

# *Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunters inc.*

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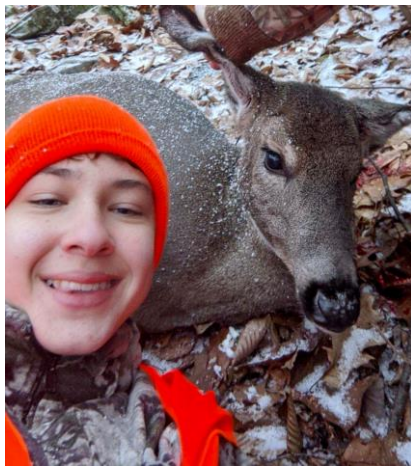
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## Spring Newsletter – March 2022 First Harvest Awards



Caden Moher (L), 14, grandson of Dick Bednarczyk, used his new youth model .243 to take his 1<sup>st</sup> deer.

Martina Parola (R), granddaughter of Marty Carr, 1<sup>st</sup> turkey – called in by Grandad!



Elijah Peifer, (L), 15, son of Hon. Mike Peifer, who championed our hound retrieval bill, 1<sup>st</sup> coyote.

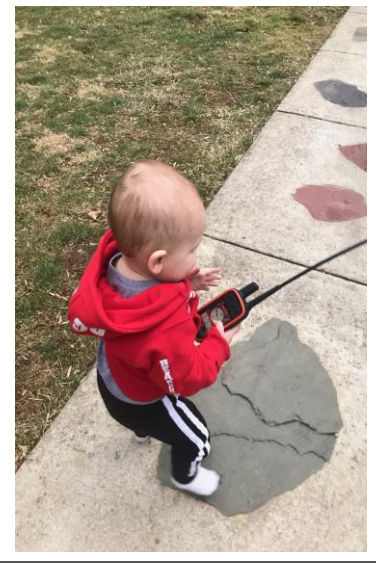
Ryan McNichol, (R), 1<sup>st</sup> coyote, taken in front of Mike Miele's Blue and Buster. Freytown, Lackawanna County.





Junior Member Luke Kirby (age 4) hunted with dad Mark on this successful trip. Accompanying hunters reported: “The excitement out of Luke was unreal and like nothing we have ever experienced before”! Pictured from left are Greg and Elle Reed, Luke and Mark Kirby.

Levi Miele, is pictured the day prior to his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, fascinated by the new Garmin Alpha which his grandpa Mike Miele gave him as a present. Great choice of a gift Mike! Can't start the kids too early.



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

2022 has resulted in a good start for our Association, as you will see from the following news items:

Our calendar for 2022 is being finalized and preparations are underway for our major events. After two painful years enduring the covid shutdown, the Executive Committee has determined to resume our traditional activities.

Our Annual Meeting has been set for Saturday, April 23rd, at the American Legion, in Wyalusing PA. Our “Member’s Only” Coyote Tournament is underway, with several good specimens being reported.

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

We are also planning to resume our Family Day Picnic, which has been tentatively set for Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Sorber Cabin in Noxen, PA.

Further details on these and other matters appear below.

**Annual Meeting – Saturday, April 23rd, 2022**

The Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter’s Assn. has been scheduled for 4:00 pm, Saturday, April 23rd at the American Legion, Route 6, Wyalusing, PA. In addition to election of officers for 2022, the agenda will include a review of the accomplishments of the organization during 2021, plans for 2022, and review of significant legislative issues and other important business.

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

In order to ensure proper dinner arrangements, please RSVP to Dick Bednarczyk via e-mail (dick.bednarczyk@gmail.com) or by phone (570) 586-9270 if you plan to attend. You may also send a text to (570) 209-3700.

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 23rd. This fundraiser has become an integral part of our overall financial scenario for the year. The grand prize is a Garmin Alpha Bundle GPS with the improved TT/15 collar valued at approximately \$1000.00 retail or a \$1000.00 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 Saturday, April 9th.

### **2022 Memberships Now Due**

At this point, everyone should have received their 2022 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 Association Secretary Pat Carr, using the address which appears on the letterhead.

### **Remember to Nominate Your Youngsters for “First” Award**

Please be mindful of our award program which includes “First Turkey”, “First Bobcat”, “First Coyote” in addition to “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.

### **Chris Meeker Appointed Membership Chairman**

Director Chris Meeker has agreed to accept additional responsibilities as head of the membership committee. We are very appreciative of this and the good work Chris has been doing with legislators on our behalf, as well as his watchfulness for harmful legislation. Thank you, Chris!

### **PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter’s Assn Receives Significant Contribution**

We wish to acknowledge a \$250.00 donation from a like- minded sporting dog owner, who wishes to remain anonymous. Although our benefactor is a waterfowl/upland dog expert, he has partnered with us on legislative efforts and has expressed his gratitude for our work. We wish to publicly thank him for this gift as well as his work with us on many of our common issues.

### **Western Boy's Coyote Team Continues Donation to Scholarship Program!**

Recently Director Jay Roberts presented a \$500.00 contribution to the Association on behalf of the Western Boy's Coyote Team of Mercer County. This represents a continuance of the groups support for our Association. In recognition of this thoughtful gesture, one of our 2022 scholarships has been designated as the "Western Boy's Honorary Scholarship". All scholarships will be awarded in June.

### **Legislative Monitoring – PA Senate Bill 907 - An Update!**

PA Senate Bill 907 would create an advisory board to review existing dog laws and propose new legislation. As sporting dog owners and enthusiasts, we oppose this bill. Our primary objection is that there is no seat afforded to hunting dog and sporting dog groups.

The bill designates thirteen categories of membership, including the Federated Humane Societies of PA and SPCA.

*Update - Since our last newsletter, some of our directors and faithful members have met with their respective state senators, expressing our position on this bill. While the reception was Luke-warm and non-committal in one case, a few others expressed empathy for our request and pledged their support for amending this bill.*

*At the time of our publication, the bill has been in the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee since October 18, 2021.*

### **Legislative Monitoring – Vermont Motion to end use of hounds to hunt coyotes!**

A bill sponsored by a Senate committee would prohibit Vermont hunters from tracking coyotes with the help of dogs.

S281, introduced Jan. 27 into the Vermont Senate, would "prohibit the pursuit of coyote with the aid of dogs, either for the training of dogs or for the taking of coyote."

Its sponsor is the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. Chaired by Sen. Chris Bray (D-Addison), its members also include Vice-Chair Richard Westman (R-Lamoille), Mark MacDonald (D-Orange), Brian Campion (D-Bennington), and Dick McCormack (D-Windsor).

The bill was sent by the full Senate to Natural Resources and Energy for study and testimony. If approved by the committee, S281 will return to the full Senate for a vote, and then would go to the House of Representatives for its consideration.

In Vermont, coyotes can be hunted at any time during the year, according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Dept. A regulated trapping season begins the fourth Saturday in October and runs through December 31.

**"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools"**

**-Plato**

In Memorium

Ray Pawelski  
Brian Stucker  
Logan Jennings

**Remember To Support Our Sponsors**

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**Association Members enjoy success at Mosquito Creek Hunt.**

The following members were fortunate hunters during the Mosquito Creek Hunt; Bob Cragle (3 coyotes), Josh Fields (2 coyotes), Bill Holena, Alvin Vollmer, Kevin Willow, Dave Evans and Darrick Graham.

A total of 270 coyotes were entered, 122 taken in front of hounds. 4262 hunters enrolled in the hunt. The top three entries weighed 47.85, 47.65 and 46.5 pounds.

**Welcome New Members!**

Recruiting efforts for 2022 are off to a good start. YTD seven hunters have joined the Association. Since our last newsletter, Ryan McNichol, Mark & Luke Kirby, Karen E. Ross, Elijah & Wyatt Peifer and Richard J. Ross 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!

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

The Executive Committee voted to continue our scholarship program for five students. Each will receive a \$500.00 award.

The first two scholarships to be awarded will be designated the Dick Ross Memorial Scholarship and the Roy Rosenbaum Memorial Scholarship, which have been funded by memorial contributions made in their honor. The third scholarship will be earmarked as the Western Boys Coyote Team Honorary Scholarship funded by the Mercer County group.

Please see the details and scholarship application below. Any questions may be directed to Dick Bednarczyk (570) 586-9270 or, Jerry Ross (570) 423-3389. Our 2021 winners were Sean Sears, Tyler Peterson, Leah Flynt, Reagan Allison and Adalyn Kleintob.

Eligible students may use the application below to participate in the drawing.

## 2022 Scholarship Award Program!

**Details:**

1. Student must complete the application below and submit by June 1st, 2022. 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 2022 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 4th 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 drawing location 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:		