



Apollo-Spring Church Sportsmens Club

January 2019 - Newsletter

CLUB NEWS: Enclosed with your newsletter are the club membership renewal form and a raffle (two number) ticket from the Fund Raising Committee. Please support this year's annual fund raiser. Raffle ticket is for a FN 509 Tactical Semi Auto Pistol w/Night Sights, FDE Finish, Treaded Barrel, 3 Mags, Soft Case, plus 200 Rounds of 9mm Ammo, and 1 Hour of Range Time.



You might be lucky and get two tickets in the newsletter packet. Want more, call Lake Committee Chairman Bill Fraser 724-309-6688.

LAKE NEWS: The Lake Committee completed two spring stockings of trout into our lake and stocked again in early December. Bill Hill won the **Bass Tournament** at our Club Lake (Great Job!) and put back \$100.00 to keep the payout for this year's Bass Tournament; that will be held on Saturday, June 15th at 7:30 AM to 11AM, at **\$200.00 prize**. Everyone welcome! Enjoy a great competition for the top spot of **Club Lake Champion** and top cash reward and more prizes. **\$20** fee and lures only, fish hard just like the pros. Free Hot Dogs & stuff.

The Lake Committee and Grounds Crew volunteers continued dock work on the access dock areas. Last year we did not get to revive the Buck & Doe Restroom Station. It will be started this year.

Presidential Message

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I would like to wish all a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Years may it be safe and prosperous. I hope all had a safe and fruitful hunting season so far. Thankfully over the past year we have had no major issues or repair jobs. I do wish to thank all the club members who have helped our grounds crew over the past year. Tom Held and Rex Carlson have headed the grounds crew since Tom Rumbaugh left the area. Rex and Tom as well as their crew members are to be complimented on the job they do. Kudos to them and their helpers. Remember Tuesday each week is work day; please try to come out and give the grounds crew some help. Please remember, it is your club keep it clean. This is particularly needed on our ranges: PLEASE POLICE YOUR BRASS!!!! And clean up after yourself.

Over the past year, we have continued our sponsorship of both the Boy Scouts and Cub Scout groups. They continue to hold their meetings and activities at our club. We also have continued to hold our annual Youth Pheasant Hunt. The hunt this year was sparsely attended, which gives great concern about the future of our sport. In that light, our club is putting together a resolution which will hopefully get to a State level of the Pa. Federal of Sportsmen and Conservationists. This resolution concerns itself with modifying the current antler restrictions to read 3 points on ONE side for the whole State. Thus this resolution would make it possible to harvest more bucks. This hopefully would encourage more people to hunt and stop the decline we are seeing in our ranks of hunters.

Now onto some upcoming events for this year, our annual 22 shoots will begin the first Wednesday after New Years, the shoots start at 7:30 p.m. and continue each Wednesday until early April. We again will hold the 19th annual Youth Pheasant Hunt in October. We will continue to work with the Sheriff's Dept. and Kiski Twp. Police on the handgun courses. Also our Hunter Trapper Ed programs will continue under the supervision of Doug Wing. I want to thank all of the club members for helping out with the above events as it would not be possible without their help. Remember all of the above events are open to the public, so bring a friend. We will also have work days scheduled the last Sunday of January, February, and March 2019. This is a good opportunity to come out and help do some needed repair and socialize. The Boy Scouts are still working on repairs to the back porch of the building which in need of replacement.

In closing, I wish to thank all of the members who have supported our events and been active club members. Remember it is your club it will be what you make it.

Yours in Good Sportsmanship, Rocco S. Ali, President