

# Upper Adams Fish & Game Association, Inc.

Fall 2006

Hello Fellow Members:

Where has the summer gone? It seems that just yesterday, we were getting ready for fishing, spring turkey hunting, mowing lawn and all the household Honey Do's. Now we are getting ready for the fall hunting seasons and shoveling snow, but let's not rush into the snow shoveling just yet.

We are getting into our busy season here at Upper Adams Fish & Game. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be having our fall Running Deer shoots. We have 3 shoots in the fall (see the Calendar of Events). New for this fall we are going to have two practice deer shoots. The first will be held on Sunday, October 22 at 1 pm and the second will be on Sunday, November 12 at 1 pm. These will just be for practice. Let's hope that they spark interest in our running deer shoots as our attendance has been down. We seem to have lost some shooters along the way. Maybe it will encourage fathers to bring their sons and daughters out to practice. This spring, we will have six Running Deer shoots instead of our usual five shoots. You will still need to shoot four times to qualify for end of the season prizes and we will not have a "snow date" scheduled.

Over the summer we have been very busy making changes and improvements here at the club. The club has just purchased and installed a new clay bird trap. So come on out on Monday evening and have some fun breaking birds. Shooting starts around 5:30 pm and the cost is \$2.50 per round. Trap shooting will continue until October 30. If you have any questions, call Ike Williams at 528-4208.

Now for the Big Change over the summer. After much talk between club members and the people that attend the Block Shoots, we at Upper Adams Fish & Game have decided to build a new block house at a shorter distance. It will be at 27 yards, which is one of the shortest in the area. So, you should have more shot in the card and hopefully this will bring in some new shooters. Also, this past summer we held a .410 shoot, which was shot at 22 yards. This was a good success for the club as it brought some new shooters and added income to the club. We awarded cash prizes for the first three rounds and then for the fourth round, we were able to give away a very nice Spartan by Remington .410 single barrel shotgun for first place. We are planning for more .410 shoots next year. These will be held on Sunday afternoons to make it easy to bring your family and friends along to share in the fun.

Dues! Dues! Dues! It is that time of the year. Don't forget, starting with the meeting in October, your 2007 Club Dues can be paid. That is right; do not forget this is the second year of the change. Your dues are payable between the October meeting and the January meeting. A reminder that we no longer send membership cards and badges through the mail. You may send a check for your dues, but you must pick up your card and badge at the club. Come to a meeting or one of the shoots to pay your dues. Our meeting attendance has been better, but it would be nice to see more new faces. It makes it a whole lot better when you see new people to help with fresh ideas for things to do around the club. Everything is discussed openly at the meetings and then decided upon by all members present. So if any member has any new ideas for the club, be it a fundraiser or something else that could benefit the club, please come to a meeting and it will be discussed.

New this year will be the design of the membership badges. In years past, our badges were purchased from Standard Pennant, but their prices kept going up and up and it was getting so that we would possibly have to raise dues to cover the price of the badges.

Many thanks goes to the Rex boys for suggesting an alternative supplier for our badges. Their sister has been making and designing badges for years, so she sent some samples of very nice badges and several versions of a badge for the club. The members at the meeting looked over them and picked their favorite design. I think that you will like it very much. And it was a considerable savings to the club over the price paid to Standard Pennant. Plus it keeps our business right here in Adams County. So do not forget to start paying your dues in October.

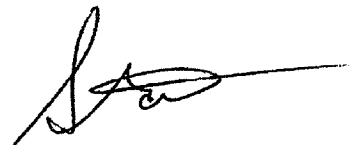
For the part of the year we have all been looking forward to – The Hunting Season! Everyone but the PA Game Commission knows that the deer herd in the state is way down so as you hunt hard this fall, please ask yourself “Do I really need to kill that second or in some cases third deer?” Remember to think about next year and the year after that. Be a true sportsman and save for future hunters. And wherever your hunts take you this year, good luck and be safe for we like hearing your stories and seeing your pictures at the club. So when you return and the seasons are over, do not forget to come out to club. Stop by for a meeting or one of the shoots to pay your dues and play some of our small games of chance, which help support the club so that we can continue to make improvements.

A Big Thank You to everyone who, over the summer, has come out to help keep the facilities looking great and helped with all the improvements we have made. For fear of missing someone, I will not mention names, but again a Big Thank You.

**A few reminders:** As you are shooting in your rifles to prepare for hunting season, make sure you are shooting at the proper backstops. Please do not shoot at the tracks for the running deer or any buildings, which will cause us to spend a lot of extra time and money for repairs. If you have any questions about events at the club or whether events have been cancelled due to the weather, you can call the club at 717-677-9408, contact one of the officers or e-mail us at [uafg@hotmail.com](mailto:uafg@hotmail.com).

Here I go again rambling on and on, but I think everything in the letter is very important to all members. So, if you have any questions, ideas or comments about the club, please attend the meetings. While at the club you can also pay your dues. Included you will find a calendar of events for the coming year. Post it so you can refer to it often so that you are aware of upcoming events. Be Safe, Good Luck and Looking forward to seeing each and every member at the club.

Good Luck.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ike Williams', written in a cursive style.

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