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Summer Newsletter – June 2016

2016 “Member’s Only” Coyote Tournament Winners!



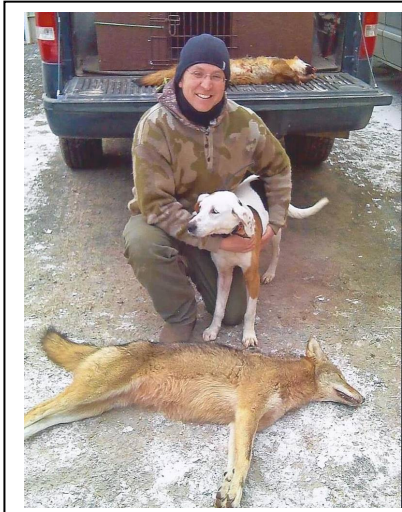
Jerry Devine, bottom left - 2nd place.



Tyler Peterson, 2nd place- Youth Division.



Andy Smarsh, center, 1st and 3rd places, Youth Division with dad, Justin, left 4th, 6th and 10th places.



Grant Turano – 7th and 9th places.



Wade Gray, bottom right, 8th place.



Jack Sorber, left, 3rd and 5th places.



Three time State Champion Bob Brown, left, with his 50.77 pound yote. This coyote also won the Huntington Mills tournament. Great job by Bob, once again.

Bob Brown Crowned State Champion for Third Time!

Bob Brown, Tunkhannock, Pa., captured first place honors with his 50.77 pound coyote taken in Wyoming County. This coyote was the overall winner of the Huntington Mills tournament on January, 24.

Trophies will be awarded at the Family Day Picnic to the top ten entries, pictured on the cover. The top ten weights ranged from 50.77 lbs. to 41.2 lbs. Youth winners specimens ranged from 39.0 to 27.1 lbs.

From the President's Pen...

The first six months of 2016 has proven to be a busy time for the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. Our Annual Meeting was held on April 16th.

At the time of publication we are preparing for the chairing of the Sporting Dog Owners meeting with the PA Game Commission and our Family Day Picnic on June 25th. Our Speed and Drive Field Trial is scheduled to be held at Molyneaux's on August 13th.

Annual Meeting Held on Saturday, April 16th

The Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. was held on Saturday, April 16th at the American Legion in Wyalusing, PA. The meeting was attended by approximately 80 members and guests. President Dick Bednarczyk reported on our experience with hound incidents and reviewed 2015 sporting Dog Owner's Meeting with the Game Commission. Audit Chairman Jerry Devine reported the satisfactory audit of financial records and Nominating Committee Chairman Ron Cole presented the nominees for 2016.

Election of Officers for 2016

The following individuals recommended by the Nominating Committee, agreed to serve in the following capacities, and were elected unanimously:

President	Dick Bednarczyk	Treasurer	Dave Hall
Vice-President	Jerry Ross	Secretary	Kipp Adcock

Appointment of Directors

Shawn Spencer, Walter Vosefski, Ron Cole, Jim Rogers, Dick Ross, Roy Rosenbaum, Ron Davis, Chip Sorber and Jay Roberts agreed to serve as directors for 2016. Their advice and counsel is critical to the continued success of the Association and their direct involvement is crucial for all of our activities.

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.

Four Youths Receive Hunting Awards

Nick Solinsky, son of John Solinsky, and **Hallie Brown**, granddaughter of Bob Brown received their “First Deer” Awards. **Colton Babcock**, son of Brett Babcock and grandson of Bill Babcock received his “First Bear” Award. **Brittany Clark**, daughter of Bob Clark, **Seth McCammon**, son of Jason McCammon, **Olivia Noone**, daughter of Sam Noone, received their “First Coyote” awards. **Andrew Smarsh**, son of Justin Smarsh and **Tyler Peterson**, nephew of Ron Sands, will receive their First Coyote awards at a later date.

Fund-raiser Raffle Drawing a Success!

Thanks to all members who supported our recent fund raiser and special thanks to those who volunteered to sell additional tickets. Due to your support we were able to clear approximately \$2500.00 which will be used to sustain our activities. The lucky winners were as follows:

1st Prize (Garmin Astro – DC50)
2nd Prize (\$400.00)
3rd Prize (\$100.00)
Special Prize (Johnson’s Collar)

Kipp Adcock
Tom Maciun
Rick Burkholder
Chad Duncan

2016 Memberships Now Due

At this point, everyone should have received their 2016 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.

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, Sacandaga Dog Supply and Hunter’s Horn magazine. All companies listed provided gift certificates, subscriptions or merchandise. In addition, member Mike Brown of “Down Home Rice Pudding” provided his delicious product to enhance our dinner menu.

Welcome New Members!

Recruiting efforts for 2016 is off to a good start. YTD 22 hunters have joined the Association. Since our last newsletter, Brent and Brad Bitler, Scott Johnson, Betsey Ross, Anthony Cegelis, Ron Sorber, Matt Dluzeski and David M. Evans have come on board. Welcome hunters!

Our Upcoming Field Trial: One – Day Speed & Drive – August 13th.

This will be an open hunt with trophies being awarded to the first ten places. The competition will be held at Molyneaux’s in Endicott, New York and will be a limited entry. Numbers for the event may be reserved by calling Kipp Adcock at 570-842-5477, beginning at 9:00 am on Friday, July 1st.

Family Day – June 25th– Don’t Miss It!

On Saturday, June 25th, we will be hosting the Twelfth Annual Family Day Picnic at Molyneaux’s Training Facility in Endicott, New York. In addition to a Kid’s Bench Show and Instruction, Photo Hunt, Horn Blowing Contest, and picnic menu, we will once again feature Chip Sorber’s “Outdoor Skills Seminar”.

Please note that members will be limited to one hound for the event. (See section below regarding hunter’s etiquette for Family Day)

Please mark your calendar, and watch your mail for your reservation form and further details.

As usual, there will be no charge to members for this event. Members are reminded to remit their 2016 dues, if you have not already done so.

Family Day to Feature Pig Roast

This year we will depart from our usual picnic menu and feature a Pig Roast provided by an experienced regional caterer. There will be a full selection of side items typical of picnic fare.

Back by Popular Demand - Baking Contest to be held at Family Day Picnic

Based upon suggestions from members who regularly attend Family Day, this year we will continue our baking contest - designed to be a fun event, in addition to providing a major enhancement to our picnic menu.

Categories: pies, cookies, cupcakes.

Prizes: 1st place ribbons awarded in each category.

Judges: Selected from members in attendance.

Criteria: Entries will be judged on appearance, taste, consistency and originality on a five point scale.

Logistics: All entries will be submitted and numbered upon arrival to Family Day. Entries must be received before 10 a.m. at which time the judging will commence. Judges will taste & observe each entry and will score. Scores will be tallied and the winner will be chosen. After the judging is finished, entries will be served as the dessert for the day. Prizes will be awarded.

Please consider bringing your family favorite and help make this new feature a success.

Please be mindful when enjoying Molyneaux’s Enclosure.

Observations made during past Family Days could jeopardize our continued use of Molyneaux’s Enclosure for our event. We are expected to make every effort to respect and preserve the game as well as the facility. This has prompted us to institute the following remedial measures:

- Members will be limited to one hound each.
- All hounds must be released between 6:00 and 7:00 am – NO EXCEPTIONS.
- No spiking of hounds into a chase or bay up.
- All hunters should assist in the breakup of any bay-ups.
- Once you have leashed or crated a hound, remove them from the pen.

- Begin catching hounds NLT 11:30 am. Make every effort to clear the pen by noon.
- Do not tie hounds to Xmas trees for any reason.
- Respect all plantings - especially with truck and quad traffic.

Volunteers Needed for Field Trails

Five years ago this organization implemented the concept of providing member volunteers to assist the Molyneaux Family in the staffing of ‘Break-up Teams’ for our field trials.

It is proven that such teams are necessary and vital to these events, in order to disperse hounds which are in the act of baying coyotes. It is critical to do so to prevent injury to the game and hounds as well as to keep the chase in motion. Member volunteers can expect to “ride shotgun” with the Molyneauxs during the contest. ***It is important to note that the teams act under the supervision and control of the pen operator and do not interfere with, or influence the judging of the contest.***

The members who volunteered for this effort last year did a great job and we hope that many will consider doing so again. To all others, please consider helping out if your schedule permits. You may call Dick Bednarczyk at (570) 586-9270 if you would like further information or are willing to participate.

PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter’s Assn. To Meet With Game Commission

The date for the annual Sporting Dog Owners Meeting with the PA Game Commission is currently being determined, but it is anticipated that it will take place in August. Once again, we will be chairing this meeting which has provided us with excellent opportunities to bring our unique issues before the Board of Commissioners and PGC Staff. These meetings have recently resulted in year-round training, the legalization of electronic recovery collars, provisions which make the unauthorized removal of collars a game law violation, the extension of rabbit season, the addition of coyotes and rabbits to the Mentored Youth Program, a Youth Rabbit Hunt and split Bobcat Season.

This year, we plan to continue discussions regarding similar hound - related issues.

If available, members are requested to join us in Harrisburg. Although there are approximately 700,000 licensed hunters in the Commonwealth, there were only seven (Foxhunters, Beagler’s, Bird Dog Owners) present to represent all sporting dogs at the 2008 meeting. Last year 40 dog owners attended – good progress, but continued evidence of support is critical.

Anyone residing in the Northeast Region, who may be interested in car-pooling to Harrisburg, is invited to call Dick Bednarczyk (570-586-9270).

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Dear Member:

Please accept our invitation to the 12th Annual Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. Family Day, which will be held at Molyneaux's Training Enclosure in Endicott, New York on Saturday, June 25th. While this event is provided by the Association, free of charge to our members, we will be conducting a raffle drawing for a well-bred foxhound puppy and Yeti cooler valued at \$400.00. Raffle tickets will be \$5.00 each with an extra ticket for each \$20.00 worth of tickets purchased.

We plan to have a full slate of activities including the following events:

- Open running of hounds – Cast between 6:00 and 7:00 am. (In order to control pressure on the game, please limit yourself to one hound, no kill dogs).
- Children's Coyote Camera Hunt
- Family Picnic – Noon
- Children's Bench Show and Instruction
- Children's Horn Blowing Contest
- Outdoor Skills Seminar for kids and adults.
- New Feature – Baking Contest – see rules below.

Please plan to attend if at all possible – bring your hound, fast or slow, young or old, ugly or cute. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship and networking for all members.

Please note the following:

- 2016 memberships must be paid prior to, or at the event. (It will accelerate entrance to the grounds if you can show your membership card upon arrival).
- In the event that you have hunter-friends who may be prospective members, feel free to invite them to accompany you. They can pay for their membership on arrival.
- If your children plan to participate in the "Camera Hunt", please use digital cameras only. We will have on-site printing capability.
- PA State Logo caps and other mdse. will be available for sale during the day.

- This year we plan to have an expanded “Theme Basket” auction. If you or your hunting group would like to donate a basket or any other item for the auction, it would be welcome. We ask that the basket be valued for at least \$20.00 and could represent any theme.

Please assist us in our preparations for this event by returning the following reservation form, to my address listed on the letterhead, no later than June 18th. You can also phone or e-mail your reservation. I can be reached at 570-586-9270 or you can e-mail me at dick.bednarczyk@epix.net.

We look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

Richard J. Bednarczyk
President

Reservation Form – Please Print
Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunters Assn Family Day

Member Name: _____
Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____
Number of hounds for open running: _____
(Limit – one per member)
Will you participate in the baking contest: Yes No



*Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunters
Association*

**One Day - 5 Hour
Speed & Drive**

Saturday, August 13th, 2016
Molyneaux's Training Enclosure, Endicott, New
York



**LIMITED ENTRY !!!
Four Hounds per Hunter
75 Hound Maximum**

Social Membership Fee \$15.00 Entry Fee: \$30.00

Registration will be at the pen Friday night and Saturday
from 4:00am – 5:00am. Cast will be at First Light

**To reserve numbers please contact:
Kipp E. Adcock, Secretary (570) 842-5477 or 840-1086 after
9:00 am. beginning July 1st.**

President: Dick Bednarczyk

Motels: Vestal Motel - 607-754-8090 / Threadway Inn Owego - 607-754-4000 / Econo Lodge -
607-754-1533