



News & Views

West Chester Fish
Game & Wildlife
Association

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June 2010

Members Day “On The Pond & The Stream” Saturday, June 5th

In the past, we have had a Members Night with a cookout and fishing on the pond. This year, we are doing a Member's Day On The Pond and on West Valley Creek. The last of our trout will be stocked along the area by the nursery and immediately downstream to the park. We will wrap up the day with a cookout starting at 5:00 PM with the food and refreshments provided by the club. Everyone is asked to bring along a side dish or dessert to share.

There will be Bucket Prizes, a 50/50 Raffle and we will draw the winner of our 2010 Life Member 50/50 Raffle. Tickets have been mailed to our Life Members.

Fishing on the pond is catch & release. Barbless hooks only please.

Our thanks to Paradise Farm Camps for letting us have use of the pond for our Members Day.

Spring Raffle Winners

Our 2010 Spring Raffle was very successful and we sincerely thank all that bought tickets and helped to support our many programs. We want to especially thank all of the sponsors that donated prizes to our raffle. Please make sure to support our sponsors as much as and as often as you can.

Congratulations to the winners of our raffle.

- 1st “Valley Creek” by Richard Bollinger - Rod Horton
- 2nd Weber Gas Grille - Bill Boucher
- 3rd 100 Flies, Custom Tied, Donated by Frank Swarner III - Keith Smith
- 4th Mickey's Wheel Alignment, Tolsdorf Oil Change, White Glove - Anthony Giorno
- 5th St. Croix 4' 6" Rod, Reel & Sweatshirt, French Creek Outfitters - Jim Semetti
- 6th Colebrook Manor Veterinarian, Basket of Pet Supplies - Brian Lefko
- 7th Schrade DU Commemorative Stag Horn Handle Sheath Knife - Jim Malloy
- 8th 2009 East Bradford Print, “Copes Bridge” by Barbara Johnson - Robert Hurzeler
- 9th Gift Certificates - Iron Hill Brewery, Stadium Grille, Giant - Dave Rhodes
- 10th Gift Certificate - Dick's Sporting Goods - Dave Williams

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Economic Benefit of Fishing & Boating In Pennsylvania

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service estimates that anglers and boaters in Pennsylvania contributed a combined **\$3.4 Billion** to Pennsylvania's economy in 2009.

Fishing in Pennsylvania contributed \$1.65 Billion in economic benefit. It supported 18,000 jobs and generated over \$120 Million in state and local tax revenues.

With over 338,000 boats registered in Pennsylvania, over 2.5 Million residents and non-residents boated in 2009. Boating had an economic impact of over \$1.7 Billion in 2009.

More Americans fish than those that play tennis and golf combined!



President's Message by Glade Squires

Treasurer's Report

By Bernie McGovern

Financial Status as of May 1, 2010

Income YTD	\$16,639
Expenses YTD	\$3,694
Checking	\$12,293
CD Savings	\$17,830
Savings	\$3,758
Life Savings	\$5,390
Grant Savings	\$1,545

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2010-2011

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One of our primary missions is to be advocates for clean water quality. In March, I had the great opportunity to spend a week in India and came away with a much greater appreciation for the clean water we have in Pennsylvania and the great work that our state agencies have done in cleaning up and keeping our waterways clean. The rivers and streams that I saw in India were abused and polluted beyond imagination. Rivers from the air were fluorescent green with algae blooms that nearly choked their flow. Turn on a faucet there and you can't be assured that you will get clean, drinkable water. Overpopulation combined with exponential industrial growth and a severe lack of wastewater treatment facilities are the contributing factors.

Clean water is something we may take for granted whether it is a clean, lake or stream or that next glass of water from the tap. Just because we have clean water, we should never take it for granted and never accept what we have as clean enough.

National Geographic published a special issue in April entitled *Water, Our Thirsty World*. If you get a chance to read the articles, you will come away wondering how we have the clean water that we do today, where the water needed in the future will come from and what future efforts will be needed to keep water on this planet clean.

Rather than begin to rewrite or paraphrase any of the articles in that issue, listing some of the facts about water on our earth will more than get the point across.

- 97.5% of water on the earth is salt water.
- 2.5% is fresh water with 69.9% of that frozen, 30.1% in soil and aquifers and only 0.3% in lakes, rivers and wetlands.
- Two-thirds of our fresh water is used to grow food.
- 16 Billion gallons of fresh water are produced each day by the world's 14,450 desalination plants. Most of the residents of the Persian Gulf rely on desalination for fresh water.
- 46% of people on earth do not have water piped to their homes. One in eight lacks access to fresh water. Each year, there are 83 Million more people on the earth all needing fresh water to survive.
- The average American uses 100 gallons of fresh water each day. The world's poorest rely on less than 5 gallons each day.
- 2 Billion gallons of fresh water are used each day to water golf courses in the U.S. In Florida, 3,000 gallons of water are used to water a golf course for each round of golf played!

Nursery Report by Mike Colley

To date, we have stocked over 1,800 trout with about 2,000 more to go. Water flow has been very good right through Spring. Temperatures have been optimal since early March for the fish to grow and put on weight. Our fish have been very healthy with minimal losses due to any disease.

Thanks to all of our feeders for showing up rain, snow or shine to keep the fish fed and growing. Also, the turnout of help for stocking has been very good allowing us to float stock almost all sections of the stream. This lets us spread out the fish and give them a much better chance to establish a true territory, making them less likely to migrate long distances along the stream. Our thanks to all that show up and help stock.

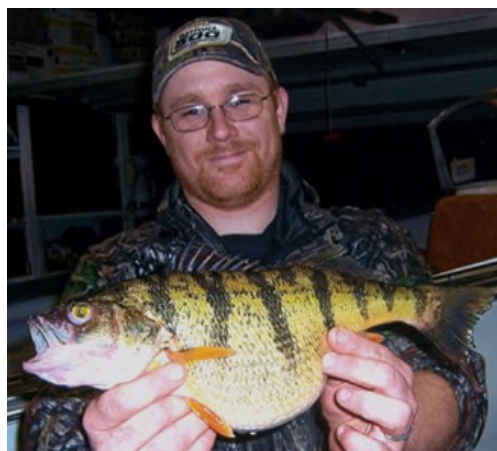


New State Record Yellow Perch

Harrisburg, PA—Enduring a cold, rainy, blustery March day paid off for angler Jeffrey Matts of Erie. Matts caught a 2 pound 11 ounce yellow perch that day. His catch has been named the new state record for the species by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC). The new record, which measured 15 3/8 inches, was caught in Presque Isle Bay in 11 feet of water.

“After a long winter of ice fishing and knowing you need to be there when the fish turn on, I broke down and decided to go fishing with my best friend Rob,” said Matts. He said the old saying “Wind from the East, fish bite the least” didn’t deter the two anglers. After catching two fish in a couple of hours he decided to move the boat to another spot. Shortly after setting anchor, Matts dropped a jig tipped with a minnow. While rigging another rod, the new record struck. Matts landed the fish, placed it in a livewell, and continued to fish. He realized how big the fish was when he arrived home and started to clean his catch.

Matts’ catch exceeds the previous record by 2 ounces. That fish was caught in February 2001 by Keith Meck of Macungie, while ice fishing at Beltzville Lake, Carbon County.



Nursery Maintenance Day, Saturday July 10th

Volunteers are needed for our annual Nursery Maintenance Day. There are a number of projects along with the usual cleanup of the pens. We will meet at the nursery at 8:00 AM and expect to be working until about 2:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to meet other members and many of the officers and executive committee. Even if you can’t volunteer the entire day, a few hours of your help will be more than appreciated. Please mark your calendar and plan to lend a hand.

2010 Bass Rodeos

Open to all children ages 14 and under.

Bass Rodeo—Paradise Farm Pond—June 19th

Fishing from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM on the pond meet at the nursery.

Bass Rodeo—Paradise Farm Pond—August 28th

Lunch Provided— Courtesy of Wawa

Catch & Release only, barbless hooks. Bait not provided.

Annual Hunter Safety Course - July 15th & 17th

In conjunction with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, we will hold our Annual Hunter Safety Course on Thursday, July 15th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, July 17th, from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the East Bradford Township Building. Pennsylvania’s Game and Wildlife Code requires all first-time hunters and trappers, regardless of age, to attend and successfully complete the training. Participants must be at least 11 years of age to enroll in a course. (You must be 12 years old before you may begin to hunt.) There is no maximum age for enrollment. Participants must attend both sessions in order to receive their Hunter Safety Certificate. To enroll for a Hunter Safety Course, visit the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s website. Class size is limited to 50 students.

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Upcoming Events

Executive Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month, except July, at the East Bradford Township Building. Meetings are open to all members.

June 5th
Member's Day

June 19th
Bass Rodeo

July 10th
Nursery Maintenance Day

July 15th & 17th
Annual Hunter Safety Course

August 28th
Bass Rodeo



West Chester Fish, Game & Wildlife Association
Membership Application

Date: _____

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