



Carlisle Fish and Game Association, Inc.

Fall Newsletter

September 2016

President's Message

In this presidential election year, it is worth noting several things about our organization. First, we are governed much like the representative form of democracy used by our Federal Government. All members are entitled to vote in membership meetings to elect the Board of Directors to serve as the representatives of the membership. The elected Board of Directors has a fiduciary duty to conduct all business in a manner that is in the best interest of Carlisle Fish and Game. We make an effort to be transparent in our management of the Club and our finances by making available to the membership the minutes of each Board meeting including our Treasurer's Report. The members are also welcome to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors which occur the second Monday of every month in the clubhouse at 7:00 pm.

We are one of the oldest fish and game associations in Central Pennsylvania, and have over 1,800 members. Our tax form (called a Form 990 since we are a membership not-for-profit organization) is made available on our website for each of you to see. Thanks to Club member Greg Hall of Smith Elliot Kearns & Company for preparing our tax forms for 2015. A review of our 2015 Form 990 shows that the Club brought in \$220,011 in revenue, and incurred expenses of \$180,432. Of the total revenue, the majority was generated through our fee-based programs (trap, skeet, sporting clays, and archery) which generated \$123,147. Membership dues accounted for \$91,245.

Our largest expense annually is targets for the shotgun programs. We purchase a full trailer load of targets several times each year, and they cost around \$14,000 per load. Insurance is around \$10,000, and wages (primarily for the caretaker) around \$12,500. We have a loan from Orrstown Bank on which we pay \$2,500 per month. Utilities are also a significant expense. In recent years, we have also had significant expenditures on equipment, including the skid loader, Kioti UTV, and new traps. One way the Board recently acted to reduce our expenses was a change in our trash service provider which will save the Club over \$1,000 per year (thanks to Mike Baehr for the hard work investigating our options there).

In sum, we are financially healthy and we owe that to robust shooting programs that are attractive to shooters and well run, as well as facilities that make people want to be members of Carlisle Fish and Game. On any given day, prospective members may be at our facility, and we should all remember that we are ambassadors of Carlisle Fish and Game to those prospective members. We have a reputation for being welcoming to those new to the shooting sports, or just new to our Club, and I am proud of our membership for that.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Cathy Mayberry who has served as our Membership Secretary for many years. Cathy has decided to step down from that role this year, and we are therefore looking for a new Membership Secretary. If you are interested in that role, please contact us.

Also in this presidential election year, it is important to remember that our freedoms, including the freedom to vote and the right to keep and bear arms are not to be taken for granted. Spend some time to research and learn about all of the candidates, their respective positions on issues that are important to you, and most importantly exercise your freedom to vote on November 8th.

Curtis Stambaugh

MEMBERSHIP ITEMS

The 2016 Officers and Directors for Carlisle Fish and Game Association, Inc. are as follows:

Officers

President: Curtis Stambaugh
Vice President: John Mastalski
Treasurer: Jackie Lutskus*
Membership Secretary:
Recording Secretary: Sally Russo*
Board Supervisor: Brian Davies

* *Officer only, not a Director.*

Remaining Directors are:

Al Alinio	Charlie Leeds
Mike Baehr	Steve Leer
George Criswell	Cathy Mayberry
Dave Gramley	Duane Mayberry
Larry Flinchbaugh	Eric Stevens
Lisa Kapp	Paul Whipple

The next Membership Meeting will be Wed., October 5th at 7:00 pm in the main clubhouse. Please join us for a social time after the meeting.

We are looking for a new Membership Secretary. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Kapp – 717-877-1274.

2017 Important Dates to Remember:

2017 Membership Meeting Dates:

(All meetings begin at 7:00 pm)

Wed., Jan. 4th
Wed., May 3rd
Wed., Sept. 6th
Wed., Oct. 4th

2017 Board of Directors Meeting Dates:

(All meetings begin at 7:00 pm)

Mon., Jan. 9 th	Mon., July 10 th
Mon., Feb. 13 th	Mon., Aug. 14 th
Mon., Mar. 13 th	Mon., Sept. 11 th
Mon., April 10 th	Mon., Oct. 9 th
Mon., May 8 th	Mon., Nov. 13 th
Mon., June 12 th	Mon., Dec. 11 th

Membership Application Information

The 2017 Membership Application is included in this newsletter. Many people have eliminated their land line phone and have gone to a cell phone. Please make sure to include your current telephone number on your application. Email addresses also change frequently so make sure you provide your current email address as well. All applications for 2017 will be processed beginning October 1, 2016. Please allow several weeks for your payment to be processed and membership card to arrive.

NOTE: If you are purchasing a membership as a gift for the holiday season – please submit your application early. Please notate “GIFT” on the application and the address that the membership card should be sent to.

If you have questions please Email: membership@carlislefishandgame.com

Thank you!



Fall is coming, and it's a time that many of us live for – football, cooler weather, colored leaves, and deer hunting.

One statement that is true, no matter what, is that to be successful with a bow and arrow you have to practice. In September, we're giving you three chances to practice. We have Open shoots on September 11th and 25th. All types of bows are welcome on those days... crossbows, compounds, and traditional. On September 18th, we're having a traditional only shoot. Like all of our shoots, registration begins at 7:00 am and ends at noon.

Come out and shoot with us. We place 30 targets through the woods of our beautiful club in realistic hunting-type shots and ranges. Some shots are pretty challenging... and that makes for good practice. And good practice makes for a great archery season.

If you have any questions regarding the Archery program or how you can volunteer, please contact:

Dave Gramley at 717-258-0431 or
Email: archery@carlislefishandgame.com

See you at the shoot!

Dave Gramley & George Criswell

Fly Tying Program

For ten weeks (from January through March) every Friday night the clubhouse was full of anglers both male and female, of all ages, tying flies for the upcoming fishing season. The average attendance was 40 participants per night. With some awesome featured tyers providing instruction – participants were able to make a variety of new flies to add to their tackle boxes. Watch the website for the 2017 class schedule.



Trap fields are open for members and public to shoot as follows:

Saturdays – 8:30 am to 2:00 pm year round.
Call Paul Whipple (717) 215-5639 with questions.

Wednesdays – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm now through November 30th. Call Wilbur Ruhl (717) 572-4754 with questions.

Handicapped League – Wednesdays 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm, now through September 7th.
Call Gary Asbury (717) 307-1596 with questions.

In July we completed the annual 15 week Industrial Trap League with nine teams and more than 60 shooters. Congratulations to Team 49'ers, league champion team and Dennis Horstick, league High Gun. A big THANK YOU to Liel Fortney and Fritz Sears for 10 years of managing the league. Thank you to Lew Kraska and Ron Gazda for assuming league management starting in 2017.

Trap is always looking for volunteers. Call or email me with questions. See you on the trap fields!

Paul Whipple
(717) 215-5639
PauWhipple@gmail.com



YOUTH NRA BASIC SHOTGUN SHOOTING COURSE

In June, we had 12 boys ages 11-16 participate in this course. Five of them also completed the Boy Scout Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge. Congratulations to all of them!

This program would not have been possible without the following people:

NRA Instructors: Bruce Apgar, David Dworak, Charles Essig, and Fred Gellert (who organized the course)

Club members who assisted: Al Alinio, Dick Rein, Curt Stambaugh, and Bob Wisotzkey

Watch the website for the next course schedule.



Skeet

John Mastalski resigned from the Skeet Chairman position after 8+ years of service. Tom Wolfe will assume the Skeet Chairman position in September. His contact information is:

Phone: (H) 717-385-4137 (C) 717-385-4137

Email: 4wolfes@embarqmail.com

The club championship will be held in October. The date will be finalized soon and will be posted on the website.

Joe Van Memorial Results:

Mike Wollard – Doubles, 20 Champion
Doug Taylor – 12 Gauge
Bill Costello – 28 Champion
Mark Postlewait – .410 Bore
Tom Hillard – High Overall

The 80th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Skeet Championship was held on August 26-28 at Shenecoy Sportsman's in McConnellstown, PA. CF&G members on the podium include:

Sam Armstrong – .410 3rd, HOA and HAA Champion
R. Dennis Lehman – 28 Gauge Runner-up

Central Penn Skeet League will be starting back up in January. All shooters are welcome to shoot in the league. Come help keep the traveling trophy in Carlisle!

Skeet Practice: Tuesday & Thursday 11 am – 3 pm
Saturday 9 am – 3 pm



Our new and expanded 100 target course has been a great success. We are growing and seeing more shooters than ever before. We hosted many corporate events and special shoots along with a registered shoot in June. We are planning another registered shoot on October 23rd and fun shoots in late summer and fall. In the past we have participated in a Sporting Clays Winter Traveling League climbing to second place in 2015. This year we took first place with the help of our devoted shooters. The league starts in early January 2017 and runs through April. Join the team and help us to continue to be #1 in the league.

Through the year we will continue to offer a 50 and 100 target course, weather permitting. Check the website: www.carlislefishandgame.com for information.

Our regular Saturday shooting hours are: 8:30 am until last squad out by 2:00 pm.

Members: 50 target course = \$10
100 target course = \$20

Non-members: 50 target course = \$13
100 target course = \$26

Come join us and learn more about the most popular clay target shooting game around.

If you have questions regarding the Sporting Clays program or how you can volunteer, please contact Brian Davies at 717-802-2999 or email: clays@carlislefishandgame.com.

Hunter Safety

Our Hunter Safety classes are a significant opportunity to bring potential new members to Carlisle Fish and Game. We teach three classes with a total of over 200 students per year. We are always looking for instructors will to go through the PA Game Commission training and assist with the class. We were pleased to have a junior instructor (under age 18) this past year and would welcome any of our youth interested in becoming a junior instructor. Congratulations to one of our instructors, Dave Gramley, who was named the Outstanding Instructor for the Year for our District.

The Hunter Safety classes have changed some since I took the class when I was eleven years old (many, MANY years ago) but the lessons taught remain critically important. Firearms safety is a major part of what we teach, and each of us as gun owners should make sure that children are being taught the fundamental principles of firearm safety. For that reason, I encourage parents to enroll their children in the Hunter Safety classes, even if they are not sure that they want to take up hunting. We have also seen a significant increase in female students over the years, and now average about 20% female students in each class. There are currently no female instructors in our District, but we would love to add one or more female instructors to our instructor group at Carlisle Fish and Game.

Remember to take a kid hunting, teach good safety techniques by example in the field, and encourage kids and adults to take the Hunter Safety class.



2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Carlisle Fish & Game Association, Inc.

Our Membership year runs from January 1st through December 31st.

Please print clearly.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____
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Email address - _____

Newsletter: Email or Mail

Adult Membership (Age 18 – 64) _____ NEW \$75 _____ RENEW \$60

Senior Membership (Age 65 and Older) _____ NEW \$55 _____ RENEW \$40

Life Membership (Age 18 and Older) _____ \$650

Life Memberships must be approved by the Board of Directors and applicant must be a member in good standing for at least one year.

Life Membership Sponsor - _____

JUNIOR GUEST – Any active Member in good standing is entitled to bring as a guest any person who is under the age of 18. These Junior Guests are entitled to utilize any of the facilities of CF&G as if they were a member, including the rifle range, archery course, and pond, and to pay member rates for any shooting discipline, **provided they are accompanied at all times by an active Member**. This is intended to facilitate mentoring of youth in shooting, hunting, fishing and conservation, in accordance with the purpose of CF&G.

Please indicate which type of Email notifications you would like receive. Check all that apply.

- Archery
- Fishing/Pond
- Fly Tying
- Hunter Safety
- Pistol/Rifle Range
- Skeet
- Sporting Clays
- Trap
- Youth Programs

What areas would you be willing to assist?

- Archery
- Facility Maintenance – _____
- Ground Maintenance (work days)
- Pistol/Rifle Range
- Shotgun Sports – specify program _____
- Technology Committee
- Youth Programs

Make Checks Payable to: “**Carlisle Fish & Game**”

Send application and check to: **Carlisle Fish & Game Membership**
P.O. Box 157
Carlisle, PA 17013-0157

This application form supersedes any and all prior application forms. Applications for 2017 must be on this form.