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PARDOE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING 14 December 2009 7 P.M.



Capital Christmas Tree

Hello Sportsmen and Women,

Here it is December and deer season is just about over. From what I've heard there are a few that have gotten lucky and more that haven't. At Hartheig Conservation Club's meeting last Monday, only one out of fifteen guys got a buck. There seems to be less and less shooting. While up in the mountain, all of the folks that I talked with said there was so little hunting pressure, and no where near the normal amount of shooting.

I would like to invite everyone to please take the time to go to our web site, www.pardoesportsmens.com, and view the progress of our junior shooters as posted by Instructor Marcus Kohan. The three shooters have progressed from the basic class to the pro marksman level. Congratulations to all.

Yours truly was going to go up to Linesville to attend the open house concerning the transfer of the 2000+ acres of game lands in Clarion County to the DCNR and in exchange receive 2000+ acres of DCNR land around Pymatuning. From everyone I've talked to, it was considered a done deal so I didn't bother to attend. The land the sportsmen and hunters are receiving is good for duck and goose hunting. The game lands was prime habitat for many kinds of wildlife as well as deer, bear and grouse. I have attended meetings in the past where the equestrian faction asserted their demands. They seem to have been successful in Pennsylvania by using political pressure. Two states, Kentucky and California, have already dealt with this issue and resoundingly voted down their requests to use public land for horseback riding due to the level of erosion caused by the horses.

Bear season seems to be a good one this year. The weather wasn't too bad. The last statistic I saw projected that it was going to be the second largest bear kill on record.

While checking the club the other day, I found three deer carcasses that someone had dumped, along with pop cans, cigarettes and various junk. The sad part of this is that whoever did it tagged only one deer. It appears that only the backstraps were taken and the rest of the carcass was left with a mess.

Hunters, this is a wanton waste of game, and if we can find out who did this, they will be arrested. They have trashed the club. This reflects on all hunters in the eyes of the public. It makes no sense to throw the carcasses alongside a road where everyone can see it, especially now when it is acceptable to place it in with home refuse for pickup.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

As you know the combinations for the locks are on the reverse side of the membership cards. This was designed to encourage everyone to have them while at the club. Due to unauthorized people using club grounds we are asking our members to display their memberships while here. A fishing license holder works well.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

For questions or comments you may contact the President at 724-662-4153

Your sportsmen's club is a proud member of PA Federation of Sportsmen's Club. PFSC represents 100,000 sportsmen and women across the state. Pardoe's delegate is Dennis Anderson.

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Recap of last month's meeting...

N.W. Commissioner Ralph Martone was in attendance. Mr. Martone discussed upcoming tasks that the commissioners will discuss at their January meeting. Such topics as hunting dates and limits, new youth hunting opportunities, removing antlerless restrictions on senior license and many other topics. Mr. Martone would like your thoughts on removing the restriction for senior license holders. You can talk to your delegate Dennis, email Mr. Martone, or email the County Federation Secretary at mercercounty.federation@gmail.com.

“Castle Doctrine” Self-Defense Bill to be Considered in Pennsylvania soon. Please reach out to your Senator and Representatives and tell them to support HB 40. It would permit law-abiding citizens to use force, including deadly force, against an attacker in their homes and any places outside of their home where they have a legal right to be.

The state office of the Federation is asking for your support by allowing them to add your name and address (or just email address) to their database. In an effort to raise funds, they will reach out to sportsmen dealers to advertise **through the Federation**. Your information will not be provided to the advertiser nor will it be sold or released. This will be used to leverage funds for advertisements. The state office needs to say with confidence that they have 50,000 contacts (random number) in order to get companies to advertise with them. If you have no problem supplying your information, please email us at pardoe.newsletter@gmail.com or come to the meeting and let us know. The money raised through advertisement is used for supporting the state office day to day activities. Having a full time liaison at the state capital fighting for our rights does cost money.

Fish & Boat Commission to Inspect Marcellus Shale Drilling Sites

Law enforcement officers and biologists with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) will begin conducting field inspections of active drilling sites for Marcellus Shale gas wells beginning next month (December), the agency announced.

Elections for the County Federation will be at the next meeting. Pardoe members, Dennis Anderson, Shawn Myers, and Ricky McDaniel are running for office of Vice President, Secretary, and Alternate Delegate, respectively.

Next Northwest Federation Division meeting is December 13th, 2009 1pm, PGC building in Franklin PA
Next meeting is December 16th, 2009 at Pardoe Sportsmen's Association 7pm