

# Upper Adams Fish & Game Association, Inc.

*Fall 2009*

Hello Fellow Members:

Summer is gone already. It seems that just yesterday we were planting garden, cleaning up from last winter, trout fishing and spring turkey hunting. Now we are getting firewood for winter, getting the rake or leaf blower tuned up and last, but not least, practicing with gun or bow or both.

We, the members of Upper Adams Fish & Game, have a big year coming next year. **2010** will be the "50" year celebration for Upper Adams. We have appointed a committee to create a special membership badge and some other ideas to help commemorate our anniversary year. If any member has any creative ideas, please contact Sarah Goetz, Jack Williams, Dave Rex, Dan Asper, Mike Rex or Ike Williams to share your idea or you can attend one of our monthly meetings to share your idea.

We have been very busy over the summer working to improve the club. We have remodeled the inside walls by installing insulation and paneling on two walls (so far) to help keep the heat inside during the winter the cool air in during the summer. The furnace was also enclosed to help muffle the noise in the room. We also plan to replace the old chalkboards with new, smaller boards. I am sure that you, the members, will be very pleased with the improvement. We also had to rebuild the running deer track before the shoots started in August. Thanks to the donation of pipe and angle iron by Dave & Sam Mentzer and Jason Williams, the club saved in excess of \$1,100 in materials. All of this work could not have been completed without the tireless help of some of the members. For fear of missing someone, I will not name people, but a Big THANK YOU to all that came out and helped. It is a job well done and something we can be proud of for years to come.

A reminder that you can begin paying your 2010 club dues on October 21, 2009. Dues **MUST** be paid by January 20, 2010. Please remember to stop by the club at a meeting or event to pay your dues. We will accept your dues payment by mail, but you must get your card and badge at the club. We no longer mail them out.

We have our first Fall block shoot on Thursday, November 12, 2009 with shooting beginning at 7:30 pm. That shoot will be our Thanksgiving Turkey shoot. Please come out and win your Thanksgiving turkey by shooting or playing the wheel. December 10, 2009 will be our Christmas Ham Shoot. Please come out and show your support for the club by participating in the shoot or playing the meat wheel. It is also an opportunity for you to pay your 2010 club dues.

After the first of the year, we will start into our Running Deer and Elk Shoots that will be six shoots through January, February and March. Our Block Shoots will be on Thursday evenings running from January through mid April. Please see your Calendar of Events for the dates that these shoots start. We will be adding a couple .410 block shoots to the schedule on Sunday afternoons. Once those are scheduled, they will be posted at the club and we will try to get an updated schedule on the website.

The annual members feed will again be held in late March. We are also working to schedule another gun drawing in cooperation with New Oxford Fire Co. This will be held at New Oxford in late March or early April 2010. More details on these events will be in the next newsletter. There are lots of events going on at the club this fall and winter. If you are interested in helping with one or many of these events, please come to a meeting or look for us at the event. All new help is greatly appreciated!!

At the September and October meetings, we will be looking for candidates for officers for 2010. Remember if you want to run for an office, you must qualify under Article 4, Section 1A of the bylaws for the number of meetings and club events that you attend. If you are eligible and interested in being on the ballot for one of these positions, please attend a club meeting and let the election committee know of your interest in a position.

With the coming of the cooler weather and fall will come the sighting in of your firearms. Please remember to mind all safety rules when using the club ranges. Only shoot at proper targets placed on the target boards,

clean up after you are finished – even if it isn't your trash – to help keep the ranges and the outside facilities looking well kept. Clean up ALL brass – it is recyclable. A reminder – NO centerfire rifles are to be fired at the target boards by the club house and parking area, rimfire rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders and handguns only. The one and ONLY exception to this is for **emergency sighting in** during the rifle deer season when people are hunting in the woods beyond the rifle ranges. Please try to show courtesy to other shooters and don't be a range hog. Always carry your membership badge and card and don't be offended if someone asks to see them. It is up to the individual members to help ensure that only current members are using the grounds that your dues money helps to upkeep.

As we move in to hunting seasons, please stop by the club and share your stories with us. As we move through the fall and even after Christmas, there are a lot of stories and pictures that get shared at our many events. Remember, you don't always have to harvest game to have a successful season, although it is nice. The more time you get to spend in the woods, the more interesting stories you have to tell whether it is something you have never seen before or about the one that got away.

Please remember to mail in your harvest report cards if you are successful this season. If you purchased an antlerless tag, stop and think before you fill that tag. Especially if you hunt in an area with a low deer population, consider if it would make more sense to let a deer go this year to help increase the deer herd for following years.

We are looking for some additional help on the building and grounds crew. Some of our retired members have been taking on most of the responsibility for clean up and we would like to find them some additional help. If you are available during the day and would like to help out, stop by the club or get in contact with Ike Williams, Donnie Fahnestock or Dick Sipe. They will keep you informed of when they will be working at the club. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

We will have 2010 Remington Calendars available at the club again this year. They will be for sale beginning in October and there are a limited number available. Stop by the club and get yours because when they are gone, they're gone.

Upper Adams will again be hosting a Hunter Trapper Education course in the Spring. As in other years, it will be held on Friday evening and all day Saturday. You must attend **both** days to get your HTE card. The exact dates will be included in the next newsletter. For more information, you can stop by the club or contact Ike Williams at 528-4208. We will continue shooting trap on Monday evenings at 5:30 pm. This is open to anyone. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Ike Williams.

Sorry for being longwinded there is a lot going on at the club. Please attend the meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm to keep up with everything going on at the club. Hope everyone has a safe and successful hunting season. See you at the Club.



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