

# Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunters inc.

## Directors:

Roy Rosenbaum   Richard Ross   Ron Davis   James Rogers   Jay Roberts   Ron Cole

## Officers:

Richard J. Bednarczyk, 118 Commerce Dr., Scott Twp. PA 18447  
President

David Hall, 261 Hall Ln, Monroe Twp, PA 18657  
Treasurer

Jerry Ross, 603 N. Wilbur Ave. Sayre, PA 18840  
Vice President

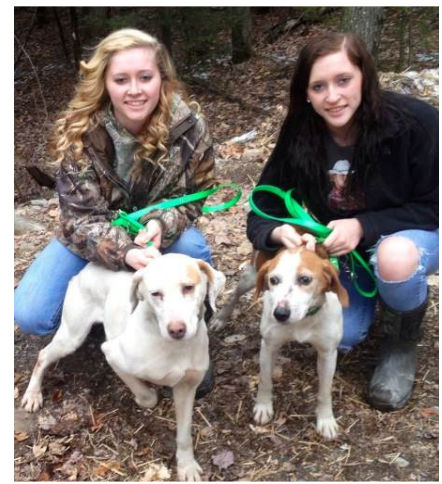
Kipp Adcock, 76 Center St., Covington Twp, PA 18424  
Secretary

## *Spring Newsletter – March 2013*

### Accomplished Young Ladies Grace Membership Roles



**Olivia Noone**



**Meghan & Brittney Clark**



**Anna Altmiller**



**Emily Carr**

## **On the Cover:**

The Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. now boasts a growing number of youth members. Featured on the cover are five outstanding young ladies who will soon be accomplished leaders in their chosen field. In addition to developing an appreciation for our heritage of running foxhounds, they show a wide range of interests and accomplishments. Pictured on our cover are:

**Anna Altmiller**, daughter of Dave and Christine Altmiller and granddaughter of the late Jack Altmiller, a widely respected WCO for Lackawanna County for many years. Despite her young age, Anna has already harvested her first bear and first deer. She is an Honor Student at North Pocono High School, and a member of their track and cross country teams. Anna has played the violin since age six and has been chosen for the District Orchestra. She periodically accompanies her Dad on weekend coyote hunts and has won several trophies at our annual Family Day events.

**Olivia Noone** is the daughter of Sam and Debbie Noone. She attends North Rome Christian School, where she has played basketball for eight years and volleyball for two years. She also has studied Jazz, Ballet and Lyrical at Endless Mountains Dance for four years and has been with the Tunkhannock swim team for five years.

Olivia is an active member of "Hunts for Healing", Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn., Tri-County Shooting Club, Bradford County 4 – H Club and the American Quarter Horse Assn.

She has competed in youth rodeo, 4 – H, competitive trail and reining. She placed first in the Trail Challenge at the Horse World Expo in Harrisburg. She enjoys trail riding and camping with horses.

Olivia has enjoyed running hounds at Molyneaux's since age nine and helped raise a complete litter of ten English Foxhounds. She has harvested her first gobbler at age eight and first deer at age nine. She has also traveled to Vermont to hunt hares with hounds and has observed the training of bear hounds in that state.

**Emily Carr** is the daughter of Tim and Amy Carr and the granddaughter of Member Marty Carr. She is an Honor Student at Scranton Prep High School where she is an accomplished cross country and track team competitor. Emily qualified for, and competed in, the cross country state championships in Hershey, PA this past year.

She is a member of the Gas Hollow Hunting Club and the Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. She also works in food services at the Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA.

Emily has already harvested her first spring gobbler and first deer. She enjoys raising puppies and is co-owner, with her Grandfather, of her own foxhound – Emily's Carmel. She periodically accompanies her Dad on weekend coyote hunts and has won several trophies at our annual Family Day events.

**Meghan and Brittney Clark** are the daughters of Bob and Kim Clark. **Meghan** is an Honor Student at Wyalusing High School and plays Lacrosse. She helps her grandmother work church dinners on a regular basis and works Fire Company events. She enjoys deer and bear hunting and has taken a buck during her first year of hunting, as well as her first coyote. Meghan has shown her tenacity by hunting deer after school every day of the past season. She currently owns her own foxhound – Edna, and helps her

Dad maintain their pack of seven hounds. She hunts coyotes every weekend with the Springs Kennels.

**Brittney** is a member of FFA and the Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. She works at church sponsored events and enjoys deer hunting. She is shown with her foxhound - Fly. Brittney has been a regular Bench Show participant in has won several trophies at our annual Family Day events.

### **From the President's Pen...**

2013 has gotten off to a good start for your Association, as you will see from the following news items:

Our calendar for 2013 is being finalized and preparations are underway for our major events.

Our Annual Meeting has been set for Saturday, April 20h, and our "Member's Only" Coyote Tournament is underway, with several good specimens being reported.

### **Dates for Major Activities Scheduled**

Many members have requested the earliest possible notice for our major activities for 2013, in order to allow for scheduling vacations, etc. Unless unforeseen circumstances develop, our calendar for 2013 is as follows:

<b>Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>
Saturday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Family Day Picnic
Tuesday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting - PA Game Commission
Saturday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>	1 Day Speed & Drive
Fri/Sat, Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup>	2 Day Field Trail & Bench Show

The Annual Meeting will be held at the American Legion in Wyalusing, the Family Day Picnic and Field Trials will be held at Molyneaux's Training Facility in Endicott, New York. Further details will be announced as they become final.

### **Annual Meeting – Saturday, April 20th, 2013**

The Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. has been scheduled for 4:00 pm, Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion, Route 6, Wyalusing, PA. In addition to election of officers for 2013, the agenda will include a review of the accomplishments of the organization during 2012, plans for 2013, and review of significant legislative issues and other important business.

Please mark your calendar and watch for further correspondence regarding this meeting.

### **Annual Meeting to Feature Pork Roast Dinner**

This year's Annual Meeting will feature a Pork Roast Dinner provided by the folks from the Wyalusing American Legion Auxiliary.

*In order to insure proper dinner arrangements, please RSVP to Dick Bednarczyk via e-mail ([dick.bednarczyk@epix.net](mailto:dick.bednarczyk@epix.net)) or by phone (570) 586-9270 if you plan to attend.*

*Please note: There will be a \$10.00 charge for the dinner, payable to the American Legion.*

### **Annual Meeting to Feature Member's "For Sale" Table**

In response to requests from membership, we will have a "For Sale" table available for anyone wishing to sell electronic collars, systems, etc. (No firearms please). Hopefully this will provide an excellent medium for interested buyers and sellers to see what will be available. Sellers will be asked to personally attend their merchandise or have it clearly tagged for ease and accuracy of any transactions.

### **Remember to Nominate Your Youngsters for "First" Awards**

Recently we expanded our award program to include "First Turkey", "First Bobcat" 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 Bobcat" or "First Coyote" Certificate. Members are requested to notify Dick Bednarczyk about the successful hunters and provide a digital photo, if one is available.

### **Northern Pennsylvania Foxhunter's Annual Luncheon**

The annual luncheon sponsored by the Northern PA Foxhunters will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at American Legion Post 534, Rt. 6, Wyalusing. Plan to attend what will be a delightful, entertaining affair sponsored by Dick Ross and Paul Stone.

### **Accepting Nominations for Youth Achievement Awards**

Since we introduced the concept six years ago, the recognition of deserving youngsters with Achievement Awards has proven to be very successful. The award is in the form of a citation which is usually presented at the Annual Meeting and is followed by an appropriate article in our quarterly newsletter. Since we are a statewide and multi-state organization, there is one challenge with this program - that is the difficulty of identifying deserving youngsters. At this time we are encouraging all members to help us with this matter, by nominating any deserving youngsters that you may know. Our criteria are broad and informal – merely that the youngster has shown a deep interest in hounds and hunting or has enthusiastically participated in the events of the Association.

Please give this some serious consideration and provide your suggestions to Dick Bednarczyk at 570-586-9270 or to any other officer or director, if it is more convenient to do so.

### **Game Commission to Recognize Youngster from Our Organization**

Jay Delaney, PA Game Commissioner, Northeast Region, will present an original Game Commission Coyote Patch to the first Mentored Youth from the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. who successfully takes a coyote. Please keep this in mind and be sure to notify any of the Officers or Directors immediately, when this historic event occurs. Our sincere thanks go to Commissioner Delaney for this gesture and his continuing support of our Association.

### **PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Coyote Tournament**

This is a reminder that our season-long coyote tournament will end on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Successful participating hunters should return their weight cards to Dick Bednarczyk by Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Proposed Seasons/Bag Limits Changes - Pennsylvania**

The following proposed changes may be of particular interest to our membership:

*Fishers: Proposal to include WMU 3A, 3D and 4E within regions where fishers may be legally trapped with proper permit.*

*Snowshoe Hares: Proposal to reopen season state wide. Limited dates for 3B, 3C and 3D.*

Please note that these changes must be approved at the April 14 -15 meetings of the Board of Commissioners to be effective.

## **Legislative Monitoring – New York**

### **Legislation to Support:**

S7136/A10085. This bill would provide that dogs engaged in hunting and training as authorized by NYS ENCON law shall not be deemed as running at large.

(Source NY Houndsmen – February 2013, Chase Magazine)

## **Legislative Monitoring – New Mexico**

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, the New Mexico House narrowly shot down HB 316, which would have outlawed coyote tournaments and coyote field trials. The bill passed the NM House Judiciary Committee a few weeks previous to the House Vote.

## **Reminder –Raffle Drawing**

Although we indicated a February 28<sup>th</sup> deadline for raffle ticket returns, we can continue to receive them up to the moment of our drawing, which will be held at the Annual Meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. This fundraiser has become an integral part of our overall financial scenario for the year. The grand prize is a Garmin Astro Hunter-Dog GPS with the improved DC40 collar valued at approximately \$600.00 retail or a \$500.00 Cash Award. In the event that you have not yet made your returns, we encourage you to support your organization by doing so.

## **2013 Memberships Now Due**

At this point, everyone should have received their 2013 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.

## **PA State Fox & Coyote Assn. Members Enjoy Success in Tournaments**

Many members continue to appear among the successful hunters at regional tournaments. A partial listing follows:

### ***District Nine Trappers – Tunkhannock***

Successful members were; Bob Cragle, Bob Brown, Wade Gray, Bruce Tewksbury, Ron Sands, Bill Babcock, Dave Podunajec and Gerry Devine. It took a 46.95 pound coyote to win the Grand Prize. There were 58 entries overall. Eight Hundred and Forty One hunters registered for the event. Thirty coyotes were taken with hounds.

### ***Mosquito Creek***

Bob Brown of Tunkhannock took first place heaviest female with a 44.75 lb. coyote. Bob also took a second coyote during the event. Bob took first place overall last year! Other successful members were Bob Cragle (3 coyotes), Jeff Cragle (2 coyotes), Wade Gray (2 coyotes), Guy Michlowski, Matt Lee. Johnathon Wychock and Jason Wise. 129 Coyotes were turned in during the hunt, 84 of which were taken by hounds. There were 3940 registered hunters for the event.

### ***Springville Fire Company***

Ed Grasavage was the overall winner with a coyote weighing over 48 pounds. Ed's party took four coyotes during the event.

### **New Mailing Address??**

Several members have had their rural mailing addresses changed in order to comply with 911 emergency response procedures. Please assist us in maintaining accurate membership records by calling Dick at 570-586-9270, or by sending an e-mail message, if you have been affected as well.

### **High School/College Students need a service project?**

Since the PA State Fox & Coyote Hunter's Assn. is a tax exempt, non-profit 501 (c) corporation, we have successfully provided requesting youngsters with assignments that satisfy their service project obligations at their schools. Most often the assignment involves helping out at various events. There may be other projects which can be conducted from the member's home, at their convenience.

Please feel free to notify any of the officers if your youngster has a service obligation which you'd like to explore with us.

### **Welcome New Members!**

Recruiting efforts for 2013 is off to a good start. YTD 8 hunters have joined the Association. Since our last newsletter, Mike Fritz, Kris McDermott, William Gray, Hallie and Katy Brown, James Barberio, Carl Hartman and Linda Covart have come aboard. Welcome hunters!

### **Youth Memberships Now Available**

At our 2009 Annual Meeting, a resolution to establish a Youth Membership within our classes of memberships was discussed and adopted. Members present were advised of past requests voiced by members for such a membership category and the benefits of doing so by President Bednarczyk.

The exact wording of the resolution adopted is as follows:

***Proposal: The Association will add the category Youth Member to the classes of members. Such Youth Members will enjoy all rights and privileges of the Association. The age limitations for Youth Members will coincide with that of Pennsylvania Jr. Hunting License holders – currently under age 17. The annual fee for Youth Membership will be proposed at \$5.00.***

***Editor's note: At the close of 2012, 26 youngsters were enrolled as Youth Members.***