

Upper Adams Fish & Game Association, Inc.

Spring 2007

Hello Fellow Club Members:

Here we are with the start of another year. I hope that this letter finds all members and their families in good health. I hope that all of you had a successful and enjoyable hunting season. Please stop by the club with pictures of your trophy. I'm sure that we would like to hear your story, either of success or just having a good time in the woods.

A reminder that your dues were to have been paid as of the January Meeting. If you forgot to pay them, please stop by the club for a block shoot, deer shoot or at the meeting on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm. You will need to have your dues paid and a new card and badge to get in the door for the Annual Feed.

The Annual Club Membership Feed will be held on Friday, March 16 beginning at 5:30 pm. There will be money bowls, gun bowls, 50/50 and other small games of chance. Bring some extra money along and plan on staying to support the club. The door prize will be drawn at 8:00 pm and you must be present to win.

On the subject of finances for the club. Our Block Shoot attendance has been off this year compared to the last 3 years. We built a new block shoot house at 27 yards. It sure does put more shot on the cards and makes the competition tighter. This is one of our major moneymakers, so please come out and support the club. Don't worry if you don't have a custom shotgun with a scope. People with their turkey guns are winning frequently, so you can come out and shoot with a good chance of taking home a prize. We are looking into the possibility of having money shoots and .410 shoots again this year. We are hoping that by having them on Sunday afternoons, we can draw more shooters. There are currently two .410 shoots on the schedule for Sunday, March 18 and Sunday, June 24 at 2 pm. We may schedule additional shoots, which will be announced at club events and meetings. A few reminders about the rules for the .410 shoots. All shotguns MUST be factory shotguns with NO modifications and NO scope. Shotguns will be checked and anyone found to have a modified shotgun will not be allowed to shoot and will not be refunded the cost to shoot.

We have not been able to get the details worked out, so we may not be having a gun raffle this year. It is a good fundraiser, so we will try to set something up. We are also looking for new ideas for fundraisers for the club. Without good fundraisers, we cannot continue to make improvements to the building and grounds. If you have any ideas, please come to a meeting and share your ideas with us. The attendance at the monthly meetings has been up and it is good to see new faces showing interest in the club. Please continue to attend the meetings and encourage other members to attend with you.

As every one knows, it takes help to keep everything running smoothly at our events. We can always use more help, both at the Block Shoots and Running Deer Shoots. If you would like to help, please come out and someone will show you what to do. If any member or their sons would like to help at our Running Deer Shoots, please call me at 624-4882 and we can get you lined up. Vinnie Tocco has been doing a good job with his crew in the Deer Pit, as has Ike Williams and his crew in the Elk Pit. Not to forget our Block Shoot crew, which usually includes Paul Hinkle, Bud Koontz, Dennis Kime, Vinnie Tocco and Carl McCullough. Thanks also to every one else who helps with the other aspects of the Shoots.

A special Thanks to Donnie Fahnestock for his help around the club the last several years. Donnie has decided to retire and let the younger fellas take over. He will still help at work details, but we are looking for someone to clean up the club on Fridays after the Thursday evening Block Shoots. If you can help, please contact one of the officers or stop by the club.

Again we are having trouble with people shooting at things that are not target boards. We all know that your bullets will go through wood, steel and just about everything else. This costs the club time and, more importantly, money to replace or repair the damages. Please, only shoot at proper targets that have been placed on the proper target boards. Please Do Not attach your targets to the framework. With the availability of cheap ammunition, please clean up all empty and unfired ammunition, remove your targets and dispose of them properly when you are finished shooting. We, as a club, have not banned semi or fully automatic firearms, but if the negative reports and problems do not stop, that could be the next step. Please only shoot at the proper targets and target boards. If you are caught destroying club equipment or property, you will be asked to appear before the Board of Officers.

A few more items to note. The Hunter-Trapper Education dates have been changed due to a scheduling conflict. The new dates for Hunter-Trapper Education are **April 13 & 14**. For more information about Hunter Ed, you can contact Ike Williams at 528-4208. Trap shooting begins Monday, April 23 at 5 pm and continues every Monday evening throughout the summer. Come out and have some fun trying out our new trap.

There are many upcoming events here at the club. Please check the updated Calendar of Events included with this newsletter. Keep it posted on your icebox so you can refer to it often. With the coming of Spring will come a long list of Honey Do's, fishing and spring turkey hunting, but please don't forget the activities at the club.

Your Officers for 2007 are:

<i>President:</i>	Stan Shrader
<i>Vice-President:</i>	Ray Kime
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Roy "Ike" Williams
<i>Financial Secretary:</i>	Jack Williams
<i>Recording Secretary:</i>	Sarah Goetz
<i>Trustees (2007-2009):</i>	Dennis Kime Joe Tocco Sr

Well, I know I probably forgot something, but I hope that I covered the most important things. Hope to see you at the club.

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