



The

Straight Shooter

Newsletter of Milford Township Fish, Game & Forestry Association

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November/December 2016 Newsletter**



Upcoming Events

December

- 13 General Membership Meeting (GMM) 7 pm
- 25 Christmas
- 27 Director's Meeting, Members Welcome After 8 pm

January

- 10 General Membership Meeting (GMM) 7 pm
- 22 Bluebird Box Kit Prep Work Party 8 am
- 24 Director's Meeting, Members Welcome After 8 pm

February

- 4 Bluebird Box Build 9:00 am
- 14 General Membership Meeting (GMM) 7 pm
- 25 Work Party
- 26 3D Archery Shoot Registration 7 am - 11 am
- 28 Director's Meeting, Members Welcome After 8 pm

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The President's Column

No Report

For the Good of the Association

Use this address for all mailings to the club.

Milford Township Fish, Game & Forestry Association

1685 Canary Road

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Our district representative Craig Staats was present. Mr. Staats is a member of the second amendment caucus discussions, and has an A rating from the NRA. Issues discussed include: the state budget, new liquor laws, education funding and Act 86 concerning tax credits for private schools.

We also discussed laws concerning the criminal background check have being clarified, and new opioids epidemic bills. Bill 1166 would allow the PA Game Commission to set hunting license fees, fracking, and a poll on pigeon shoots. Bob Galco of the Bucks County Republican Committee discussed bills being presented to prevent local cities from creating their own gun laws. It has been tabled. **Club Elections:** (4) officer and (4) Directors seats are up for nomination. Voting will take place at the December GMM.

Some Officers and Directors attended the Milford Township Meeting to address a complaint made by a neighbor which stated 4-5 rounds fired on the 100 yd. range went through his trees then after a short period of time approximately 30 rounds were fired in quick succession. Prior to the meeting the sign in box was inspected for Member numbers and the security video was reviewed for the time frame stated in the email complaint to the Township. The members were interviewed and their statements were confirmed by the video tape that the shots went down range from the bench in a controlled manner and into the backstop. Their targets were inspected for the number of shots which also confirmed the shots went into the berm. As for the 30 shot volley the video disproves that happened.

The club insists on utilizing the sign-in sheet including caliper being used and suggests hanging onto your targets after using the range to help in any additional investigations in the future. A reporter from WFMZ TV was at the meeting and interviewed one of the Directors. The WFMZ article will be posted on our website.

The club is putting the 2017 budget together and requests relative information from membership, kitchen, shoots, archery and NRA classes. Please provide the kitchen with a schedule of events with as much advance notice as possible. The firearms/cash raffle tickets are available, (3) tickets will be dispensed with renewals and new sign ups as per Club policy. If you can sell more tickets that would be super. **Members using the Club grounds during hunting season are required to wear orange clothing and hats while moving around.**

Please remember to sign in and have your Membership card in your possession when using the Club grounds for any reason. You know where the sign in boxes are and it only takes a few seconds to do.

George D. Honeywell

Pamphlet

There will be a new newsletter Editor starting with the January/February 2017 issue. I would personally like to thank Robert for taking over this task.

I enjoyed doing the pamphlet for the last (9) years but lately it has become a chore and therefore a change was needed. The Club email address is milford_fgfa@windstreaml.net

Any Member that would like to add something to the newsletter can do so by sending me an email at bownutz@hotmail.com or send it to the Club. The bi-monthly newsletter can be viewed on the Club website www.milfordtownshipfishandgame.com If you know of anyone that would like to advertise in the newsletter let us know and we will contact them.

George D. Honeywell

Membership

(7) New members were voted in in September.

Membership renewals will be accepted until January 31, 2017 after that you would need to go through the membership process all over. Don't let that happen.

Joe Fleager

Fishing

The strippers are running a little late but the fishing should pick up.
Chuck Hotter

Game

Deputy WCO Andy Pangerz presented updates on changes in our district including the boundary changes in units 5C and 5D. Tree stands on state game lands now need to contain your name and address or CID #. It is now a violation to carry expired licenses. This is the last year to bait by permit. The Operation Game Thief tip line program was discussed. The commission states pheasant stocking is up, and they are investigating cost savings in state bird farming. Game commission funding was discussed at length, there will be a change in fees if HB 1166 is approved. Hunting in PA is in the top 5% of the United States including Buck, Doe, Bear and Turkey sales. Although the sale in licenses has declined, it is declining at a much lower rate in PA than surrounding states. PA has 2-million acres to use for hunting.

Hunting season has begun be safe out there and as always if you are using an elevated stand you must wear a safety harness and have your member number visibly attached to the stand or ground blind.

Remember to carry your membership card and sign in when using the grounds, and place your vehicle card on the dash or in a window so it is visible when you are using the Club grounds other than the ranges.

When placing your stand or ground blind please respect other members with stands already in place and keep a safe distance

George D. Honeywell

Forestry

Wood cutting permits have been altered to protect the Club from the Spotted Lantern Fly quarantine and any ramifications from wood being removed from the Club to areas outside of Milford Township which is not allowed by the quarantine.

George D. Honeywell

Archery

The October shoot (last of the year) had 36 shooters.

3D shoots will commence in February weather permitting.

Starting in 2017 we will allow persons with a handicap card to use a crossbow at the 3D shoots, we did some test shooting into one of the Rhinehart targets with a favorable outcome.

Absolutely no broadheads can be shot into the black practice targets. Use the layered target or the 3D bear for broadheads.

George D. Honeywell

Ranges

The 100 yard range benches and pavilion are complete.

On the 100 yard range you must shoot from the benches.

This is a reminder to use the flags when using the ranges. The red flag is to be flown when actively shooting and posting or retrieving targets. The green flag is to be flown when the range is clear. Please pick up your spent brass on the ranges.

Chester Dotts/Chuck Hotter

Public Relations/Entertainment

No report

Joe Petrovec

Work Parties

Work parties posted in the Upcoming Events will be for grounds clean up, maintenance and production of the bluebird box kits.

50/50 and Membership Drawings

The 50/50 drawings have had some large pots lately, and the Membership drawing for December will be worth \$60.00 American and only Members present at the GMM will be eligible to win.



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Milford Township Fish Game & Forestry Association Membership Application

Mailing: **Membership Committee**
1685 Canary Road, Quakertown, PA 18951

- All members (including life, seniors and free seniors) must purchase three (3) gun raffle tickets at renewal time.
- Please make all checks payable to Milford Twp. Fish, Game and Forestry Assoc.
- All new members joining are subject to a \$30 application fee. New members joining in Nov- March are also required to purchase 3 gun raffle tickets.

Memberships:

Regular – Includes spouse and children under 18 \$70 + \$30 gun raffle= **\$100 Total**
 Senior - Ages 65-75 inclusive \$25 + \$30 gun raffle= **\$55 Total**
 Seniors over age 75 (with 5 years prior membership) \$ 0 + \$30 gun raffle= **\$30 Total**

New app Renewal

Member name: _____ Age _____

Address _____ Phone (____) - _____ - _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Spouse _____

Child _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

Child _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

Child _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

New Members: Sponsor's Name _____ Their Member # _____

Please check at least one committee where you can lend a hand:

<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Grounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoots	<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry	<input type="checkbox"/> Rifle	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter/Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Archery
<input type="checkbox"/> Game	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish

- Dues must be renewed between Nov – Jan. A *\$30 Late fee is charged for renewals after Jan 31st in addition to the above amounts*
- *New applications must be brought to a General meeting, not mailed in. The meetings are the second Tuesday of every month, 7:00 pm. New members must attend an orientation before using club property.*
- If you are mailing in your **renewal dues**, please indicate if you want us to fill out your raffle ticket for you and send you back the stub only. If you are sent your full ticket you will be responsible for turning your stubs in:

Stub Only Full Ticket

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