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Fall Newsletter – September 2021



Zack Kinney State Champion

2021 State Champion Zack Kinney is pictured with our Challenge Trophy which is rotated annually to the reigning hunter.

Zack gave a poignant account of the chase which yielded his 46.5 pound specimen. – He waited four and one half hours for the yote to circle back, driven by his English Foxhounds, a breed he favors.

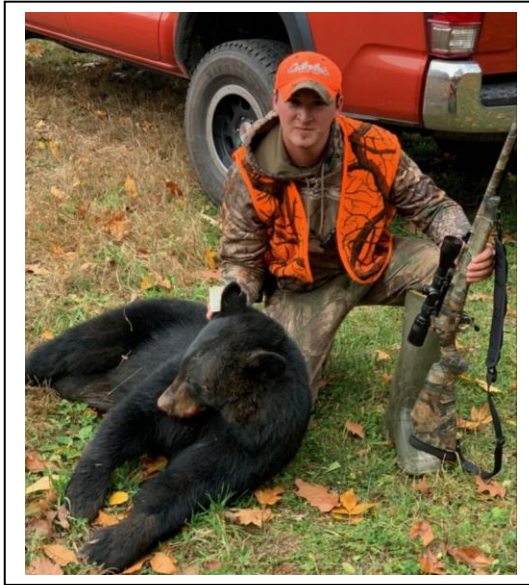
“It was an emotional day for me, since it was the seventh anniversary of my father’s passing” Zack related. “All things considered, it was a day of hunting which I will never forget. It had its’ highs as well as its’ lows.”

Our congratulations to Zack, who has shown a knack of producing some of the heavier specimens entered in our annual tournament.

Way to go – Zack.

Kyle Spencer Records Banner Hunting Season

Kyle Spencer, 22 year old son of Director Shawn Spencer capped off the recent hunting season by recording his second “Triple Trophy” season. Kyle showed his versatility by completing the feat with his bow, muzzleloader and shotgun. In addition to the “Triple Trophy”, Kyle also took two gobblers in New York and several coyotes while hunting with his dad. The bear pictured is actually Kyle’s third – quite an accomplishment for such a young man. Wow!



From the President’s Pen...

While Covid – 19 precautions continue to impact our ability to hold most of our organization’s activities, on August 3rd, we resumed our bi-monthly business meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 28th, at the Sorber Cabin, Noxen. Anyone wishing to attend is certainly invited to do so. A brief account of some key appointments which were made during the meeting is listed below.

Marty Carr Appointed Treasurer.

Marty Carr has volunteered to serve as Treasurer, replacing Dave Hall, who has been appointed Director. Per Association By-Laws, the Executive Committee may fill any officer position mid-term, except that of the presidency. Marty's transition is expected to be seamless since he also carries out treasurers responsibilities for the Gas Hollow Hunting Club and has served as Auditor for the Borough of Moscow.

We are eternally grateful to Dave Hall, who has served the Association for a lifetime, much of which has been in officer positions. We appreciate the fact that Dave agreed to continue his counsel as a director.

Chris Meeker Appointed as Director.

Chris Meeker, Hunlock Creek, has agreed to serve as a director. Chris is a true activist for the rights of houndsmen. He is continually watchful of trends and legislation and is quick to alert the Executive Committee in matters of significant importance.

Chris also has shown his support at our Sporting Dog Owner's Meeting in Harrisburg, accompanied by his daughter Kaylee, and dad, Arden Meeker, both members as well.

A Reminder about Overdue Memberships.

Recently we sent a final reminder to those members who have not paid their 2021 dues. We are requesting prompt payment 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 Pat Carr, using the address which appears on the letterhead. If you wish to be removed from the mailing list, merely indicate so on the form provided.

Legislative Monitoring – Pennsylvania

A recent update of pertinent legislation, provided by the PA Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists, lists 84 gun control bills which have been introduced for the current session. The content and character of so many bills is too numerous for us to summarize, however the Federation is doing so on behalf of the sporting community.

Legislative Monitoring – Coyote Tournaments – Other States

The most recent summary provided by the Sportsmen's Alliance has indicated that legislation to ban wildlife contests has been introduced in two neighboring states – New York and New Jersey, as well as Oregon. Additionally the Nevada Wildlife Commission also indicated their willingness to consider such a ban in their 2021 session.

Regulation Reminder - Sunday Hunting– Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania hunters are reminded that anyone planning to hunt on the three designated Sundays – Nov. 14, 21, and 28 are required to carry written permission from the landowner, if they are hunting on private land. This requirement and facsimile form appear on page 4 of the latest Pennsylvania Hunting and Trapping Digest.

Our appreciation to Secretary Pat Carr for drawing our attention to the requirement during a recent business meeting.

Regulation Reminder – Pennsylvania Bobcat Hunters

Bobcat Hunters are reminded that bobcat (and fisher) permits must be purchased before Dec. 18. Invariably we hear complaints each year from hunters who overlook the cut-off and miss the opportunity to hunt.

Application procedures and pertinent bobcat regulations appear on page 51 of the Hunting and Trapping Digest.

PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's develop Bear Hound/Handler's Registry for Game Commission

Since this Association has been called upon to provide bear hounds and handlers for four separate bear mauling incidents in past years, at our 2019 meeting we suggested, and the PGC has welcomed, the development of a "Bear Hound/Handlers" registry which would be provided to the Agency for emergency situations.

Since then, several members have stepped forward to volunteer their services. The initial listing was provided to the Game Commission in August 2019. Fortunately, we have not experienced any bear attacks since then, however we wish to keep the registry current.

We are requesting that any additional members, willing to be included, notify Dick Bednarczyk of their availability. Obviously you should have hounds which are capable of running and treeing bears.

In the event you have non-member contacts with capable hounds, we would welcome their inclusion.

In any case, please provide the contact information to me ASAP.

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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 280 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@gmail.com - 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.

Other Notes:

Be sure to thank a veteran on Veteran's Day and remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf.