



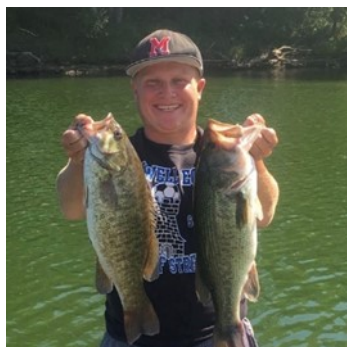
News & Views

**West Chester Fish
Game & Wildlife
Association**

March 2022

Annual Spring Meeting & Elections

May 5, 2022



Join us for our Annual Spring Meeting with keynote speaker Tyler Grabowski, Fisheries Biologist with the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission. Tyler will give us the Biologists Report on local fisheries and tell us about a Day in the Life of a Fisheries Biologist.

Tyler serves as the principal biologist for Pennsylvania's Striped Bass Spawning

Stock Assessment in the Delaware Estuary along with many other diverse roles assisting on both lotic and lentic surveys on inland fisheries management.

Tyler received his BS in Biology with a concentration in Fisheries from Mansfield University and then went on to work as a Graduate Research Assistant at the University of Illinois apart of the Wahl Lab with Illinois Natural History Survey. His graduate work focused on how climactic process and changes may influence fisheries, namely warm-water reservoirs. Fortunately, as Tyler was finishing up his thesis, a position opened in his home region at the PFBC and he was able begin his career at the PFBC earlier than expected.

Your Vote Counts!

The WCFGWA election will be held at the Annual Spring Meeting. Your input is very important to us. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact Dave and Inger Goodroad at wcfgwa@gmail.com.

Following are the candidates for Officer and Executive Committee positions:

President: Gary Dunn; Vice President: Fletcher Swanson; Secretary: Dave Goodroad; Treasurer: George Poole

Executive Committee:

For the 2021-2022 term: Don Finn, David Goodroad, Inger Goodroad, Aiden Krechmoyer, Dawn Moyer, Liz Rutter, Glade Squires and Peter Watkins.

For the 2022-2023 term: Mike Colley, Gary Dunn, Steve Estberg, Andy Madsen, AJ Miller, George Poole Jim Semetti, Fletcher Swanson and Rick Waltz.

Events Calendar

April 2, 2022—Statewide opening day of trout season

April 15, 2022—Trout stocking West Valley Creek

April 16, 2022—Chip Gibson-Dave Dempsey Trout Rodeo

May 5, 2022—Membership Meeting

May 6, 2022—Trout stocking West Valley Creek

May 7, 2022—Dave Heller-Bruce Riddell Trout Rodeo

May 21, 2022—National Safe Boating Week Begins

May 29, 2022—Fish for Free Day

June 6, 2022—Art Colley Bass Rodeo

June 9, 2022—Members Night on the Pond

July 4, 2022—Fish for Free Day



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WCFG&WA Officers**2022—2023****President**—Gary Dunn**Vice President**—Fletcher Swanson**Secretary**—Inger & Dave Goodroad**Treasurer**—George Poole**Exec. Committee 2021-22**

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Exec. Committee 2022-23

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

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**

Welcome Zachary S. Salsgiver

Welcome to our new Game Warden for Southern Chester County, Zachary (Zach) S. Salsgiver. Zach is one of twenty-four new game wardens from the 33rd Class of the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Ross Leffler School of Conservation who graduated February 5, 2022.



Pay Your Dues and Donate on PayPal



Please help us by paying your annual dues. Did you know that 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. It is fast and easy! Thank you for your support.



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.

2022 Trout & Bass Rodeos



This year, we are again scheduling three Youth Fishing Days for those 15 years of age and younger. These are all open to the public and families are most welcome, so please let friends and neighbors know the dates for these events.

Meet at our nursery located on the Paradise Farm Camp property:

**895 Ravine Road
Downingtown, PA 19335**

Visit our web page at www.wcfgwa.org OR visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wcfgwa/ for more information.

NOTE: ALL THREE 2022 RODEOS ARE TENTATIVE DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS. CHECK OUR WEBSITE BEFORE THE EVENT.

“Chip Gibson-Dave Dempsey” Trout Rodeo April 16th - Meet At Nursery at 8:00 am Open to all children ages 15 and under Fishing from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM Raffle Prizes Provided

“Dave Heller-Bruce Riddell” Trout Rodeo May 7th - Meet At Nursery at 8:00 am Open to all children ages 15 and under Fishing from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM Raffle Prizes Provided

“Art Colley” Bass Rodeo—Paradise Farm Pond June 11th - Meet At Nursery at 8:00 am Open to all children ages 15 and under Fishing from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM Raffle Prizes Provided Catch & Release Only, Barbless Hooks Required



FISH-FOR-FREE DAYS - 2022

Sunday, May 29 2022

Monday, July 4, 2022 (Independence Day)

Fish-for-Free Days allow anyone (resident or non-resident) to legally fish on Pennsylvania waterways on the designated days with

NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED

(Trout/Salmon and Lake Erie permits are also NOT required).

All other fishing regulations still apply.

Fish-for-Free Days are great ways for families to “catch” the fun of fishing!

Additional information on fishing and regulations in Pennsylvania may be found at the PA Fish and Boat Commission website www.fishandboat.com/Fish/FishingRegulations/Pages/FishForFreeDay.aspx.

Information courtesy of the PA Fish and Boat Commission



Our Trout Pass Inspection

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission inspected our trout for their growth over the winter. They randomly sampled about 50 trout of each species.

The inspection went well. The trout were all healthy and the water temperature and flow were good.



The average length for each species measured was:

Brook trout: 10.50 inches long
Rainbow trout 10.75 inches long
Brown trout: 9.75 inches long
Golden trout: 11.25 inches long

All of the fish have a good girth Thanks to all of our dedicated, volunteer feeders who kept the trout fed through the winter so they can be released into West Valley Creek!



Chester County Conservation Camp

**One Week Overnight Adventure Camp
for Boys and Girls Ages 11 to 14**

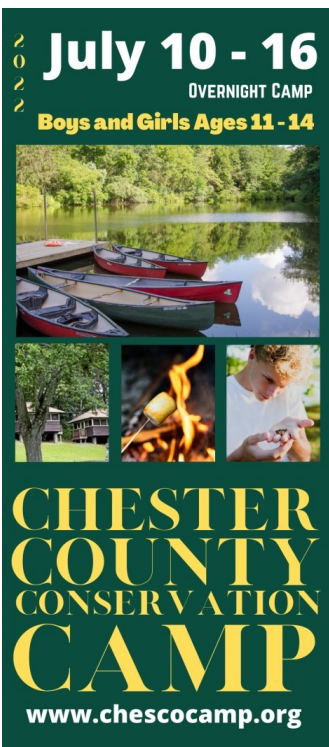
July 10th-16th, 2022

Chester County Conservation Camp is held at Paradise Farms Camps, East Bradford Twp, Chester County, PA.

If you like to have fun in the outdoors and enjoy learning about the environment through hands on experiences, then the Chester County Conservation Camp is for you! Spend seven days and six nights, July 10th to July 16th, in the outdoors with campers your own age hunting frogs, catching fish, paddling a canoe, enjoying campfires and doing many other fun activities.

For more information, contact Margaret Van Gilder
610-209-9410

Conservationcamp@gmail.com
www.chescocamp.org



Hunter Trapper Education Class

July 16, 2022

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

East Bradford Township Building

666 Copeland School Road

West Chester, PA19380



A Hunter Trapper Education course will be held July 16, 2022 at the East Bradford Township Building in West Chester, PA.

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

What does the course include?

- Responsible hunting behavior
- Basic firearm knowledge and safe handling
- Wildlife conservation and management
- Outdoor safety and survival
- Basic and advanced hunting techniques
- Trapping and fur taking basics
- Basic shooting and safe hunting skills
- Expanding your hunting opportunities

This is a six-hour training class required by law for all first-time hunters and trappers before they can buy a license. You must pass a certification exam at the end of the class to complete this training.

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. 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.

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



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 \$ _____

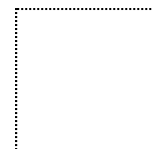
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Upcoming Events

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

March 26, 2022—
Mentored Youth Day
Statewide

April 2, 2022—
Statewide opening day
of trout season

April 16, 2022—
Chip Gibson-Dave
Dempsey Trout Rodeo

