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PA Game Commission Recognizes PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn.

Upon the conclusion of the annual Sporting Dog Owner's Meeting on June 30th, 2015, Richard R. Palmer, Executive Director, PA Game Commission, presented the above print to Dick Bednarczyk. The numbered print, by artist M. Girio Brummett is inscribed as follows:

“Presented to Richard J. Bednarczyk, President of the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. from the PA Game Commission in appreciation for years of service for the betterment of Pennsylvania's wildlife resources and advocacy for the sporting dog community.”

From the President's Pen...

The last three months of 2015 has brought promising developments for the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. in our quest to reduce to plantings of 'mean seeds' throughout the Commonwealth. PA DCNR has noted the potential danger of wildryes in the draft of their 2015 Strategic Plan and has requested public input – which we have provided.

You may recall that the PA Game Commission took the lead on this issue two years ago and has reduced their usage of culprit grasses to 1%. The New Jersey Fish and Wildlife agency has done likewise this year.

This issue also includes two articles graciously submitted by members. Below you will find a warning notice about a dog hauler from Carl Hartman and a **History of Foxhound Development** by H.L.Todd Addis. We thank them for this!

Welcome New Members!

Recruiting efforts for 2015 continues on a good note... YTD 27 hunters have joined the Association. Since our last newsletter, Damien Rutkowski, Patrick Zeveney and Curtis Gregory have come aboard. Welcome new members!

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

Please support 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...

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 2016 membership billings which will be sent shortly.

Our 2015 winner was Bob Clark with a 48.4 pound specimen.

Editor's note: The following letter has been furnished by longtime member Carl Hartman. Carl wishes to share this tragic information to all fellow Houndsmen.

“HOUNDSMEN BEWARE”

My name is Carl Hartman, and I live in Liberty, N.Y. with my wife Linda and our 10 Walker Coyote Hounds, all purchased from Carl Roy of Parker, Kansas.

We recently purchased another fine hound in excellent condition from Carl Roy - vet checked and ready to make the trip up to New York. We then made arrangements with a new hound hauler from the state of Washington to bring our hound to our home; unfortunately our regular hauler was unavailable. Arrangements were made and he advised us he would be arriving within a week. The dog was supposed to be picked up in Kansas at a specific time but he arrived late; it then took another 7 days for him to get to New York. When he finally arrived, late at night, the dog was dropped off and he headed out for the rest of his stops. The next day we realized he left us the wrong dog! I immediately called him with no response. When he finally did respond, he was in the State of Florida, realized he made the mistake and agreed to bring our dog back, which he delivered to someone else.

After 11 days in a crate, some of which being in Florida during extremely hot, humid, conditions, he finally showed up to our house with the dog... DEAD!
The hauler was very defensive about the situation and thought it was not his fault. That same day, we brought the dog to a vet and an autopsy was done. The professional opinion of him was that the death of the dog was not due to illness but to heat exhaustion and tremendous stress.

I write this letter with concern for all brother houndsmen. PLEASE, PLEASE research your haulers before you trust them with your dogs.

Don't let this nightmare happen to you.

Anyone wanting more details, please feel free to contact myself or Carl Roy at the information below:

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OR

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Editor's note: The following article has been furnished by H.L.Todd Addis. Dr. Addis is a lifelong Pennsylvania foxhunter and advocate of 'no kill' foxhunting. He has recently published Our Penn Marydel Hound and A Backward Glance. Both books may be purchased by contacting him at (610) 286-5222.

**History of Foxhound Development
A Refresher Course!
By H.L.Todd Addis**

The strongest hunting tradition developed in France. Dagoberts Laws were the first to reserve the large game (stag and boar) for the king and nobles – one of these fortunates was St. Hubert 656 – 727 son of the Duke of Agaitaine.

He established his breed of black and tan hounds and was consequently canonized as the patron saint of hunters.

In the early Middle Ages the 11th century huntsman chased boar, wolf, deer, hare, fox and badger. He had big fighting dogs (mastiff) , sonorous-voiced scenting hounds more or less influenced by the blood of St. Hubert's' breed, grey hounds and terrier types.

Hunting was almost all forest through which rides were not cut. These conditions put an immense premium on two hound qualities: cry and nose. Stamina would also have been desirable, but was not attained; consequently the French invented the system of hunting with relays of fresh hounds.

The Saint Hubert hounds went from the Ardennes into Normandy probably in the 10th Century. Not much later, they went to the Southwest, there to develop into the Gascon hound. From some unknown source they derived its characteristic blue-mottled color.

By the 13th Century rigid rules began to control hunting and a select language or terms of the Art of Venery were in place. Each animal hunted had a different name at different ages, its own noun for places of refuge, footprint, excrement, copulation and chasing from hiding place. Some of these terms appeared in a pamphlet written in 1250 La Chace dou Serf.

Between 1066 and 1100 much of the English countryside was placed under the Forest Law by the royalty. Stringent Laws applied to vert (anything green and growing) and venison. The killing of a deer or boar by the locals or free holders could be punished by loss of the delinquents' eyes. "Assert" meaning the uprooting of a covert was a dreadful crime.

The inconvenience suffered by the freeholders within or near to a royal forest was extended to their dogs. Every farmer or freeholder may keep a mastiff or hunting dog, but he must be lawfully expediated. Expedition was performed as follows: Three claws of the fore-feet shall be cut off by placing the foot on an eight inch block and placing a 2 inch chisel on the 3 claws and striking them with one blow. The dog was thus prevented from running after the King's game - was "Lawed"; the legal Latin was Mutilatus.

Throughout the 12th Century the royal forest continued to expand. Penalties also increased. Richard I added human castration to blinding as punishment for transgression.

In 1217 a new Charta de Foresta contained in the Magna Carta was extracted from Henry III corrected many of these abuses to the freeholders and foresters.

(To be continued next issue)

Logo Merchandise – Great Stocking Stuffers – Landowner Gifts!

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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