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Kids Take Home Hardware on Family Day



Spring's Kennels Repeats

Wade, Carol and Brett Gray showing Spring's Sky, Spring's Trouble and Spring's Shy who placed first, third and fifth in the August 11th, Speed and Drive held at Molyneaux's Plantation, Endicott, New York. Also pictured are Jay Roberts, Tyler Huffman and Dave Peterson. See page (4).

From the President's Pen...

The last three months of 2012 has proven to be an eventful, productive time for the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. In addition to holding our Family Day Picnic and One-Day Speed & Drive, we also chaired the Sporting Dog Owner's Meeting with the PA Game Commission. Roy Rosenbaum has completed individualized judges training, helping to insure that we have a sufficient cadre of qualified individuals to officiate our events. At the time of publication we are preparing for our Two-Day Field Trial, which will be held on September 14th and 15th.

Please refer to further details on these matters which appear below.

Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. Host Family Day Picnic

Molyneaux's Training Enclosure, Endicott, New York, was the site for Pennsylvania State's eighth annual Family Day Picnic. 140 members and guests were on hand to enjoy summer picnic fare while running their hounds.

A variety of competitions and training classes also comprised the day's activities.

The traditional horn-blowing contest was won by Dakota Pedro, while John Chapman took the metallic horn event. John Chapman also won the photo hunt, with Anna Brown and Patrick Chapman taking second and third places in that event.

Many youngsters (and adults) were spell-bound during a highly informative "Outdoor Survival" class presented by Chip Sorber. Director Jim Rogers presented detailed instruction during a children's handling class which was followed by the bench show. Director Ron Cole acted as bench judge. An intense judging period resulted in the following winners, listed in order of bench placement: Karly Keane showing Gunner, Michael Davis showing TC, Dakota Pedro showing Trouble, Adele Vaughan showing Deena, Josh Brown showing Spot, Patrick Chapman showing Chance, Jayden Case showing Tammy, Anna Brown showing Daisy, Rachel Stucker showing Smoke and Mike Montagna showing Driver.

2012 State Champion Coyote Hunter Bob Brown was on hand to receive trophies for several places (5) in the Association's Coyote Tournament. Bob was easily declared the 2012 PA State Champion with a 47.35 pound coyote which also won the Mosquito Creek Tournament. Other winners were Jack Sorber (2 places), Jerry Devine, Sam Noone and Wade Gray.

Ron Soley placed 1st and 3rd in the Youth Division, with Dakota Pedro taking 2nd place.

The puppy raffle was won by Jack Sorber with David Wride being declared winner of the Gas Grill. Special thanks are in order to Director Ron Davis who made considerable sacrifice in donating a particularly beautiful 8 week old puppy with Locust Grove breeding.

Jayden Case and Bowen Minier each won a \$50.00 Cabela's gift card which was donated by the Western Boy's Coyote Team.

Sporting Dog Owner's Meeting –PA Game Commission Headquarters, Harrisburg

Twenty members of the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. showed their support by attending the dog owner's meeting on June 26th. As usual, our primary focus centered on hound safety issues, primarily wanton shooting incidents. In response to our request, Matt Lovallo, PGC Biologist, gave an in-depth report on the split bobcat season and indicated the likelihood on its continuance. We also discussed the potential for allowing hounds to participate in the current fisher season, where it exists. Jim Katchko presented the Beagler's issues, including in-season predator permitting on club grounds and youth mentoring, while Bruce Knopsnider, President of PA Nite Hunter's discussed hound shootings, fisher and porcupine issues and related matters.

Executive Director Carl Roe asked for special time to address our group, during which he stressed the importance that he and his staff place on our annual meeting.

Our sincere thanks are extended to the Game Commission Staff and the members of the Board of Commissioners who gave their valuable time and attention to the "dog folks" in attendance.

Director Richard R. Palmer, Bureau of Wildlife Protection Pledges Continued Support to Houndsmen.

At the conclusion of the Sporting Dog Owner's meeting, Richard R. Palmer, Director Wildlife Protection, PA Game Commission, pledged his continued support whenever our members are victimized by the wanton shooting of our hounds. Although the Game Commission is not responsible for enforcement in these matters, they may get involved if a game law violation (such as the unauthorized removal of collars) simultaneously occurs.

Over the past few years, we have benefited from such involvement by Director Palmer's WCO's on more than one occasion.

We cannot over-emphasize how important Director Palmer's declaration and his previous involvement have been to the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. Thank you Director Palmer!!

PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. Recognized by PA Nite Hunter's

During the Sporting Dog Owner's meeting in Harrisburg, Bruce Knopsnider, President of the PA Nite Hunter's presented an exquisite painting to Dick Bednarczyk, President, PA Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. The large painting, which was procured from a Western Pennsylvania Estate, depicts a traditional mounted foxhunt. It is finely framed and matted.

Mr. Knopsnider said he was pleased to present such a substantial gift in recognition of the successful and enjoyable partnership which has developed between the PA Nite Hunter's and the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunters in recent years.

Both organizations vowed to continue their partnership in pursuit of hound owner's rights in the Commonwealth.

(Editor's note: The picture will be on display at our Annual Meeting, Family Day, Field Trials and similar events).

Wade and Carol Gray's Springs Sky Takes Event

Favorable weather, good game conditioning and superb hounds combined to make another memorable PA State Speed & Drive Field Trial, with Springs Sky winning the event. Kipp Adcock did a great job serving as Master of Hounds.

The proceedings were marked by the attendance of the Honorable John Casey of Sterling, Massachusetts, who was accompanied by his wife Donna, son Shawn and guest Holly. Mr. Casey recently donated three truckloads of trophies for our children's events!! Fifty six hounds were entered, representing Pennsylvania, New York and Canada.

A sincere thank you to the following judges: Dick Bednarczyk, Kipp Adcock, David Hall, Roy Rosenbaum, Ron and Scott Davis, Kevin McCloskey, Walter Vosefski, David Wride, Brian Coleman, Jerry Ross, Chip Sorber and Jerry Devine.

Other Field Support Staff were Paul and James Conway, Drew and Evan Madill, Tyler Huffman, Brett Gray, Billy Trego and John Ives II.

Debbie Wride and Dawn Keane assisted Dave Wride with computer operations.

We are also grateful to Gene, Staci and Richard Molyneaux who continue to host many of our events and are continually responsive to all of our requests.

Special thanks to those member/hunters who worked behind the scenes.

Sometimes we forget to give the credit to those who work the hardest during our field trial. They cooked, cleaned, sold merchandise, set up the booths, tore them down and performed a countless number of other tasks.

They are: Jerry Ross, Wade and Carol Gray, Dave and Amy Peterson, Jay Roberts and Marty Carr.

We are ever grateful to our faithful sponsors: Prowler-Quick Track for their discount coupons and to Wade and Carol Gray for donating and conducting the ever - popular rib-eye raffle, which was won by Kevin McCloskey.

Finally, thank you to all who entered hounds in this year's event. None of this would be possible if it were not for your support.

Congratulations to:

- 1). Springs Sky –Leifloors Ricky x Lafloors Molly, Springs Kennels, Laceyville, PA
- 2). Kimmet's Erica – Farrows Hitman x Hir Black Duck, Maurice Kimmet, Napanee, Ont.
- 3).Springs Trouble – Running Shoe x Lil miss Spark Plug, Springs Kennels, Laceyville, PA
- 4). NBC Whitey - S&R Scooby Doo x NBC Izzy, NBC Kennels, Lockport NY
- 5). Springs Shy – Rockhills Closeline x Crazy Sally, Springs Kennels, Laceyville, PA
- 6). NBC Squirrel - S&R Scooby Doo x Creekside Julie), NBC Kennels, Lockport NY
- 7). Rock –N-Roll Lit. Girlie – Rock -N-Roll Razer x Tim's Girlie, Tim Parmeter, Lisbon, NY
- 8).Meshoppen Creek Snake – Spring's Sugar Ray x Tallpines Tia, Ellis Arthur, Springville, PA
- 9). NBC Red Balls - S&R Scooby Doo x NBC Izzy, NBC Kennels, Lockport NY
- 10). North Wind Reba – Tarrhele H. x Red Sugar, Eric Emerson, Roslin, Ont.

2012 Memberships Now Due

At this point, everyone should have received their 2012 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.

Our Upcoming Field Trial

Two – Day Speed and Drive and Bench Show – September 14th and 15th. This will be an open hunt with trophies awarded to the first ten places for both Derby and All-Age hounds.

This competition will be held at Molyneaux's in Endicott, New York. Numbers may be reserved by calling Kipp Adcock at 570-842-5477 or 570-840-1086.

Bench Show to Award Bench Championship.

For the second consecutive year, the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. will award a Bench Championship to the hound selected as "Best in Show". The event will be judged under the rules of the National Foxhunter's Assn.

All hunters competing at our trial are encouraged to be sure to show your hounds in addition to running them. Frank Hall, Moravia, New York will be judging the event. Frank has also been selected as Bench Judge for the Quinte, in Canada.

Remember To Support Our Sponsors

Johnson's Telemetry, Dad's Dog Food, Prowler/ Quick Track, The Chase Magazine, Hunter's Horn, Ainsworth Dog Food, Sportmix Dog Food, and Thunder Valley Pet Pantry.

Welcome New Members!

Recruiting efforts for 2012 continues on a good trend. YTD 35 hunters have joined the Association. Since our last newsletter, Anna and Josh Brown, Shawn Dietz, Tyler Huffman, Dorothy Nelson and Stanley Nelson IV, Doug and Allen Rouch, Ryan Sawyer, Adam Fabian, Robert Flook, Richard Kadur, Brandon Hunsinger, John Ives II and Daniel Carns have come on board. We now have 24 Youth Members as part of the Association – a good basis for a strong future. Welcome hunters!

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 50 % of our membership. 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@epix.net, 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.

California moved one step closer to enacting a ban on bear and bobcat hunting with hounds as Senate Bill 1221 was passed by the state's Assembly.

The bill, which was introduced by State Senator Ted Lieu (D- Torrance) in April, was originally held in the Appropriations Committee on suspense. It was amended and passed prior to the committee deadline last week. (Bills are placed on "suspense" when the fiscal impact to the state is significant enough to warrant further consideration.) Despite estimates that place the price tag at nearly \$1 million annually, the measure garnered enough support and passed the full Assembly by a vote of 44 to 29, with seven members not voting.

SB 1221 was introduced after anti-hunting organizations moved to have California Fish and Game President Dan Richards thrown off the commission for legally hunting mountain lions in Idaho. "After their failed attempt to remove Mr. Richards, these groups' convinced anti-hunting legislators to exact revenge on sportsmen," said Evan Heusinkveld, US Sportsmen's Alliance.

Because the bill was amended in the Assembly, it must now return to the Senate for a final vote – called concurrence – before heading to the governor's desk. "California sportsmen and women nearly defeated this bill in May when it passed the Senate by a two vote margin. Now we have another shot, but we must act quickly," said Heusinkveld.

(Editor's note: The above information provided by the US Sportsmen's Alliance).

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) moves to close Virginia fox pens

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has introduced legislation in the Virginia General Assembly to shut down fox preserves, making it a crime to erect or maintain a preserve or to train or hold dog trials in a preserve. HSUS has used distorted pictures, skewed polls and downright lies designed to kill the sport of hunting in Virginia. Keep in mind that HSUS is a United States organization trying to shut down fox preserves and telling our hunters what they can or cannot do.

(Editor's note: The above information provided by Davy Hackett, Appomattox, VA).