

# Upper Adams Fish & Game

Hello Fellow Members:

I hope that this newsletter finds every member and their families in good health. I hope that everyone had wonderful holidays and enjoyed renewing old friendships.

It is hard to believe that the hunting seasons are past and we are 2 months into the New Year already. We have been very busy here at the Fish and Game, with our weekly Block Shoots on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm, our bi-weekly Running Deer Shoots and planning for upcoming events. Our block shoot attendance has been off compared to the last couple of years, so we have had to make some changes in the prize structure both on the meat wheel and also on the shoot prizes. As a result of the shoots being low in attendance, we are not making as much money as in the past years. We hope things pick up so we are able to continue to make improvements to the clubhouse and grounds. We could use more support from the members.

Our Running Deer Shoots have been averaging 75 shooters, which is not too bad. We would like to see more shooters though. It is a lot of fun and enjoyment along with being good practice.

Hunter-Trapper Education will be held at the club on April 7 & 8, 2006. If you would like more information, please contact Ike Williams. Don't forget that beginning April 24 at 5:00 pm, we will be shooting trap on Monday evenings. Contact Ike Williams at 528-4208 if you have any questions.

A reminder if you failed to pay your dues by the January meeting, you must contact Jack Williams at one of the club functions – block shoot, deer shoot, or meeting – to get reinstated.

Now please, do not forget the Annual Members Feed will be held on Friday, March 24 at 6:00 pm. There will be plenty of good food along with 50/50, a Door Prize, Gun Bowls and Money Bowls along with some other small games of chance.

We will be having a gun raffle again this year. There is a change in location of the drawing this year. The drawing will be held at the New Oxford Fire Co. at 18 Bolton Ave, New Oxford. Tickets are \$25.00 each and you may bring a guest(s) for \$5.00 each. To purchase tickets, come to one of the club functions or contact Sarah Goetz at 792-9532. The drawing will be held on Saturday, April 1 with the doors opening at 3:30 pm, a buffet style meal at 5:00 pm and the drawing at 6:30 pm. Please purchase your tickets early since only 125 are available at Upper Adams and another 125 through New Oxford Fire Co. There will also be small games of chance, a door prize and 50/50. This will be a good moneymaker for the Fish & Game.

With the coming of spring also comes a lot of outdoor activity – fishing, spring turkey and household chores. Everybody will be busy, but don't forget about the Fish & Game. We can always use the extra help with the different events and work details. Our club meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. It is great to see more people attending. It shows that you are interested in knowing first hand what it takes to keep the club operating smoothly. Glad to see the new faces.

A hearty Thank You to all who come out and help at the different events and to the clean-up crew that no one ever sees, but always has the building looking good.

Now for some serious news. Last fall we had a severe problem with the shooting of semi-automatic firearms. Our building and other equipment were damaged by reckless firing. This problem was addressed and the person responsible had their membership terminated permanently. We have appointed a Range Committee to review the current rules and establish a set of rules for the use of the ranges, which will be posted when finalized. In the meantime, please shoot your rifles only at the backstops for 100 yards and 200 yards. No rifles or shotguns should be fired into the backstop up on the hill by the clubhouse. This is for handgun and .22 use only. If you have a semi-automatic firearm, please use common sense. No large capacity magazines or rapid firing. This only destroys the equipment. When using club facilities, please obey all Club Rules. If you do not have a copy of the current bylaws, please come by the club and we will see that you get a copy.

Included, you will find an updated Calendar of Events. Please post it somewhere that you can refer to it often. Better still, come to monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month and keep current as to what is going on. Again, come out and support the club so we can continue to make improvements.

Well, time to end. So remember as you travel to fishing and hunting sites this spring, please obey all laws and be safe. We enjoy seeing everyone at the club. Be safe and courteous for you are always being watched. Hope to see you at the Club.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stan Shrader', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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