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Winter Newsletter – December 2014



Five year old Colton Strong, Irvona, PA needs help from his dad, Derrick, to hoist his Family Day Trophy. Colton won First Place in the photo hunt, capturing both the coyote and trailing hound in the same frame. There's certainly a bright future ahead for this young man! Congratulations Colton !!

From the President's Pen...

The last three months of 2014 has brought promising developments for the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. In our last newsletter we reported participating in a special meeting concerning "Mean Seeds" plantings with Paul Brown, retriever competitor from Overton, PA, Mark Madden, extension educator with the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service of Sullivan County and Jeff Fetzer, VP of Communications for C&T Enterprises, Wellsboro. "Mean Seeds" are the source of Awns Disease in dogs.

Jeff published an extensive article in Claverack Rural Electrical's "PENN LINES" magazine about "mean seeds" on our behalf. A very significant outcome has been the news that DCNR officials are now working with Penn State University and the PA Game Commission to investigate alternative conservation mixes that contain less of the wild ryes (a main source of the dreaded "Awns disease").

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Game Commission has already taken steps to drastically reduce planting of wild ryes.

We are indebted to Paul Brown for taking the initiative in this matter, arranging the meeting and inviting us to participate.

A complete copy of Jeff's article: "**Mean seeds a threat to our four legged friends**" which appears in the October 2014 Penn Lines, will be sent to all members with e-mail service in the near future.

PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's to Hold Coyote Tournament

Once again, the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. will conduct a season long, member's only, trophy only, Coyote Tournament. The competition will be conducted under an "Honor" system, merely requiring registered hunters to provide the certified weight, along with a suitable picture. Since we have members from six states and Canada, the contest will be open to all states and Canadian provinces, wherever legal. Our substantial 'Challenge Trophy' will be awarded for the heaviest coyote, which will be replaced by a replica after one year. Trophies will also be awarded for the ten heaviest entries. Entry fees will be \$10.00 for the event. Entry forms will accompany 2015 membership billings which will be sent shortly.

Coyote Tournament Expanded – More Trophies, Youth Division Included

In response to requests by several members, recently our coyote tournament was expanded to include a youth division – recently won by Joey Berkheimer, Rob Carr and Ron Soley. For purposes of clarity and uniformity, a youth will be considered as holding a PA Junior Hunting License, or the equivalent, for members from other states and Canada. Mentored Youths will also be eligible.

Welcome New Members!

Recruiting efforts for 2014 continues on a good note... YTD 38 hunters have joined the Association. Since our last newsletter, Chad Duncan, Delevan, New York has come aboard. Chad is the operator of a new training enclosure in Delevan. He can be reached at (716) 560-5897.

Check Out Our Website

All members are encouraged to review our new website (www.pafoxhunters.com). We are indebted to Member Joe Ross for developing and maintaining the site for the Association. In addition, Joe has prepaid our subscription fees for a five year period!

Special recognition is in order for Joe's uncle, Vice President Jerry Ross, who volunteered to spearhead this project.

We would welcome your comments and suggestions regarding anything you feel should be included. Merely use the website's "Contact Us" feature if you wish to respond.

Do We Have Your Current E-Mail Address? Home 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.

Remember to Nominate Your Youngsters for Awards

Again this year we will be promoting our award program to include "First Turkey", 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 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

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 and Hunter's Horn magazine. All companies listed provided gift certificates, subscriptions or merchandise for our various events...

Reminder – Please assist with Cottontail Study

During the June Sporting Dog Owners Meeting, Game Commission biologists introduced the launching of a study of the Appalachian Cottontail. Game Commission personnel presented a specific request of the Houndsmen present to assist in the gathering of data for their research. We strongly encourage all hunters to take part in the study, if the opportunity is presented. Please use the survey forms provided with our September Newsletter to report your specimens.

Legislative Monitoring - Maine Bear Hunting Referendum

We are pleased to report that the HSUS sponsored referendum to end bear hunting with hounds and baiting has been defeated by Maine voters. The following message has been extracted from the announcement by the US Sportsmen's Alliance:

In a ballot initiative with national repercussions, Maine voters once again sent an unmistakable message to animal-rights extremists: stay out of our state.

For the second time in 10 years, Maine voters resoundingly rejected a ballot initiative backed and bankrolled by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). Throughout the battle on Question 1, which would have banned the use of bait, dogs and traps when bear hunting, sportsmen and professional wildlife managers who opposed the initiative continually maintained a double-digit lead in the polls.

"This is a great victory for sportsmen. It shows that scientific wildlife management can withstand a direct attack from the well-funded anti-hunting movement," said Evan Heusinkveld, the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance's (USSA) vice president of government affairs. "Despite pumping more than \$2.5 million into this campaign, HSUS received a loud and clear message from Maine voters that their radical agenda is out of touch with modern wildlife management."

PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Logo Mdse. –Great Christmas Gifts!

As a result of member's suggestions, we introduced very attractive ceramic coffee mugs, aluminum license plates and full zippered embroidered hooded sweatshirts. We also have buttoned-down collar, long sleeve, and light blue dress shirts mfg. by Port Authority. The shirts are Easy Care, blended, and are available in adult sizes M, L, XL, 2XL and 3XL – (embroidered logo). The dress shirts will be selling for \$33.00. We also are offering our popular caps, T-Shirts and Pull-over Hooded Sweatshirts.

Recently we added a full line of embroidered fall weight and winter weight jackets, selling for \$59.00 and \$63.00 respectively.

Our newest item is our logo caps in camo pattern –very popular for \$15.00.

These items would make great stocking stuffers and can be obtained by completing the enclosed order forms or by contacting Dick Bednarczyk (570-586-9270) or any of the officers or directors directly.



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Pro Style Fitted Caps

\$15.00



	Red	Stone	Forest	Navy	Maroon	Royal
S/M						
L/XL						



50/50 Cotton Tees

\$12.00

	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X
White						
Ash						



Legacy Jackets

100% polyester shell
100% polyester mesh upper-body lining, 100% nylon lower-body, front and sleeve lining
Contrasting Color on Collar/Hood

\$59.00

	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X	5X <i>Men's Only</i>	6X <i>Men's Only</i>
Black/Grey									
Navy/Red									
Hunter/Navy <i>Men's Only</i>									
Khaki/Nutmeg <i>Men's Only</i>									
Blue/Navy									
Red/Navy									
Stone/Navy									

Use L or M to specify Men's or Ladies
Next to Quantity (Eq. 1L, or 1M, etc)



Challenger Jacket

Teklon® nylon shell
Poly-filled body with heavyweight fleece lining for extra warmth.
Available in Black/Black

\$63.00

XS	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X	5X	6X

Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirts



Color - Dark Chocolate
Includes embroidered logo

\$30.00

S	M	L	XL	2X



Hooded Sweatshirt

Available in Forest Green
Large & XL Only
While Supplies Last!

\$25.00

S	M	L	XL	2X	3X

Beanies w/ Cuff

\$12.00



Red	Maroon	White	Orange	Spruce	Navy

Item Price	Hats \$15.00	Tees \$12.00	Hoodies \$25.00	Legacy \$59.00	Challenger \$63.00	Full Zip Hoodie \$30.00	Beanies \$12.00
Quantity							
Subtotal							
Shipping	Add \$5.00						
Total							

Mail your check payable to the PASFCHA to RJ Bednarczyk at the address listed.
Add \$5.00 for shipping and handling.

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Full Color Mugs
Two-Tone, Burgundy/White
11 oz.

\$8.00



License Plates
\$20.00

<i>Item</i>	<i>Mugs</i>	<i>License Plates</i>
<i>Price</i>	\$8.00	\$20.00
<i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Subtotal</i>		
<i>Shipping</i>	<i>Add \$5.00</i>	
<i>Total</i>		

Check payable to the PASFCHA
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Add \$5.00 for S&H

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