



News & Views

**West Chester Fish
Game & Wildlife
Association**

December 2021

Events Calendar

Nov. 20; Nov. 21; Nov. 22-23, 2021:

Black Bear (Statewide)

Sept. 18-Nov. 13; Sunday, Nov. 14; Nov. 15-20, Sunday, Nov. 21; Nov. 22-26 and Dec. 27, 2021-Jan. 29, 2022

Deer, Archery (Antlered and Antlerless) WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D

October 2-Nov. 13; Sunday, Nov. 14; Nov. 15-19; and Dec. 27, 2021-Jan. 17, 2022

Deer, Archery (Antlered and Antlerless) Statewide

October 16-23, 2021

Deer, Antlerless Muzzleloader (Statewide)

Oct. 21-23, 2021

Deer, Antlerless Special Firearms (Statewide)

Nov. 27; Sunday, Nov. 28; and Nov. 29-Dec. 11, 2021

Deer, Regular Firearms (Antlered and Antlerless) Statewide:

Dec. 27, 2021-Jan. 29, 2022

Deer, Antlered or Antlerless Flintlock (WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D)



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The Fingerlings Arrived!

Thanks to a the PA Fish and Boat Commission and an energetic group of volunteers, our fingerling trout were delivered and installed in the WCFGWA hatchery.



The fingerlings are doing well and, to date, no mortalities have been reported.

We still need to fill two time slots for feeding. If you would like to volunteer to feed the fish, contact Mike Colley at wcfgwa@gmail.com.



WCFGWA Officers**2021–2022****President**—Gary Dunn**Vice President**—Fletcher Swanson**Secretary**—Inger & Dave Goodroad**Treasurer**—George Poole**Exec. Committee 2021-22**

Tom Anderson, Don Finn, David Goodroad, Inger Goodroad, Aidan Krechmoyer (Jr. Mem.), Dawn Moyer, Liz Rutter, Glade Squires, Peter Watkins

Exec. Committee 2020-21

Mike Colley, Gary Dunn, Steve Estberg, Andy Madsen, A.J. Miller, George Poole, Jim Semetti, Fletcher Swanson

Helpful Contacts**PA Game Commission**

Hunting License Division: 717-787-2084

SE Region Office: 610-926-3136, 610-926-3137

Report a Violation: Operation Game Thief: 1-888-PGC-8001

PA Fish & Boat Commission

Pollution Incident 1-855-FISH-KIL (1-855-347-4545)

Licensing – 877- 707-4085

Boat Registration/Titling – 866-262-8734, (866-BoatReg)

SE Region Office: 717- 626-0228

**Turn In A
Poacher Or
Litterer**

**Call W.C.O.
Bob Bonney**

610-637-6398

Pay Your Dues and Donate on PayPal



You can now pay your dues and donate to WCFGWA via PayPal. WCFGWA is also enrolled in the PayPal Giving Fund. This means that WCFGWA is now able to receive matching donations from various sources including employers, GoFundme, eBay, and more. PayPal does not charge us a fee for these donations.

To pay your dues and donate, just go to *WCFGWA.org*, click on Contact Us and scroll down. To pay dues, just choose your membership level and click on Pay Now. To donate, just click on Donate.



Employer Matching Donations

Many large employers match their employees donations to 501c(3) charities such as WCFGWA. Does your employer have a matching donation program?

All you have to do is ask your employer if they have a matching program. If so, just provide your with WCFGWA's contact information so the employer can email us a registration form. WCFGWA will then complete the form and provide the employer with the 501c(3) information required to qualify for their program.

Once approved, WCFGWA will notify you. You can then make your donation (including annual dues). WCFGWA will then provide proof of donation to your employer and receive the match.

WCFGWA is currently registered with Vanguard and JP Morgan Chase.

The Rodeos Are Back!



MANDATORY COLD WEATHER LIFE JACKET WEAR

November 1 through April 30

Cold water shock is a major factor in boating fatalities when water temperatures are less than 70 degrees F. Cold water shock causes an involuntary gasp (often resulting in aspiration of water), hyperventilation, breathlessness and a reduced ability to control breathing and swim. A life jacket greatly increases your chance for survival in cold water. It also increases the amount of time for you to be rescued.

A disproportionate number of fatalities occur during the months of November through April. Coldwater immersion is one of the primary reasons for these fatalities, based on Pennsylvania's boating accident data. That's why the chance of a boating accident resulting in a fatality is significantly higher from November through April than during the rest of the year.

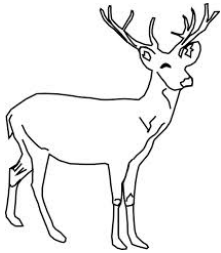
Waterfowl hunters in small boats are at a greater risk. While hunting, you often reach overboard while setting or retrieving decoys, retrieving downed game, and may have dogs entering and exiting your boat. Worse yet, you may stand or move quickly in the heat of the hunt. Any of these activities may result in an unexpected fall overboard.

Boat stability is also an issue for anglers. Leaning over the side of the boat to net a trophy, or standing to fight a feisty fish can be enough to capsize a small boat or canoe. Be safe out on the water!

Courtesy of the PA Fish and Boat Commission



Covid-19 and White-Tailed Deer



The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Cornell University published research in May 2021 that demonstrated that in a laboratory setting, white-tailed deer are susceptible to SARS-CoV-2, can shed the virus in nasal secretions and infect other deer, and can develop SARS-CoV-2 antibodies following infection. All infected deer were subclinical, that is, they showed no observable signs of disease. The USDA then analyzed blood that had been collected over several years from wild white-tailed deer in Illinois, Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania.

While SARS-Cov-2 antibodies weren't detected in any samples from the pre-pandemic period (i.e., prior to 2020), antibodies were detected in 40% of the total samples from 2021, which demonstrated that wild deer were exposed to the virus and mounted an immune response. More recently, the USDA has detected the SARS-CoV-2 virus in wild white-tailed deer in Ohio, and research conducted of captive and wild white-tailed deer in Iowa detected multiple spillovers of SARS-CoV-2.



What can you do to stay safe? Leaving wildlife wild and avoiding contact is the best way to protect yourself and wildlife. While there is no evidence that deer can spread SARS-CoV-2 to humans, wildlife may carry other diseases that can spread to humans and domestic animals. For wildlife biologists, rehabilitators, hunters, and others who cannot avoid contacting wildlife, it is important to practice good hygiene by wearing disposable gloves, and when appropriate, masks or other personal protective equipment. Don't touch your face, eat, drink or smoke while handling any wildlife. Always use soap and water to wash your hands and any equipment tools, or surfaces that contacted wildlife. Equipment, tools or surfaces can then be disinfected with a 10% bleach solution for a minimum 10-minute contact time before rinsing with clean water and allowing to air dry. Always ensure that wild game meat is cooked to the proper internal temperature.

Courtesy of the PA Game Commission



Wildlife crimes affect everyone.

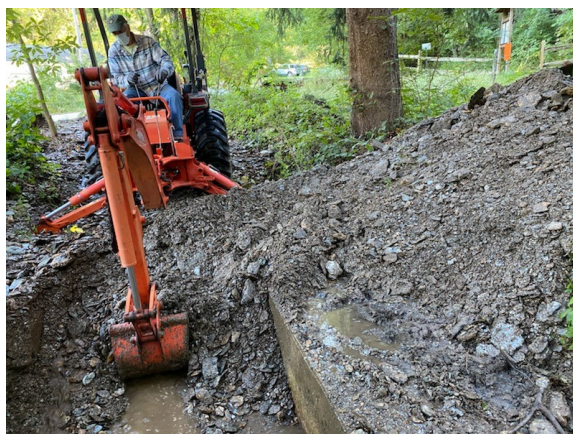
Poachers are thieves, help us catch them!

Whether we are hunters, trappers, bird watchers or others who enjoy walking in the woods – wildlife crimes affect us all. The Pennsylvania Game Commission's Operation Game Thief program serves to protect wild birds and wild mammals and encourages those who have information related to wildlife crimes to report details as soon as possible.

To report information, call the Operation Game Thief's toll-free hotline – 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year – at 1-888-PGC-8001.

Cleaning Up After Hurricane Ida Remnants

A dedicated group of volunteers did a great job cleaning up the ravages of Hurricane Ida. The baffles for the aerator were cleaned out and the raceways cleared of all the mud! Thank you, Volunteers!





West Chester Fish, Game & Wildlife Association

Membership Application

Date: _____

Full Name (Please Print Clearly) _____

☐ New ☐ Renewal

Address: _____

☐ Regular \$25.00

City, State, Zip: _____

☐ Family \$30.00

Telephone No.: _____

☐ Junior \$10.00

E-Mail Address: _____

☐ Life \$500.00

☐ Donation \$ _____

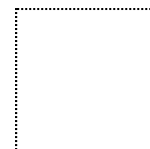
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Upcoming Events

Executive Committee

Meets the second Monday of each month at the East Bradford Township Building.

Please remember to send your email to: wcfgwa@gmail.com

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