

Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunters inc.

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Summer Newsletter – June 2019 2019 “Member’s Only” Coyote Tournament Winners!



**2019 State Champion
Jack Sorber
1st & 3rd places. (51.3 lbs.)**



**Zach Kinney – 4th place
(45.7 lbs.)**



**Ron Sands -9th place
(42.3 lbs.)**



**Wade Gray – 7th place
(43.2 lbs.)**



**Mike Murnin – 5th place
(43.14 lbs.)**



**Tyler Peterson,
1st place,
Youth Division.**



**Josh Fields – 2nd place
(48.0 lbs.)**



**Cory Luther – 6th place
(43.4 lbs.)**



**Walter Vosefski – 10th place tie
(41.0 lbs.)**



**Kyle Spencer
1st Bobcat**



**Kaylee Meeker
1st Gobbler**



**Dave Altmiller
1st Bobcat - 10th place
coyote**



**Rory Moher (age 10)
Left
1st Gobbler**

**James Allison
Right
8th place
(43.0 lbs.)**



Jack Sorber Repeats as State Champion!

Jack Sorber again captured first place honors with his 51.3 pound coyote taken in Bradford County. Jack also took 3rd place with a 46.7 pound yote. Trophies will be awarded at the Family Day Picnic to the top ten entries, pictured above. The winning weights ranged from 51.3 lbs. to 41.0 lbs. The youth winner- Tyler Peterson turned in a coyote weighing 31.9 lbs.

Annual Meeting Held on Saturday, April 13th.

The Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. was held on Saturday, April 13th at the American Legion in Wyalusing, PA. The meeting was attended by approximately 80 members and guests. President Dick Bednarczyk reported on legislative matters and reviewed 2018 sporting Dog Owner's Meeting with the Game Commission. Audit Chairman Marty Carr reported the satisfactory audit of financial records and Nominating Committee Chairman Ron Cole presented the nominees for 2019.

Election of Officers for 2019

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	Pat Carr

Appointment of Directors

Shawn Spencer, Walter Vosefski, Ron Cole, Jim Rogers, Roy Rosenbaum, Ron Davis, Chip Sorber, Mercy Ross and Jay Roberts agreed to serve as directors for 2019. Their advice and counsel is critical to the continued success of the Association and their direct involvement is crucial for all of our activities.

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 \$2200.00 which will be used to sustain our activities. The lucky winners were as follows:

1st Prize (Garmin Alpha- TT/15)	Karen Smith
2nd Prize (\$400.00 or Special Cooler)	John Piccotti
3rd Prize (\$150.00 Cabela's Gift Card)	Kelly Tousley

Reminder – Get Those Scholarship Applications In!!

As we announced in the March Newsletter, this year we have expanded our \$500.00 Scholarship program to include five winners, with the addition of the Dick Ross Memorial Scholarship. Parents and grandparents are reminded to insure that your family's applications are in for our random drawing which will take place on Family Day. The scholarship form appeared in the March newsletter.

Additional copies may be requested from Dick Bednarczyk at (570)586-9270.

Remember To Support Our Sponsors

Johnson's Telemetry, Prowler/Quick Track, Gun Dog Supply, Sportmix Dog Food, Thunder Valley Pet Pantry, Sacandaga Dog Supply, Double U Hunting , PA Outdoor News, Chase Publishing 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 2019 is off to a good start. YTD 25 hunters have joined the Association. Since our last newsletter, Gideon Schmitt, Kaylee and Arden Meeker Jr, Andrew Hess, Jesse and Kaela Edson, Cassie Rae and Carter Johnson, Michael Wallitsch, Joel Sledziewski, Brendan Ellis, Ray Cease, Frank Moro, Caleb Hill, Joel Gayoski, Joe Mansfield, Jim and Nate Ross have come on board. Welcome hunters!

Family Day – June 22nd– Don't Miss It!

On Saturday, June 22nd, we will be hosting the Fourteenth 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 an "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 return your reservation form.

As usual, there will be no charge to members for this event. Members are reminded to remit their 2019 dues, if you have not already done so.

Family Day Chefs to add Sausage and Smoked Kielbassi to grill menu

This year we will continue to enhance from our usual picnic menu and include Italian Sausage and Smoked Kielbassi to our usual grill items (burgers and hot dogs). There will be a full selection of side items typical of picnic fare, including our special feature – Down Home Rice Pudding.

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 and special gifts awarded in each category.

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 it from the pen.
- Begin catching hounds NLT 9:30 am. Make every effort to clear the pen by 10:30.
- Do not tie hounds to Xmas trees for any reason.
- Respect all plantings - especially with truck and quad traffic.

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 has been confirmed for Tuesday, July 23rd. 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, the reduction of "Mean Seeds" plantings and a 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 approximately 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 from Scranton or Wyalusing, is invited to call Dick Bednarczyk (570-586-9270).



The 24 x 48 American Flag pictured at left has been fabricated by Member Ryan Thuman of "Grain to Glory" Flag Co. and donated by Member Mike Miszler. We are appreciative of this gift, for its beauty as well as it's symbolism in these contentious times. Check out their website at www.graintoglory.com for a review of their full line of products.

Family Day Details - Invitation

Please accept our invitation to the 14th 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 22nd. 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 custom made 24’ x 48’ flag donated by Mike Miszler, crafted by “Grain to Glory” Mfg. 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 – Starting at 10:30
- Children’s Bench Show and Instruction
- Children’s Horn Blowing Contest
- Outdoor Skills Seminar for kids and adults.
- Baking Contest – see rules below.

Please note the following:

- 2019 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.
- 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@gmail.com.

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