day picnic to be held at Molyneaux's Pen.

**Details:**

1. Student must complete the application below and submit by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. One application per student. Families with multiple students may copy the application below. Mail application to RJ Bednarczyk, President.
2. Student must be a PA State Fox & Coyote Hunters Association member or the child or grandchild of a current, paid member.
3. The Scholarship opportunity is open to:
  - a. All graduates from the class 2017 who meet the above qualifications, regardless of state or province of residence.
  - b. Previously graduated students currently enrolled in further education programs, who meet the above qualifications, regardless of state or province of residence. Currently enrolled college students must not have entered into the 4<sup>th</sup> year of their chosen program.
4. A qualifying further education program refers to a 2 or 4 year college, trade or specialty school or any other higher education program for which the student is paying for.
5. In an effort to be fair and objective to all qualified and deserving applicants, the name of each applicant will be placed in a hat for a random drawing to determine the winners.
6. The winning students will be required to submit proof of current enrollment or planned continuation of education beyond high school. (i.e., acceptance letter)
7. Student need not be present at Family Day picnic to win.
8. Previous winners are ineligible.

Students Name (please print):		Date:
Address:		
Town:	State or Province:	Zip Code:
Phone Number:	e-mail Address:	
Member's Name (student, parent or grandparent):		
College or Trade School you are/will be attending:		
Students Signature:		