

Fish & Game Newsletter

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****Anyone interested in helping or
serving on a committee see
any officer or committee head.**

Message from the President

As I write this, I don't have to tell anyone what a crazy year 2020 has been. Normally the annual newsletter doesn't go out until late November / early December, but due to COVID-19 we felt we needed to get the newsletter out early.

When we started hearing about COVID in January, who would have thought the impact would be this extreme and continue this long. We had to cancel the last two Block Shoots and the last Running Deer Shoot in March due to the Governor's directives. We thought it would be gone by summer and we could resume our normal activities. As things got worse in April with no end in sight, the Board of Directors and Officers met to take immediate action with our finances. The loss of income from the shoots at the end of March, although manageable, made us realize we needed to take steps in preserving our bank balance. Spending was only approved for required and/or urgent needs. As we continued into May and June we realized the July Block Shoot would have to be canceled as well. And at the beginning of August, we realized the fall Block Shoots would also have to be canceled.

Our Treasurer Dave Meloy prepared financial projections based on past income and expenses. The projections showed if we continued with no shoots the rest of this year and into 2021 our reserve balance would be gone by June/July 2021 and by the end of 2021 we would be "in the hole" around \$6,000. Our balance was preserved somewhat due to leftover money from an insurance claim to replace half of the Club House roof that was damaged by a tree falling on it. Due to several club members helping the roofing contractor and members donating time fixing the ceiling inside we were able to keep the cost below the claim giving us extra money in our current balance. A big THANK YOU to those that helped with that. We planned to use some of the remaining money to add insulation in the attic of the Club House but until we get back up and running, that project is being put on hold as well as several other projects that were planned for 2020. Our goal at this time is to preserve our balance.

We looked at several options to make up the loss of revenue from the canceled shoots. One of the places we looked was Membership Revenue. If our Club's finances relied solely on membership dues, with the current number of members, each member would need to pay about \$85. I'm sure if we charged \$85 in dues, we would lose at least half of our membership, if not more, which would then double the amount required for each membership. We do not want to do that. Since we have not raised dues for at least 10-15 years, we did decide we needed to raise the annual membership renewal dues from \$30 per year to \$35 for Seniors, \$6 for Juniors, and \$2 for Youths. We hope everyone understands why we did this and continues their membership.

As of October, we are planning to move ahead with planning our Block, Running Deer, and Varmint shoots beginning in January. The Club House will be well equipped with hand-sanitizer, social distancing guidelines and mask protocols. Unless something changes, face masks will be required while in the Club House. Further updates will be posted on our website. You can also contact us by email or phone as we get closer to January. We don't know what to expect as far as attendance for the shoots, but I hope some of you think of the shoots as an appropriate socially distant activity during this upcoming winter. In addition to an unsure attendance for the shoots, the price of meat has skyrocketed, which will be again, another negative impact on our income for the shoots.

The Board of Directors and I want to thank everyone that has helped out with our shooting events. I have said this numerous times in the past, but the income from the shoots is what keeps our doors open. With everything going on right now, it is even clearer how true this is. Without members stepping up and helping out, our club will cease to exist forcing members to find another place to shoot, which most likely would be a crowded place. We would also like to give a big Thank You to our Building and Grounds crew. The appearance of the Club House and Grounds continues to improve each year and it is all due to the countless hours that they spend working at the Club on Wednesday mornings throughout the year.

Since April, monthly meetings have been outside under the Pavilion and limited to Board of Directors and Officers. Hopefully soon we can return inside with all members invited. Check the website for meeting updates.

Another reminder -- you must have your membership card on you when using club ranges and/or pond. If you are asked for your card and you do not have it, you will be asked to leave. We continue to find people using the ranges that are not members. Some came with members thinking we allow visitors to use the ranges. They can visit but only members are permitted to use the club range / pond facilities.

In closing, like many others, my hope is 2021 will be a much better year. I wish you all safe and Happy Holidays and hope to see you in the beginning of the coming year.

Brad King, *President of Mt. Holly Fish & Game*

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Financial Secretary

Reminder that the 2021 annual dues have been increased. We have an up-to-date membership application form with the new rates posted on the website along with a copy that came with this newsletter.

We are asking for existing Golden Age Life and Life Time members to submit the new application so we can update our files. Home addresses, phone numbers and email addresses change over time and we want to have the most current info possible. If you can volunteer your time for any club functions, shoots, work parties, the fishing derby, etc. Please mark the items you can help with and the best way to reach you. Golden Age and Life Time members do not need to submit a self-addressed stamped envelope when they return the form for this update.

In order to keep costs down for the club and expedite processing of membership applications please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your membership renewal application. Mail applications to Dave Meloy 35 Leah St. Dillsburg, PA. 17019.

Thanks, Dave Meloy, *Financial Secretary*

Block Shoots

Block shoots are planned to start Saturday night, January 9th running every Saturday through March 27th. Registration starts at 6:00pm and we start shooting at 6:30pm. Cost is \$6 per shot, in each of the 4 rounds. Maximum barrel length is 36". Keep in mind, we will be practicing social distancing guidelines and face masks will be mandatory. As always, we are looking for help, particularly for people to set blocks. Not hard. We will teach you. If interested in helping, call either Brad King at 717-645-7842 or Terry Starner at 717-226-6676.

Running Deer Shoots

Running Deer shoots are scheduled to be held Saturdays - January 16th & 30th, February 13th & 27th, March 13th & 27th. We will start shooting around 11am. Rules were updated in 2019 and can be found on the website and in the Club House. This is another shoot that we can always use the help. If interested in helping or if you have any questions please contact Buzz Frey at 717-528-8749

Varmint Shoots

Varmint Shoots are scheduled to be held Friday nights January 22th, February 5th & 19th and March 5th. We start shooting as soon as it gets dark which is typically around 7:00pm. There are restrictions on calibers that are allowed due to the noise. Rules were updated in 2019 and can be found on the website and in the Club House. We need help. If interested in helping or if you have any questions please call Bob Redmond at 717-486-4619 or Brad King at 717-645-7842.

Building & Grounds Committee

Almost all Mowing and Maintenance is done March thru October on Wednesdays 8:00am to noon weather permitting. NOTE! Most of the time ranges are closed during this time. A big THANKS to the "Wednesday Morning Crew" --Bill, Bob, the two Garys, and the two Cliffs for all your help. Also thank you to all others who have helped on special jobs -- such as helping the contractor replacing half of the Club House Roof.

We are always looking for more help. Just show up Wednesday mornings 8am to 11am April to October. If you're available for special projects, please check "Work Party" box on your membership application and indicate AM or PM or NO Sundays.

Marlin Ditmer, *Chairman of Building & Grounds*

Children Fishing Derby

The annual Childrens' Fishing Derby was canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. We are hoping to resume with one in 2021. For more information contact Rachel Bear email at whimsicalpuppyl@yahoo.com

Hunter Safety Courses

We typically hold two Hunter Safety Courses per year - one in the spring and one in the late summer. Exact dates to be determined closer to spring. When decided, we will post on the website and announce at monthly club meetings. Registration is done on the PA Game Commission website.

Muzzle Loading and Black Powder

Our new application has an updated line to determine muzzle loading/black powder shooting interest at the club. We are considering both modern (in-lines) and primitive style (flintlock/percussion) shoots. Please note whether your interest would be as a participant or volunteer. If you have any questions please contact Dave Meloy.

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Financial Information

Expenses

Loan for land **	29.93%
Insurance	17.76%
Taxes	17.57%
Utilities	17.27%
Building & Grounds	4.53%
Miscellaneous	4.38%
Advertising	2.48%
Accounting	1.75%
Printing	1.70%
Security & Alarm	0.92%
Fish & Pond	0.90%
Postage/Office Supplies	<u>0.82%</u>
	100%

Income

Block Shoots	62.5%
Membership	25.97%
Kitchen	5.37%
Running Deer & Varmint	3.87%
Miscellaneous	<u>2.29%</u>
	100%

**Loan Balance as of October 11, 2020 - \$ 8,429.91

