

Upper Adams Fish & Game Association, Inc.

Spring 2009

Hello Fellow Members:

Boy was it not cold for a while. I hope that this newsletter finds everyone in good health. Now that the holidays are over and we are into March, let us hope that the weather warms up and gives everybody a break on utility bills.

I hope everyone had a very successful hunting season. If you had success or not, please stop by the club at one of our many functions and relate your stories and share your photos.

Now for the fun part. This is a very busy part of the year here at the Fish and Game. We have the weekly block shoots, bi-weekly running deer shoots plus monthly meetings and .410 shoots. Not to forget work parties, Hunter-Trapper Education, Members Feed and the Gun Raffle with New Oxford Fire Company. What we are looking for is some extra help at these events. We have been blessed with some new members that are very willing to help out at our functions, but we would also like to see more of the existing members at these events.

Our Block Shoots have been fairly well attended in spite of the state of the economy, but we can always use more shooters and wheel players. Even if you do not want to shoot, please stop by and play the wheel. The wheel crew usually gets started around 7:15 pm and is finished by 8:30 pm most weeks. Stop on by to help support Your club.

Our monthly meetings have had higher attendance recently, but we could always use more people in attendance to bring new ideas for ways to improve the club as well as new ways to raise funds. At the December meeting we had Ron Weaner, the newly appointed Game Commissioner attend and fill us in on some of the happenings of the Game Commission. At our January meeting we had State Representative Dan Moul in attendance. He updated us on what the House is doing and had an open discussion with us on using bait for hunting, crossbows, Sunday hunting and the license fee increase. Also at that meeting were a representative from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Friends of the NRA and the Unified Sportsmen. In the future we hope to continue with other representatives at our meetings. A very big Thank You to Representative Dan Moul and Commissioner Ron Weaner for attending our meeting and taking their own time to keep us informed first hand so we got the facts straight from the people that are involved in making the decisions that will ultimately affect us.

If you have not already paid your dues for 2009, You're Late!! Dues should have been paid no later than the January Meeting. Please contact Jack Williams to get them taken care of.

We have 2 big money makers coming up for the Club. Friday, March 27 at 6:00 pm is the annual club members feed. Come out for some good food and play the 13 jars, 50/50 and other small games of chance. There will be a door prize drawn towards the end of the evening and you must be present to win. This is a good opportunity to interact with other members and share stories as well as support the club. On Saturday, April 4 we will once again be co-hosting a gun raffle at the New Oxford Fire Company Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$25 each and you can bring a guest(s) for an additional \$5 each. There will be 249 tickets sold and ticket #250 will be raffled off that evening with the winner of that ticket being guaranteed one of the last 10 firearms on the ticket. The club is responsible to sell 125 of the tickets. If you would like a ticket, stop by the club at one of the functions or contact Sarah Goetz at 264-3538. This is a very good fundraiser for both organizations.

We welcome any additional help on the day of the raffle since UAF&G has various responsibilities throughout the day.

We are in the process of updating our bylaws, which also includes updating our range rules and pond rules. If you have any suggestions or want to be involved in this process, please attend the monthly meetings to keep up to date on the progress. Once the bylaws are updated and approved, we hope to have them in plenty of time for everyone to get a new copy when paying their 2010 dues.

With fishing season approaching quickly, please remember to obey all the club rules while using the pond. Signs will be posted outside with the dates that the pond will be open and closed as well as being listed in the calendar of events. Just a reminder that there is a limit of **3 fish per DAY** per member. Also please remember to clean up after yourself when using the pond or shooting ranges. We will be holding a Kids Fish Rodeo again this year. It will be held on Saturday, June 6 and is not restricted to club members. Please remember that you can arrive early to stake out your place around the pond, but the children cannot start fishing until **12 noon**.

Trap shooting will begin on Monday, April 27 at 5 pm. Trap shooting will continue every Monday evening throughout the summer. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Ike Williams.

Upper Adams will again be hosting a Hunter Trapper Education course. It will be held on Friday, April 3 at 5 pm and Saturday, April 4 beginning at 7:30 am. You must attend **both** days to get your HTE card. For more information, please contact Ike Williams at 528-4208.

A big Thank You to all those who have been helping with the block shoots, deer shoots and the general cleaning of the club after the events. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes that the people attending our events are sometimes not aware of. As I said before, this is a very busy time here at the club. Please stop by the club to help or just to visit. Any extra help is always appreciated, especially by those people who are working at nearly every event. Please refer to the Calendar of Events that is attached so that you are aware of all the events going on at the club.

I have rambled on long enough, but everything is for the good of the club. Post your schedule of events where you can see it and stop by the club at one of our events: block shoot, deer shoot, meeting, members feed or even the gun raffle. Be Safe and hope to see everyone at the club.



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