



# News & Views

West Chester Fish  
Game & Wildlife  
Association

June 2014

## Our Club

WCFGWA is a very active community and youth oriented club. Our busy time is from September through June. We take July and August off to relax and get ready for Fall. In September the Club performs stream and improvement projects and receives our fish to raise and stock. We stock the creek six times and help the State stock twice.

The Club runs three Youth Rodeos in April, May and June, with prizes and food provided. We also have a Member's Night on the pond in June with all kinds of food & beverages. All of this could not happen without lots of help.

I would like, on behalf of the Club, to thank all of the volunteers who help to feed and stock the fish, clean-up and perform many other necessary jobs. I would also like to thank the following groups: Paradise Farm Group for their support of our projects and physical help; Wawa and ARA Groups for their donations of food and drinks; French Creek Outfitters and Gordon's Sports Supply for contributing prizes of fishing and hunting gear for our Rodeos; Pa Fish and Boat for all of their help; and the Board, Officers and Committees for their dedicated services. Last, but not least, I want to thank all of the Members and participants in all of the projects we undertake.

As you can see, we are very active and always looking for new members. Please join if you haven't already. By doing so you will be helping the environment.

Thank you,  
Gary Dunn, President  
West Chester Fish Game and Wild life Association



## Fall Meeting

Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 PM  
Paradise Farm Camp - Dining Hall  
1300 Valley Creek Rd,  
Downingtown, PA 19335

Please join us for our Fall meeting Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 PM. in the Dining Hall at Paradise Farm Camp.

There will be a silent auction and raffle. The raffle will include: 1) Flat screen television; 2) Box of hand tied flies; 3) Plano tackle box containing like-new vintage fishing lures; 4) One-day fly-fishing instruction school for two participants with VFTU in May of 2015; 5) Fly rod, reel and line; 6) \$100 cash prize. A separate raffle for a Remington Model 1100 shotgun will consist of 50 tickets being sold at \$30 per ticket.

We will also have a guest speaker. Light refreshments will be provided, as well. Check the website at [www.wcfgwa.org](http://www.wcfgwa.org) for updates throughout the summer.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Events Calendar

**June 21, 2014**

Bass Rodeo

**July 19, 2014**

Hunter Safety Class

**September 13, 2014**

Stream Improvement  
Day

**September 18, 2014**

Fall Meeting

**October 2, 2014**

Trout Arrive

**October 4, 2014**

Deer Season (Archery)  
Statewide

**October 23, 2014**

Deer Antlerless  
Jr. & Sr. License Holders



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**Treasurer's Report**

By Bernie McGovern

**Financial Status as of  
May 31, 2014**

Income YTD	\$7,378
Expenses YTD	\$4,566
Checking	\$10,269
CD Savings	\$12,523
Savings	\$5,689
Life Savings	\$7,173

**WCFG&WA Officers****2014-2015****President**—Gary Dunn**Vice President**—Larry Athens**Secretary**—George Poole**Treasurer**—Bernie McGovern**Exec. Committee 2014-15**

Larry Athens, Gary Dunn, Don Finn, John Johnson, Mark Kershaw (Jr. Mem.), Bernie McGovern, George Poole, Liz Rutter, Glade Squires, Arlene Stewart, Fletcher Swanson, Rick Waltz, Sr., Ricky Waltz, Jr. (Jr. Mem.)

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## Let's Go Camping

If you like the outdoors and learning about the environment through hands-on experiences, The Chester County Conservation Camp is for you! Spend a week living in the outdoors with campers your own age - hunting frogs, catching fish, paddling a canoe, enjoying campfires and many other activities. Our theme explores water, water resources, watershed conservation and water recreation.

The camp takes place at Paradise Farm Camps. The 550 acre facility has been serving the camping community for more than 100 years. There is a centralized camp area with a large dining hall and a campfire area with cabins and individual toilet/shower facilities located nearby. Valley creek rambles through the property that includes forested hills, meadows and wetlands, as well as sports facilities and a swimming pool.

The camp, for girls and boys ages 11 to 14, takes place July 13 - 19, 2014. The tuition is \$250.00 and covers all expenses for a week. For more information please contact:

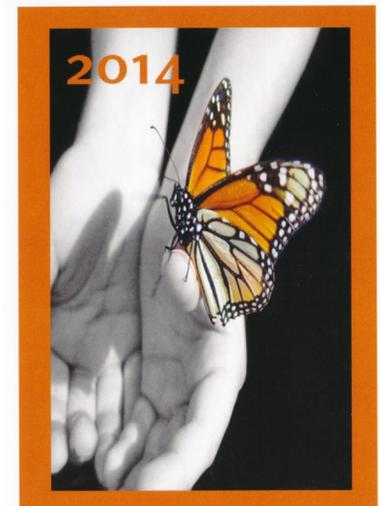
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The mission of Chester County Conservation Camp is to educate youth through experiential learning in a traditional outdoor camp setting.

Through adventure-based activities, campers explore local natural resources, experience varied ecosystems and aspire toward stewardship of the environment. The camping program strives to build understanding and appreciation of local and global conservation issues.

Chester County Conservation Camp has been recognized as an outstanding youth program in Pennsylvania by Trout Unlimited. Registration fees are kept to a minimum because of the financial support of the following: The Chester County Board of Commissioners, Chester County Parks and Recreation, Chester County Conservation District, West Chester Fish Game and Wildlife Association, "Backyard Bucks" Chester County Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited, Valley Forge Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Atglen Sportsmen Association, Dame Juliana League and West Caln Sportsmen's Club.

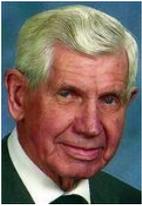


**CHESTER  
COUNTY  
CONSERVATION  
CAMP**  
July 13th to 19th

**BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 11 to 14**



## In Appreciation



Charles F. Pietryk, died on March 9, 2014. Charlie was an active and enthusiastic member of the West Chester Fish Game and Wildlife Association for many years. He helped build the fish raceways at the Club, as well as the fish nesting boxes in Marsh Creek Lake, among many other projects.

Charlie was also the founder of the Chester County Conservation Camp. The Camp was Charlie's dream and he worked hard to make this dream come true. He was seventy years old when the Camp began about 22 years ago. Charlie was at camp every year until recently. He enjoyed the campers and sharing his knowledge and stories with them. He was a hard working, hands-on person. Because of Charlie and this opportunity, many campers have gone on to pursue careers and avocations involving the outdoors.

Wayne A. Taylor was an avid sportsman. He hunted all over the world, from Africa to Canada and here at home, as well. Wayne was active in the West Chester Fish Game and Wildlife Association for more than 25 years. He was also a generous supporter of the Chester County Conservation Camp for many years. "Wayne was an honest and generous man, just a really neat guy, and I miss him," noted John Johnson, who hunted with Wayne on many trips together. Wayne passed away June 19, 2008.



We would like to thank Gail Taylor, Wayne's wife, for donating some of Wayne's fishing and hunting gear to the Association.



## Fishing Fun at the Rodeos



## Hunter-Trapper Education Course July 19th



A Hunter-Trapper Education Course will be held July 19, 2014 from 8 am - 4 pm at the Paradise Farm Camp in Downingtown, PA.

This is a one day training class. In order to prepare for your class, you must read Chapters 1, 4, 5 and 9 of *Today's Hunter & Trapper in PA*. These four chapters are part of the Hunter-Trapper Education course, but will not be covered at your class. It will be your responsibility to study this material before you attend a class.

The online version of the manual can be accessed at [www.hunter-ed.com/pennsylvania/handbook](http://www.hunter-ed.com/pennsylvania/handbook). Hard copies of the manual are available at Gordon's Sports Supply, 129 Pottstown Pike, Uwchland, PA 19480 or at The Downingtown Bicycle Shop, 833 W Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown, Pa 19335

All first-time hunters and trappers, regardless of age, must successfully complete Hunter-Trapper Education training before they can buy a Pennsylvania hunting or trapping license. A training certificate, which is recognized throughout North America, is awarded when you pass a test at the end of the course.

You must be at least 11 years old to enroll in a class. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. The program is designed to produce safe, responsible, knowledgeable and involved participants.

The Paradise Farm Camp is located at 1300 Valley Creek Road, Downingtown, PA 19335.

For more information and to register for the class, go to the PA Game Commission website at [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us).



## West Valley Creek Stream Improvement Day

WCFGWA is holding a stream improvement day on Saturday, September 13, 2014 on the West Valley Creek. We will meet at 8:00 am by the nursery at the Paradise Farm Camp, 1300 Valley Creek Rd, Downingtown, PA 19335. Volunteers are always welcome.



## Nursery Report by Mike Colley



This year the Club stocked approximately 2,307 trout along the West Valley Creek. This included 764 Brook Trout, 547 Brown Trout, 968 Rainbow Trout, and 28 Golden Trout. Keeping all these fish happy and healthy took 1,452 pounds of food!

There were very few losses this winter. This impressive accomplishment was due to the dedication of our volunteers who came out to

feed the trout every day through the winter. We also had great turnouts for our stocking dates this past spring.

The Club nursery will receive it's 2015 supply of trout on or about October 2, 2014. If you would like to volunteer to help with feeding, please contact us at [wcfgwa@gmail.com](mailto:wcfgwa@gmail.com) and the appropriate person will respond to you.

## *Kids in the Wild*

We want to hear about your adventures fishing, hunting and wildlife watching! So please email your stories and pictures to News & Views at [wcfgwa@gmail.com](mailto:wcfgwa@gmail.com) and receive an official WCFGWA T-shirt!

### **Alaska Fishing** by Colin Finn



The best place I've ever been fishing is Alaska. Not only is fishing in Alaska great, it is also the coolest place and has the best scenery.

We flew into Anchorage and arrived around 1 a.m. Early that morning we took a train down to Seward. Seward is the small town where we stayed. We went out fishing two different days and each day was equally great. The limit was two halibut per person which everyone caught.

After we caught halibut we were fishing for lingcod. These fish were huge, at least 40 pounds. Another day we saw a glacier and walked on it which was very cool.



We also went fishing on the Kenai River for salmon. It was close to the end of the salmon season, however, so we only caught a few. But it was still fun.

I highly recommend visiting Alaska and while you're there take part in some of the best fishing in the world.

*Colin Finn is 16 years old and attends Henderson High School in West Chester.*



## **Hunt, Fish, Bird Watch, Explore the Outdoors?**

*There's An App for That!*



There are apps out there for just about anything you want to do or see in the outdoors. For instance, Audubon Guides has created mobile field guides to identify mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, insects and plants in North America and beyond.

Are you a hunter? The Pennsylvania Game Commission has a downloadable calendar of the PA Hunting & Trapping Seasons, as well as a Game Lands App for easy access to all of Pennsylvania's State Game Lands. The app also includes details on seasons and regulations for the destinations you select, and a "Report Your Harvest" feature to phone in or input your harvests, among many other features.

You can also check out such apps as ActInNature, Deer Calls & Tactics Pro, iSolunar Hunting & Fishing Times and iHunt Journal.

Don't know what kind of fish you just reeled in? You can look it up using North American Fish Guide, FishID, or Find-A-Fish, to name a few.

Do you like to watch the birds in your own back yard? Use an app like BirdLog to keep track of all the birds you see out your window or on a walk. You can then submit your counts to eBird.com. eBird was launched in 2002 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society to track bird observations made each year by recreational and professional bird watchers. The Pennsylvania Game Commission website has a link to eBird, as well.

These are just a few of the apps available for those who enjoy nature and the outdoors. Do you have a favorite outdoor app? Email us at [wcfgwa@gmail.com](mailto:wcfgwa@gmail.com). We will compile a list and share it in a future newsletter.



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## West Chester Fish, Game & Wildlife Association

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Full Name (Please Print Clearly)

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Telephone No.:

Junior \$10.00

E-Mail Address:

Life \$250.00

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### Upcoming Events

**Executive Committee**  
meets the second Monday  
of each month at the East  
Bradford Township Building.

**June 21, 2014**  
Bass Rodeo

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